



2018 CDP Endorsement Process

The Regional Director's Role in the 2018 Endorsement Process

As of August 2017





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Key Points to Remember

- * Club Process and Timeline
 - * Rosters including members in good standing as of July 1 and submitted to RD(s) & Chartering Authority by July 15
 - * CCO's Chair/President, Secretary or Treasurer must certify the status of the members in good standing
 - * CCOs must define "members in good standing" in its bylaws/rules.
 - * CCOs must have a process in bylaws/rules that governs selection of potential representatives OR select them at a duly noticed meeting of members in good standing in attendance and voting.
- * Candidate May Seek One Office
 - * Each candidate may seek CDP's endorsement consideration for one office



2017 Key Dates

July 1 – Deadline by which members of a Chartered Club/Organization (CCO) must be “in good standing” in order for them to be included on the roster submitted to the Chartering Authority and appropriate Regional Director(s).

July 15 – Deadline for CCOs to submit roster of members “in good standing” to Chartering Authority and appropriate Regional Director(s).

- * Thereafter, Chartering Authority and Regional Directors use MOE to check AD on all members. Regional Directors check for dual membership, prioritize members for maximum participation, and set number of reps allotted to each CCO.
- * Communicate with CCO on the number of reps allotted within reasonable time to allow for selection of potential reps.

November 2 – Deadline for CCO potential representatives to be submitted to the Chartering Authority and the appropriate Regional Director

- * RD uses MOE to check that all potential reps are within a given AD, works with Chartering Authority/CCOs if discrepancies are found.

November 30 – Deadline on close of all changes/additions to the DSCC delegate/endorsement voter lists.

- * RDs will be given final endorsement voter lists once the DSCC list is completed.



2018 Key Dates

January 17 – 5:00pm deadline to file an objection with CDP on automatic placement of incumbent on consent calendar for the State Convention

- * Incumbents requesting endorsement consideration are automatically placed on Convention consent calendar unless objection is filed.
- * Incumbent would go through Pre-Endorsing Conference (and, if applicable, Endorsing Caucus) process if objection is filed.

January 19 – 5:00pm deadline for receipt of candidate registration form and filing fee by CDP.

- * Candidates may also hand-deliver registration forms and fees to at the Pre-Endorsing Conference before the relevant district is considered, but loses the opportunity to receive an eligible voter list.

January 27-28 – Pre-Endorsing Conferences

- * Report to CDP all results immediately following the Pre-Endorsing Conference.
- * Send all endorsement-related materials (ballots, tally sheets, etc.) to CDP within three (3) days



2018 Key Dates

February 13 – Deadline to file an objection with CDP to remove an endorsement recommendation from consent calendar

- * Objections must be received 10 days prior to the State Convention. It causes Endorsing Caucus to be held in the relevant district.

February 23-25 – State Convention, San Diego

- * If an Endorsing Caucus is necessary for one of your districts, you may be expected to convene on Saturday of Convention.
- * Consent calendar is considered on Sunday of Convention.

March 14 – Political Party Endorsements

- * Deadline to submit political party endorsements to County Registrars for inclusion in the official sample ballot

June 5 – California Primary

Preparing for Pre-Endorsing Conferences



District Assignments: Districts are finalized and sent to each Regional Director, will be made public in December

Location: Once you know your districts, you should begin scouting possible locations for your Pre-Endorsing Conference. All location details need to be sent into the CDP no later than December 1. CDP office has the location list for the previous cycle available.

Voter Lists: Once the November 30 deadline on changes to DSCC/voter list has passed, you will be sent an updated voter list soon after. You will also be sent one the day before your Pre-Endorsing Conference in case any changes have taken place.

VBM Procedure: You will need to send to CDP in all contact information/method for receiving VBM ballots as soon as possible to avoid ballot loss (by December 1).

Volunteers: Recruit volunteers as soon as possible before the Pre-Endorsing Conferences will make the day-of process much easier.

Convener: If you as the Regional Director have ANY affiliations/conflicts with any candidate being considered at your Pre-Endorsing Conference, please contact CDP ASAP. You may need to find an alternate Convener to both receive VBM ballots and chair the Pre-Endorsing Conference. Also, once the conference has ended, the convener must contact CDP with all voting results immediately and send all endorsement materials by mail to CDP within 3 days.

Preparing for Pre-Endorsing Conferences



Location

- * Within a reasonable distance for all voters and easily located
- * Ample parking
- * ADA accessible
- * Sufficient space and seating
- * Restrooms
- * Sound system
- * If proof of insurance is needed, please request insurance certificate with CDP ASAP.
- * If payment is needed for a venue, please send in all information to the CDP and a reimbursement will be sent to you.

Pre-Endorsing Conference Materials



A few weeks before the Pre-Endorsing Conferences, we will send you a package with meeting materials.

You will receive:

- * Sign-In Sheets
- * Ballots (Including Provisional)
- * Tally Sheets
- * CDP By-Laws
- * Return Envelope

Pre-Endorsing Conferences - Day of Meeting



VBM Ballots - All ballots received prior to the conference are brought in by the Convener to be added to the roll call vote for the relevant district. (Note: recommend timestamp all ballots received)

Candidate Registration Form & Filing Fee – Candidate Registration Forms and filing fees can be accepted by the Convener at the conference before the relevant district is considered. (Note: recommend asking whether there are any candidates wishing to be considered for endorsement before each district is considered)

Order of Consideration – District consideration and voting will be done in ascending order by Assembly District, Senate District, then Congressional District. Allow time for candidate presentation order (drawing), candidate presentations (two minutes each), and voting.

Roll Call Vote – All ballots received will be opened and the vote of each voter will be read aloud by the Convener. A volunteer will use CDP Tally Sheets to mark and count each vote by voter; another volunteer will use a butcher paper to tally with hash marks for the audience to see the vote count.

Results to Attendees and CDP – After the vote on a district, make appropriate calculations and announce results to the body before moving on to the next district. Immediately following the Pre-Endorsing Conference, please report all endorsement recommendation results to CDP office.

Materials to CDP – Gather all endorsement materials and send them via UPS to CDP Headquarters within 3 days. (Note: You may use CDP's UPS code or submit a receipt for reimbursement).

Pre-Endorsing Conf. vs. Endorsing Caucus	Pre-Endorsing Conference	Endorsing Caucus
Who Can Vote?	DSCC, DCC (not already DSCC), and Club (CCO) Reps	DSCC
How Can They Vote?	In Person or VBM	In Person or By Proxy
Threshold?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% – Directly to consent calendar • Over 50% – Goes to Endorsing Caucus • 50% or less – No Consensus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% for non-incumbent to reach consent calendar • Majority % for incumbent to reach consent calendar
Object Before?	20% of voting participants 10 days prior to Pre-Endorsing Conf. – Objection on Incumbents	20% of DSCC within relevant district or Statewide 10 days prior to Convention
Object After?	Refer to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those who receive 2/3 + of vote - objections go to PERC • For those who receive less than 2/3 of vote – 300 DSCC signatures needed, then floor vote prior to consent calendar

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Pre-Endorsing Conferences:

- * **DSCC** - Delegates with full voting rights registered in a given district by the November 30th deadline.
- * **DCC Members** - Regular County Central Committee Member who are *not* DSCC delegates.
- * **Chartered Club/Organization (CCO) Representatives** - 1 for every 20 members in good standing within a given Assembly District

Endorsing Caucuses:

- * **DSCC** - Delegates with full voting rights or their qualified proxies

This process does not include statewide endorsements, which will go directly to State Convention.

How Can They Vote?

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Pre-Endorsing Conferences:

Voting via Vote-by-Mail or in person only. Proxy is not allowed. All ballots must be received by the Convener prior to the close of balloting for the relevant district.

Endorsing Caucuses:

Voting in person or by proxy only. VBM is not allowed. All normal guidelines for Proxies apply.

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Pre-Endorsing Conferences:

- If 70% or more of vote is received: endorsement recommendation is placed on the State Convention consent calendar.
- If over 50% but less than 70%: the relevant district is considered at the Endorsing Caucus during the State Convention.
- If 50% or less: no recommendation / no consensus.

Endorsing Caucus:

- If non-incumbent: 60% of vote is needed to be placed on the State Convention consent calendar.
- If incumbent: majority of the vote is needed to be placed on the State Convention consent calendar.

Those candidates who have been recommended for endorsement will be placed on the Convention consent calendar, which will be considered and ratified by the Convention body.

Objections

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Before Pre-Endorsing Conference:

20% of voting participants (DSCC, DCC, CCO Reps) can object to an incumbent's automatic placement on the consent calendar. (Effect: Incumbent goes through Pre-Endorsing Conference process)

After Pre-Endorsing Conference:

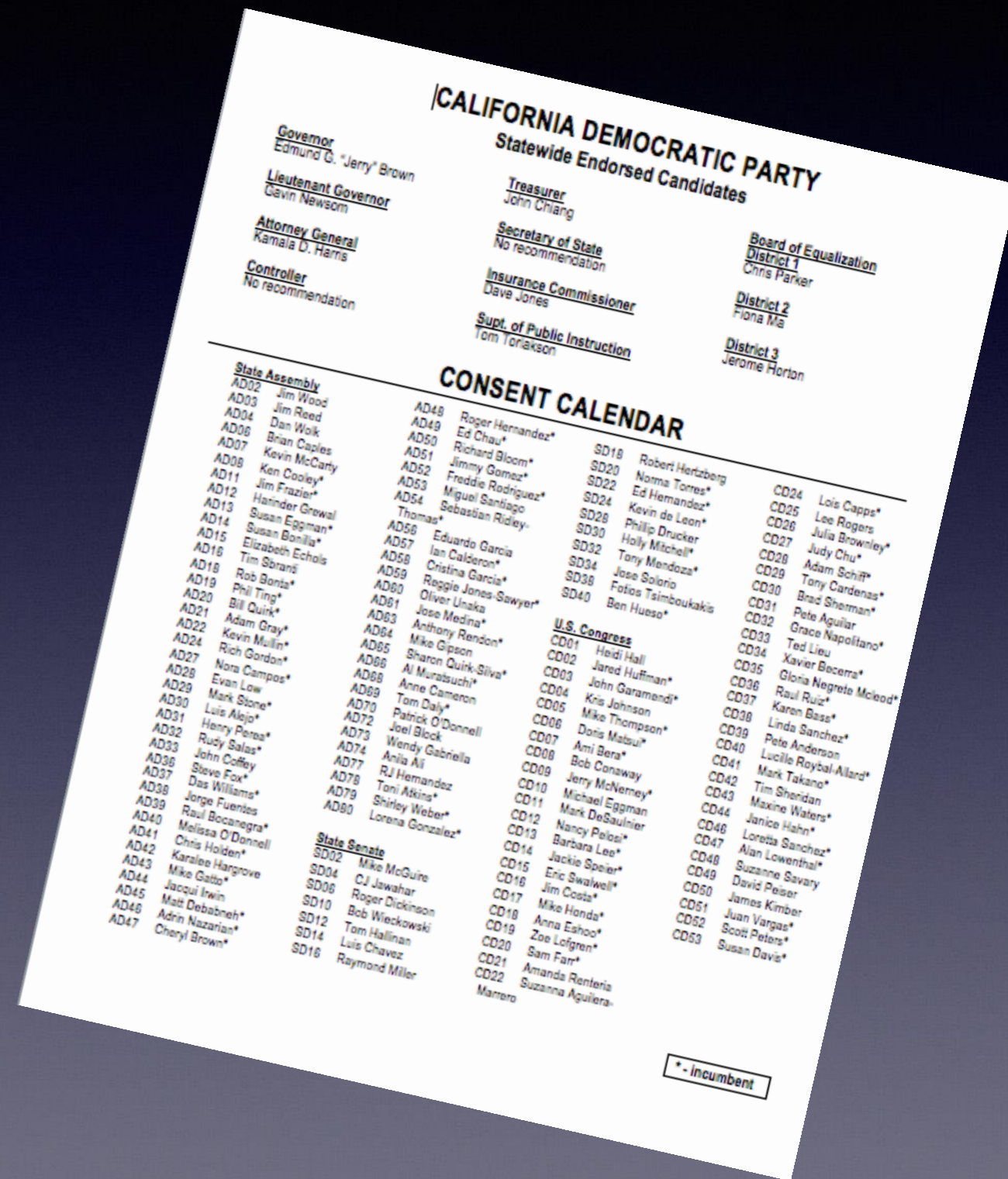
20% of DSCC in relevant district can submit objection up to 10 days prior to State Convention. (Effect: Endorsing Caucus)

After Endorsing Caucus:

- For candidate who received 2/3 or more of vote, the objection goes to PERC.
 - In order to object, signatures of DSCC delegates in the relevant AD (10 sigs), SD (20 sigs), or CD (20 sigs) must be gathered by 8 PM, Saturday of Convention
 - Pre-Primary Endorsement Review Committee (PERC) is consisted of all members of the E-Board registered in the relevant district, the statewide officers, Regional Director(s) of the relevant district, and two E-Board members appointed by the Chair from Rules, Credentials, and Voter Services Committees. Considered beginning 8 AM, Sunday of Convention.
- For candidate who received less than 2/3 of vote, the objection goes to the floor.
 - To object, 300 signatures of credentialed DSCC members are needed by 11 PM, Saturday of Convention. Recommendation is removed from consent calendar and considered by Convention body on the floor prior to consent calendar.

Consent Calendar

- * Those candidates who have been recommended for endorsement through either the Pre-Endorsing Conference or Endorsing Caucus will be placed on the consent calendar of the State Convention.
- * The consent calendar is considered and ratified by the Convention body on Sunday of the Convention.
- * Any recommendations which are pulled off the consent calendar either by PERC or by 300 signatures will be considered prior to ratification of the consent calendar.



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Note: The CDP Bylaws supersede any information provided by staff regarding the endorsement process. A current copy can be found on our website at www.cadem.org