



Memorandum

To: Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Members and Interested Parties
From: Eric C. Bauman, Chair
Date: February 19, 2018
RE: California Democratic Party Endorsement Balloting Voter Assistance Procedures and Guidelines

The 2018 California Democratic Party (CDP) Convention Rule #10 states, in part:

The Chair, in consultation with the Rules Committee Lead Chair, may promulgate administrative procedures relating to voter assistance for endorsement balloting as appropriate.

Pursuant to the rule above, below are the administrative procedures relating to voting assistance for endorsement balloting during the 2018 CDP Convention:

California Democratic Party 2018 Endorsement Balloting Voter Assistance Procedures

1. Voters who, for any reason, need or want assistance to vote, may receive help to mark the ballot at the voter's direction. A voter can bring one person to the voting area to help them, or the voter may request assistance from CDP staff.
2. Voters with disabilities may request to have a voting table reasonably modified, to have barriers removed from the voting process, and to request and receive additional services as required.
3. A person who is unable to write, for any reason, may authorize another person to assist in signing in to receive ballot, to mark the ballot, and to sign the ballot at the voter's direction.
4. All forms of reasonable voter assistance shall be made to preserve the voter's independence in making the voter's own decisions.
5. If a question of voter eligibility arises, the voter may cast a provisional ballot. If provisional ballots are cast, the vote tally will be calculated twice – first, without the provisional ballots; second, including the provisional ballots. If the second vote tally changes the outcome of the vote in any race, the endorsement recommendation of that race will be held, pending the resolution of the status of the provisional ballots.
6. If a voter makes a mistake marking votes, the voter may request a replacement ballot from CDP staff; alternatively, the voter may strike/cross out the incorrect marking, mark the correct vote, indicate in writing on the ballot the voter's intent to correct the vote, and initial next to the correction, prior to casting the ballot.
7. Statewide endorsement balloting is Saturday, February 24, 2018, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A voter who is in line to sign in to vote by 8:00 PM shall be allowed to sign in and receive a ballot.
8. Endorsing Caucuses for legislative districts are scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2018, starting at 4:30 PM for the first set, and starting at 5:30 PM for the second set. Sign-in begins 15 minutes prior to the starting time of each Endorsing Caucus. A voter must sign in to receive a ballot.
9. If the Convention General Session on Saturday, February 24, 2018 afternoon runs late, the Chair may announce adjusted start times for Endorsing Caucuses and statewide endorsement balloting.

The CDP By-Laws and the 2018 CDP Convention Rules govern the 2018 CDP Convention endorsement processes and supersede any distributed information provided by staff regarding the CDP Endorsement Process. A current copy can be found at www.cadem.org.

If there are any questions, please contact the CDP Political Department at endorsements@cadem.org or (916) 442-5707.