



Memorandum

To: Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members
From: Clark Lee, Political Director, and Kasey Walukones, Deputy Political Director
Date: February 19, 2018 (Correcting CD25 information, previously issued February 15, 2018.)
Subject: Endorsing Caucuses for Legislative Districts to Be Held at the 2018 CDP Convention

General Overview

Endorsing Caucuses are held at the CDP Convention for the following:

- Any district in which one of the candidates in the district received more than 50%, but less than 70% of the vote to achieve endorsement recommendation at the Pre-Endorsing Conference (held January 27-28, 2018).
- Any district in which the name of the candidate recommended by the Pre-Endorsing Conference was removed from the consent calendar by 20% of the members of the Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) who live in the district or by 20% of the DSCC statewide filing a letter of objection with the State Chair in the Sacramento office no later than Tuesday, February 13, 2018.
- Any district in which a quorum was not met during the Pre-Endorsing Conference. (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.(2).; Art. VIII, Sec. 3.g.(13).)

Only candidates who were qualified for endorsement at the Pre-Endorsing Conference will be allowed to participate in the Endorsing Caucus. DSCC members of an Endorsing Caucus may vote for one of the candidates or vote “No Endorsement.” (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.(2).; Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.(6).)

Endorsing Caucuses at the 2018 CDP Convention

Endorsing Caucuses will be held for the following 13 legislative districts at the 2018 CDP Convention:

AD42	SD32	CD08	CD42*	CD49
AD52	SD34	CD22*	CD45	
SD14*+	CD04	CD25*	CD48	

* Districts in which objection was filed to remove the name of the candidate recommended by the Pre-Endorsing Conference from the consent calendar (CDP Bylaws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.g.(13).)

+ One of the candidates received more than 50%, but less than 70% of the votes to achieve endorsement recommendation at the Pre-Endorsing Conference; therefore, Endorsing Caucus applies in accordance with the result (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.(2).). Further, challenges were received by the Compliance Review Commission (CRC); per CRC decision issued on February 15, 2018, the CRC ordered the Endorsing Caucus to proceed.

All Others: Districts in which one of the candidates in the district received more than 50%, but less than 70% of the vote to achieve endorsement recommendation at the Pre-Endorsing Conference (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.(2).)

Objections Filed to Remove Candidate Recommended by the Pre-Endorsing Conference from Consent Calendar

As noted above, per CDP Bylaws, the name of the candidate recommended by the Pre-Endorsing Conference may be removed from the consent calendar by 20% of the DSCC members who live in the district or by 20% of the DSCC statewide by filing a letter of objection with the State Chair no later than

ten (10) days prior to the Convention, Tuesday, February 13, 2018. The effect of the objection is to hold an Endorsing Caucus at the Convention. (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.g.(13); Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.).

Objections were received by the challenge deadline in the districts below. The CDP staff has verified all objections filed. Please see below for the qualification status of the challenges.

CD22 – Endorsement Recommendation: Andrew Janz. Objection Sustained.

Total CD22 DSCC Members = 49. 20% = 10. Submitted = 19. Verified = 14.

CD25 – Endorsement Recommendation: Brian Caforio. Objection Sustained.

Total CD25 DSCC Members = 58. 20% = 12. Submitted = 13. Verified = 12.

(Note: Due to clerical error in transferring information on 2/15/18, the total number of DSCC Members was previously noted as 59. It is 58. The figure is updated above on 2/19/18.)

CD42 – Endorsement Recommendation: Julia Peacock. Objection Sustained.

Total CD42 DSCC Members = 42. 20% = 9. Submitted = 9. Verified = 9.

SD14 – Endorsement Recommendation: None – Endorsing Caucus.

Total SD14 DSCC Members = 62. 20% = 13. Submitted = 19. Verified = 17.

An objection was received for SD14. However, per SD14 Pre-Endorsing Conference result and per CRC decision issued on February 15, 2018, cited above, Endorsing Caucus is already in order to proceed.

Additional Information on Endorsing Caucuses

When and where will the Endorsing Caucuses take place?

The Endorsing Caucuses are tentatively scheduled to begin between 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the San Diego Convention Center. Sign-in will begin 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each meeting. DSCC members must sign in by the time the Endorsing Caucus begins in order to receive a ballot to vote. For exact times and locations, please refer to the official Convention Agenda, which will be distributed at Convention. (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.(1).)

Who is eligible to vote in the Endorsing Caucus?

Only eligible DSCC members or their qualified proxies who are credentialed (registered, dues paid, and credentialed) by 1:00 PM, Saturday, February 24, 2018 are eligible to vote. No person may exercise more than one vote. (CDP By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec. 7.b.)

How many votes does a candidate need to secure a place on the Consent Calendar?

Candidates need 60% of credentialed and voting delegates, or their qualified proxies, to secure the caucus recommendation for endorsement. (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.(8).)

What happens if no candidate reaches the above threshold of the vote?

This Committee shall take the position of “No Consensus” for endorsement. (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.c.(8).)

How may an endorsement recommendation from an Endorsing Caucus be removed from the Consent Calendar?

If a candidate is recommended for endorsement but receives less than two-thirds of the vote at the Endorsing Caucus, an endorsement recommendation can be pulled by filing a form signed by 300 DSCC members with the CDP by 11:00 PM on Saturday, February 24, 2018 to the staff room at the San Jose

Convention Center in Hall H. The form will be provided by the CDP after the results of the Endorsing Caucus. (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.d.(3).(a).)

If a candidate recommended for endorsement received at least two-thirds of the vote at the Endorsing Caucus, formal objection must be upon written motion by sufficient members of the relevant caucus (at least 10 members of an Assembly District or at least 20 members if a State Senate or Congressional District), or upon written motion and second by members of a Pre-Primary Endorsement Review Committee (PERC). This written motion must be filed with the Secretary of This Committee by 8:00 PM on Saturday, February 24, 2018 to the staff room at the San Diego Convention Center in Hall H. If properly filed, the relevant Pre-Primary Endorsement Review Committee shall meet at 8:00 AM the morning prior to the ratification vote.

Presentations for the motion by the filer and against the motion by the endorsed candidate shall be no more than five (5) minutes each. Such a motion for formal objection to the ratification of an endorsing caucus decision may be adopted by the relevant committee by a majority of the committee present and voting. (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.d.(3).(b).)

What happens when an endorsement recommendation is pulled?

Any recommendations that are successfully pulled after the Endorsing Caucuses will be considered prior to the consent calendar.

What happens to candidates who receive an endorsement recommendation?

Those candidates who have been recommended for endorsement at the Pre-Endorsing Conferences before the Convention, unchallenged incumbents who are automatically placed on the consent calendar for consideration, and candidates recommended from the Endorsing Caucuses will be placed on the consent calendar to be ratified by the Convention body on Sunday. (CDP By-Laws, Art. VIII, Sec. 3.d.)

For More Information

Please refer to Convention agenda and on-site Convention agenda brochure for details. For more information on the Convention, please visit www.cadem.org/convention.

For more information on the endorsement process, please visit www.cadem.org/endorsements. If you have any questions, please contact endorsements@cadem.org or (916) 442-5707.

The CDP By-Laws supersedes any information provided by staff regarding the endorsement process. A current copy can be found on our website at www.cadem.org.