

**California Democratic Party
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Reports Packet**

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California Democratic Party Rules Committee Report
Friday, November 15, 2019

I. With 25 Members a Quorum was present additional members showed up as the meeting was in progress. The two CYD Ambassadors, Brook Pritchard and Luis Zamora, were introduced.

II. MSP Adoption of Meeting Agenda

III. Subcommittee Reports

A. ADEMs Subcommittee: Received an update on the work of the AdHoc Committee on ADEMs and the process going forward with the subcommittee.

B. Caucuses Subcommittee: At the request of the Renters Caucus proponents another hearing on their application will be set for January. MSP to adopt the following charge for the subcommittee.

“ The Subcommittee on Caucuses is charged with: conducting a review of the most recent Caucus certification/recertification/decertification process; identifying issues, concerns, bottlenecks, and successes; identifying guidelines or bylaws provisions that caused confusion or were the source of uncertainty; and reporting on its findings and its recommendations for changes to the bylaws, guidelines, processing procedures or forms aimed at resolving any concerns identified, as well as improving or streamlining the process.

The Subcommittee on Caucuses is also charged with reviewing the initial certification process to identify any guidelines or bylaws provisions that have been the source of uncertainty or other difficulty and reporting its recommendations for changes to the bylaws, processing procedures or forms aimed at resolving any concerns identified, as well as improving or streamlining the process.”

C. County Bylaws Subcommittee: Received an update on the progress on specific counties in having their Bylaws reviewed. There were no approvals needed at this meeting.

D. Endorsement Subcommittee: Received an update from the Endorsement Subcommittee on the process to take testimony going forward.

E. Miscellaneous Issues Subcommittee reviewed various Bylaw amendments submitted for approval. MSP to adopt the Ramos proposal to amend Article VII, Section 4a, as follows:

The Executive Board shall convene in regular meetings at least ~~three~~ two times in each calendar ~~year~~ year, or at least one time in each calendar year in which This Committee convenes more than once. Such regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Board may designate so long as no two consecutive meetings are held in the same county.

F. Standing Committees Subcommittee: MSP to receive an update from the Standing Committees Subcommittee on various Bylaw amendments.

IV. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

A. MSP to refer Lowell Young’s proposal relating to the Resolution Committee process to the Subcommittee on Standing Committees.

B. MSP to refer Bob Mulholland’s proposal to add Chair and Vice Chair of the California High School Democrats to be members of This Committee back to the author to draft actual Bylaw amendments. Member Hernandez wanted to add the Chair of the College Dems and Vice Chair of the Young Democrats.

C. MSP, with Member Blackerby dissenting, approval of a Bylaw amendment to effectuate the CYD Ambassador Program by amending Article V:

Section 3. Appointment of Members of Committees

- a. Except as set forth herein below, The Chair of This Committee shall appoint from fifteen to thirty members of This Committee to each of the Standing Committees mentioned herein. For all Committees without exception, The Chair of This Committee, in making these appointments, shall take into consideration the Party's commitment to non-discrimination, affirmative action, inclusiveness, and diversity including, but not limited to such things as: race, color, creed, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, persons with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, economic status. The geographical location of the appointees, including their residence in urban, suburban, or rural communities, shall also guide the Chair of This Committee in making appointments to each Standing Committee.
- b. The Chair of This Committee may also appoint up to three (3) members of the California Young Democrats (CYD) to each Standing Committee to serve as nonvoting Ex Officio members, with right of voice. These Ex Officio members shall be known as "CYD Ambassadors". In the appointment of these CYD Ambassadors, the overall appointment of such members shall, in their total number, adhere to the Equal Division Rule.

V. Caucus Bylaws Recertification Subcommittee

- A. MSP Approve the Subcommittees findings of compliance with the Caucus Guidelines Section 5 A-J and fully certify the Chicano Latino Caucus.
- B. MSP Approve the Subcommittees report of compliance with the Caucus Guidelines Section 5 A-J and continue provisional certification until the Caucus adopts the Code of Conduct and to authorize the Rules Committee Lead Chairs to fully certify upon verification of the adoption of the Code of Conduct for the African American, Arab American, Computer and Internet, Native American, Rural and Senior caucuses.
- C. MSP Approve the Subcommittees report of compliance with the Caucus Guidelines Section 5 A-J and continue provisional certification until the caucus adopts the recommended Code of Conduct language and to authorize the Rules Committee Lead Chairs to fully certify upon verification of the adoption of the recommended Code of Conduct language for the Disabilities Caucus.
- D. MSP to continue provisional certification until the subcommittee reports compliance with the Caucus Guidelines Section 5 A-J and the adoption of the Code of Conduct for the Asian Pacific Islander, Business and Professional, Environmental, Filipino American, Irish American, Labor, LGBT, Progressive, Veterans and Womens caucuses.

VI. Compliance Review Commission (CRC)

- A. MSP (26-0) Dismiss the challenge by Steve Hansen relating to the Democratic Party of Sacramento County due to the lack of proven jurisdiction. 26-0
- B. MSP (19-5) Dismiss the challenge by Jay Hansen relating to the Democratic Party of Sacramento County based on the fact the challenger failed to establish sufficient violation to establish jurisdiction.
- C. MSP to reject the challenge by Ms. Diddo Clark relating to the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County.
- D. MSP to receive and file a CRC Decision in a challenge relating to the Riverside DCC.
- E. MSP to receive and file a CRC Decision in a challenge relating to the Stanislaus DCC.

VII. Other Business

- A. MSP to approve the recommended Code of Conduct Investigators and Commissioners to be fully approved by the Executive Board in March 2020.

VIII. MSP Adjournment

2019/2020 Platform Committee Meeting Report
2019 California Democrats State Convention

The 2020 Platform is available online at
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Changes to the 2019/2020 Platform:

Plank: Preamble
Adopted Changes:

We honor, celebrate, and support a diverse California, including immigrant and indigenous communities, veterans, artists, children and seniors, and will work to ensure they receive all needed resources.

Plank: Children, Young Adults, and Their Families
Adopted Changes:

- Support state and local policies to address the vaping epidemic among youth across the state by banning the sale of all flavored vaping products; and,

Plank: Criminal Justice
Adopted Changes:

- Support the increased oversight of juvenile justice agencies and the implementation of trauma-responsive justice systems grounded in adolescent development to yield better outcomes for youth and reduce racial and socioeconomic inequalities;
- Work toward ending the systemic bias that harms students with disabilities and disadvantages students based on racial and socioeconomic status.
- Advocate for limiting use of carotid restraints, a use of force that has resulting in unintended deaths;

Plank: Disabilities
Adopted Changes:

- Encourage municipalities and local governments to establish disability advisory bodies, such as commissions on disabilities, to assist in considering issues, needs, accommodations and unique perspectives of people with disabilities;
- Prioritize making California a leader in embracing inclusive educational practices and achieving successful educational outcomes for students with disabilities;

Plank: Education

Adopted Changes:

- Strive for full proficiency in English language arts and mathematics especially for historically low performing demographic subgroups such as socioeconomically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, foster youth, English language learners, and certain historically underperforming ethnic groups;
- Work to close our opportunity and achievement gaps by leveraging the flexibility of Local Control Funding Formula, engage parents and communities to develop accountability plans benefiting all students, particularly low income, English learners, foster children and students with disabilities;
- Build a system that ensures every child graduates from high school ready for college or career and civic life based on school accountability, rigorous and achievable expectations for students and educators;
- Protect the right for educators and classified staff to organize and be represented by a union of choice;
- Seek to end zero tolerance policies that criminalize student behavior, work to identify the root causes of behavior and institute school discipline reforms that are centered around counseling, education and positive behaviors;
- Ensure that sworn peace officers in schools are adequately trained to work with children and teenagers, that the use of force against students is unacceptable except in extreme circumstances, recognize and address persistent issues of bias such as institutional racism, and understand the need for increased empathy of potential atypical reactions of students with disabilities;
- Advocate for schools to use restorative policies and practices and to engage in regular bias training in regard to student discipline situations to halt the school-to-prison pipeline;
- Support implementation of the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act in public education and advocate for adequate funding to train teachers and develop curriculum that incorporates the history and contributions of LGBTQ people;
- Support and fully fund ethnic studies as a required public secondary school course with a curriculum that requires students to critically analyze the impact of all forms of discrimination against vulnerable communities, indigenous communities and communities of color, while also analyzing social movements to challenge racism, sexism, antisemitism, islamophobia, and all other forms of oppression;
- Support only those charter school that are managed by public and elected boards, not for profit, transparent in governance, have equitable admissions, adopt fair labor practices and respect labor neutrality, and supplement rather than supplant public education programs.

Plank: Energy and Environment
Adopted Changes:

- Support a green new deal: A comprehensive energy security and climate protection law calling for full decarbonization of the United States economy running on net-zero emissions by 2050, creating millions of good jobs; investing in green infrastructure and industry; securing clean air and water, climate and community resilience, healthy food, and access to nature for all;
- Urge Congress and the California legislature to implement a green new deal that achieves 100 percent clean electricity by 2045, with hiring preferences for formerly incarcerated and socially and/or economically disadvantaged peoples; deploys building and vehicle electrification and zero-net, carbon-free infrastructure; transitions away from extraction and refining of fossil fuels; creates substantial setbacks separating fossil fuel extraction from residential communities; upgrades America's buildings for efficiency and safety; adopts low-carbon, plant-based food, and small-scale and organic farming; expands affordable housing close to jobs; involves labor unions in the process of job training and worker deployment; creates a network of public banks to finance green infrastructure; respects Indigenous rights; ensures that local implementation of the transition from fossil fuels is led from the community level; and, ensures that frontline communities affected by environmental degradation are given priority to mitigate poor planning and zoning decisions of the past;
- Demand a state plan outlining how cars and light-duty trucks can meet climate-stabilizing targets by defining enforceable measures to achieve necessary fleet efficiency and per-capita driving limits; and,

Plank: Equality of Rights and Opportunity
Adopted Changes:

- Denounce the Doctrine of Discovery as a violation of inherent human rights of individuals and peoples and support dismantling legal structures and policies based on that doctrine to allow Indigenous Peoples to self-govern;

Plank: Health Care
Adopted Changes:

- Protect the gains in health care coverage established under the Obama administration and support and implement universal comprehensive health care and health coverage for all Californians regardless of income or employment status that includes medical, dental, and vision care, hearing aids, full reproductive health services that respects a woman's right to choose, preventive services, prescription drugs, mental health and substance abuse counseling and treatment, and long term care;
- ~~Support expansion of the current Affordable Care Act (ACA) to include a public option to achieve universal coverage;~~

**Plank: Internet and Free Speech:
Adopted Changes:**

- Vehemently defend the right to engage in First Amendment protected speech critical of the U.S. or any government by opposing all legislative and other efforts to penalize or criminalize such speech.

**Plank: National Security
Adopted Changes:**

- Support efforts to strengthen our defense against cyber threats to our national security and election security while protecting individual privacy rights and civil liberties;
- Support strong consumer data privacy legislation in the United States in order to protect Americans against the increase in identity theft;
- Secure our ports of entry by improving information and intelligence sharing among federal, state and local law enforcement and by enhancing inspections at all airports, seaports, land crossings, and cargo containers while protecting individual privacy rights and civil liberties;
- Encourage the US and Mexican governments to immediately suspend, investigate, and prosecute state actors implicated in intrusive border surveillance programs in violation of individual civil rights;
- Encourage congress to increase funding for programs that support or build capacity for organizations that defend human rights.

**Plank: World Peace and International Relations
Adopted Changes:**

- The current Republican administration is aggressively demolishing success in American diplomacy achieved in the Obama administration. It has rolled back the diplomatic advances with Cuba and Iran, abandoned the Paris Climate Accords, and violated the Iran nuclear agreement, harming innocent people in many countries and making the world a much more dangerous place for all. The Administration has created chaos in U.S. relations with other countries and demonstrated support for many autocrats and human rights abusers. The Republican budgets demonstrate this administration's priorities, drastically cutting appropriations for the State Department and humanitarian aid while making dramatic and unnecessary increases in military spending. These are not Democratic priorities
- Proactively seek durable peace in the Middle East, including ending support for the Saudi-United Arab Emirates aggression in Yemen, opposing Turkish repression and aggression against Kurdish civilians in Northern Syria which has undermined years of cooperative security work to stop ISIS and Syrian terrorizing of innocent citizens and rejoining the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (2015 Iran nuclear agreement) and strive to discourage the further proliferation of nuclear weapons in the region, encourage democratic forces in Iran without undermining its government, and strive to restore normal U.S.-Iran relations;

- We support efforts among representatives of Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank to de-escalate tensions through good-faith negotiations that recognize Israel's future as a sovereign, secure, and democratic Jewish state and that can lead to security and independence for Palestinians. Israelis and Palestinians deserve security, recognition, and a normal life free from terror and incitement. Palestinians and Israelis should be free to govern themselves each in their own viable states in peace and dignity;
- Restore and reaffirm U.S. support for the United Nations as an essential institution for the pursuit of peace and justice employing diplomacy under international law and for the crucial worldwide efforts to end poverty and prevent climate catastrophe;
- Condemn incendiary rhetoric by anyone that reinforces North Korea's fear of a U.S. invasion and nuclear attack and undermines diplomatic efforts with North Korea; support direct talks with North and South Korean Leaders toward denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;
- Ratify and abide by the terms of the key treaties that advance the causes of peace and human rights including the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Biological and Toxins Weapons Convention, the Landmine Treaty, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
- Work towards achieving global nuclear disarmament. Continue to pursue the Obama Administration's "interagency discussions and international negotiations regarding the reduction and elimination of weapons of mass destruction throughout the world." Recommit to arms control agreements that the current administration abandons. And oppose any first use of nuclear weapons and pre-emptive nuclear strikes.
- Reallocate defense expenditures in a manner commensurate with actual threats. Enhance efforts to deprive terrorists of weapons of mass destruction by moving multilaterally to diminish weapons stockpiles, moving back the hands of the Doomsday Clock published by the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists as it relates to nuclear weapons and the threat of nuclear war;
- Make the United States a global leader in healthy and democratic economic development, designing policies that prioritize worker rights, preserving the environment, fight the climate crisis and channel the benefit of globalization to ordinary people in all countries.
- Pursuant to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Articles 13 and 14, the Kashmiri Pandit community has the right of return to their ancestral homeland and to be free of persecution in their return.

Recommended Positions for 2020 Propositions

<u>Qualified Ballot Measures</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED POSITION</u>
<u>Proposition 13</u> - Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020	Support
<u>Referendum</u> - Overturn a 2018 Law that replaced Money Bail system with a system based on public safety risk	Support
<u>Ballot Measure</u> - Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders. Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors	Oppose



2019 Endorsement Consent Calendar

State Assembly

AD 1 Elizabeth Betancourt
 AD 2 Jim Wood*
 AD 3 No Candidate Filed
 AD 4 Cecilia Aguiar-Curry*
 AD 5 No Candidate Filed
 AD 6 Jackie Smith
 AD 7 Kevin McCarty*
 AD 8 Ken Cooley*
 AD 9 James Cooper**
 AD 10 Marc Levine*
 AD 11 Jim Frazier*
 AD 12 No Candidate Filed
 AD 13 Kathy Miller
 AD 14 Timothy S. Grayson*
 AD 15 Buffy Wicks*
 AD 16 Rebecca Bauer-Kahan*
 AD 17 David Chiu*
 AD 18 Rob Bonta*
 AD 19 Phil Ting*
 AD 20 Bill Quirk*
 AD 21 Adam Gray*
 AD 22 Kevin Mullin*
 AD 23 Yasmine Mendoza
 AD 24 Marc Berman*
 AD 25 No Consensus
 AD 26 Drew Phelps
 AD 27 Ash Kalra*
 AD 28 Evan Low*
 AD 29 Mark Stone*
 AD 30 Robert Rivas
 AD 31 Joaquin Arambula*
 AD 32 Rudy Salas*
 AD 33 No Endorsement
 AD 34 No Endorsement
 AD 35 No Candidate Filed
 AD 36 No Consensus
 AD 37 No Consensus
 AD 38 No Endorsement^
 AD 39 Luz Rivas*
 AD 40 James Ramos*

AD 41 Chris Holden*
 AD 42 DeniAntionette Mazingo
 AD 43 Laura Friedman*
 AD 44 Jacqui Irwin*
 AD 45 Jesse Gabriel*
 AD 46 Adrin Nazarian*
 AD 47 Eloise Reyes*
 AD 48 Blanca Rubio*
 AD 49 Ed Chau*
 AD 50 Richard Bloom*
 AD 51 Wendy Carrillo*
 AD 52 Freddie Rodriguez*
 AD 53 Miguel Santiago*
 AD 54 Sydney Kamlager-Dove*
 AD 55 Andrew Rodriguez
 AD 56 Eduardo Garcia*
 AD 57 Ian Calderon*
 AD 58 Cristina Garcia*
 AD 59 Reggie Jones-Sawyer*
 AD 60 Sabrina Cervantes*
 AD 61 Jose Medina*
 AD 62 Autumn Burke*
 AD 63 Anthony Rendon*
 AD 64 Mike Gipson*
 AD 65 Sharon Quirk-Silva*
 AD 66 Al Muratsuchi*
 AD 67 No Candidate Filed
 AD 68 Melissa Fox
 AD 69 Tom Daly*
 AD 70 Patrick O'Donnell*
 AD 71 Elizabeth Lavertu
 AD 72 Thu-Ha Nguyen
 AD 73 Scott Rhinehart
 AD 74 Cottie Petrie-Norris*
 AD 75 Karen Schwartz-Frates
 AD 76 Tasha Boerner Horvath*
 AD 77 Brian Maienschein*
 AD 78 Chris Ward
 AD 79 Shirley Weber*
 AD 80 Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher*

State Senate

SD 1 Senator Chase Buick
 SD 3 Bill Dodd*
 SD 5 Susan Talamantes Eggman
 SD 7 No Endorsement
 SD 9 Nancy Skinner*
 SD 11 Scott Wiener*
 SD 13 No Consensus
 SD 15 David Cortese
 SD 17 John Laird
 SD 19 Monique Limon
 SD 21 Kipp Mueller
 SD 23 Kris Goodfellow
 SD 25 Anthony Portantino*
 SD 27 Henry Stern*
 SD 29 Josh Newman
 SD 31 Richard Roth*
 SD 33 Lena Gonzalez*
 SD 35 Steven Bradford*
 SD 37 No Endorsement
 SD 39 Toni Atkins*

U.S. House

CD 1 Audrey Denney
 CD 2 Jared Huffman*
 CD 3 John Garamendi*
 CD 4 Brynne Kennedy
 CD 5 Mike Thompson*
 CD 6 Doris Matsui*
 CD 7 Ami Bera*
 CD 8 Christine Bubser
 CD 9 Jerry McNerney*
 CD 10 Josh Harder*
 CD 11 Mark DeSaulnier*
 CD 12 Nancy Pelosi*
 CD 13 Barbara Lee*
 CD 14 Jackie Speier*
 CD 15 Eric Swalwell*
 CD 16 No Consensus
 CD 17 Ro Khanna*
 CD 18 Anna Eshoo*

CD 19 Zoe Lofgren*
 CD 20 Jimmy Panetta*
 CD 21 TJ Cox*
 CD 22 Bobby Bliatout
 CD 23 Kim Mangone
 CD 24 Salud Carbajal*
 CD 25 No Endorsement^
 CD 26 Julia Brownley*
 CD 27 Judy Chu*
 CD 28 Adam Schiff*
 CD 29 Tony Cardenas*
 CD 30 Brad Sherman*
 CD 31 Pete Aguilar*
 CD 32 Grace F. Napolitano*
 CD 33 Ted Lieu*
 CD 34 Jimmy Gomez*
 CD 35 Norma Torres*
 CD 36 Raul Ruiz*
 CD 37 Karen Bass*
 CD 38 Linda Sanchez*
 CD 39 Gil Cisneros*
 CD 40 Lucille Roybal-Allard*
 CD 41 Mark Takano*
 CD 42 Liam O'Mara
 CD 43 Maxine Waters*
 CD 44 Nanette Barragan*
 CD 45 Katie Porter*
 CD 46 Lou J. Correa*
 CD 47 Alan Lowenthal*
 CD 48 Harley Rouda*
 CD 49 Mike Levin*
 CD 50 Ammar Campa-Najjar
 CD 51 Juan Vargas*
 CD 52 Scott Peter*
 CD 53 Georgette Gomez

* Incumbent
 ** Objection Filed to PERC
 ^ Endorsement of Katie Hill and Christy Smith will be vacated after close of candidate filing.