



**Memorandum**

To: Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members and Interested Parties  
From: Eric C. Bauman, Chair  
Statewide Officers: Alex Gallardo-Rooker, Vice Chair; Daraka Larimore-Hall, Vice Chair;  
Jenny Bach, Secretary; Dan Weitzman, Controller  
Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
Subject: 2018 Democratic Statewide Candidates Eligible for CDP Endorsement Consideration

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Pursuant to the 2018 California Democratic Party (CDP) Convention Rules adopted at the CDP November 2017 Executive Board Meeting, the CDP statewide officers have reviewed all statewide candidate endorsement applications and determined the viability and the eligibility of statewide candidates for CDP endorsement consideration.

The 2018 CDP Convention Rule 10 states:

*Candidates seeking statewide endorsement must submit a 250-word statement on why they should be eligible to be endorsed. The Chair, in consultation with the Statewide Officers of This Committee, will determine which Democratic candidates for Statewide Offices are viable and eligible to seek our endorsement. (Rules for the 2018 CDP Convention, Rule 10, adopted at the CDP Executive Board Meeting, November 19, 2017)*

The following candidates are deemed viable and eligible to seek the CDP endorsement:

**2018 List of Statewide Candidates Eligible for CDP Endorsement Consideration**

(Alphabetical Order in Each Election Contest)

**U.S. Senate**

Kevin de León  
Dianne Feinstein

**Attorney General**

Xavier Becerra  
Dave Jones

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**

Tony Thurmond  
Marshall Tuck

**Governor**

John Chiang  
Delaine Eastin  
Gavin Newsom  
Antonio Villaraigosa

**State Controller**

Betty Yee

**State Treasurer**

Fiona Ma

**Insurance Commissioner**

Ricardo Lara  
Asif Mahmood

**Board of Equalization, Dist. 1**

Tom Hallinan

**Lieutenant Governor**

Jeff Bleich  
Ed Hernandez  
Eleni Kounalakis

**Secretary of State**

Ruben Major  
Alex Padilla

**Board of Equalization, Dist. 2**

Malia Cohen  
Cathleen Galgiani

**Board of Equalization, Dist. 3**

Scott Svonkin  
Tony Vazquez

The endorsement balloting for statewide candidates will be held at the 2018 CDP Convention. For more information the Convention, please visit [www.cadem.org/convention](http://www.cadem.org/convention). For more information on the endorsement process, please visit [www.cadem.org/endorsements](http://www.cadem.org/endorsements). If you have any questions, please contact Clark Lee, Political Director, at [endorsements@cadem.org](mailto:endorsements@cadem.org) or (916) 442-5707.