


DEMOCRATS OF GREATER RIVERSIDE TREASURER REPORT		JULY 2023
Checking acct balance BEGINNING		\$5,022.52
Membership dues paid		\$0.00
Donations to DGR		\$0.00
Fundraising donations		\$0.00
Interest Provident bank account		\$0.20
TOTAL REVENUE		\$0.20
Actblue processing fee 3.95%		\$0.00
membership		
fundraising		
General Operating expenditures		(\$159.64)
RCDP Charter		
FPPC Filing		
P.O. Box Rental (1year)		
postage		
postcards		
website and domain name		
liability insurance		
DGR RCDP membership		
Bank fees (stop payment fee)		
Pro zoom annual payment (30% discount 1st year june to june)		(\$159.64)
webinar hybrid equipment		
stop payment fee check #1013 lost check		
Political expenditures		\$0.00
Charitable and Community Outreach expenditures		(\$103.00)
Riverside Pride Booth \$103		(\$103.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$262.64)
Checking acct balance ENDING		\$4,760.08
In-kind service or goods received		
		
Marilyn Odello, Treasurer 8/01/2023		

AD 58 CAUCUS REPORT

BY: Sheila Kay Riley, AD 58 Caucus Chair

FOR: August, 2023

Highlights from the August 14, 2023 RCDP Membership Meeting

- From RCDP Chair, Joy Silver
 - Chair Silver announced that tonight we will be voting on two issues.
 - When we move to in-person meetings should we move our meetings to the Saturday prior to the 2nd Monday of the month. We will discuss location at a future meeting.
 - Will the RCDP participate in the Riverside and Palm Spring PRIDE events?
- From RCDP Vice-Chair, Agi Kessler
 - On the March 5, 2024 ballot will be the election for the 4-year RCDP membership term beginning April, 2024.
 - Current RCDP members will need to do some things if they want to serve again on the RCDP.
 - Vice-Chair Kessler covered how one gets on the ballot and the following are some of what she covered.
 - The election day is March 5, 2024.
 - Candidates “pull papers” at the Riverside ROV beginning November 13, 2023 and filing closes on December 8, 2023 unless that election goes into Extension. The deadline then is 5:00 pm, December 13, 2023.
 - One will complete paperwork at the ROV.
 - Six individuals are elected per each of the six Assembly Districts (ADs) that are included in Riverside County.
- Susan Dye, Executive Assistant reported that she has been
 - Sending emails from the Chair including events, the Barbara Lee speaker as part of our Blueprint for Democracy Series, and the Save the Date for the December 9, 2023 JFK event.
 - All are posted on the RCDP website.
- RCDP Controller, Beth Crawford had no report nor did Recording Secretary, Lanny Swerdlow, or Corresponding Secretary, Lisa Andres.
- Assembly District Chairs Reports
 - AD 58: Sheila reported that we will have our 2023 Q 3 meeting on August 31, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

- All AD 58 Caucus members were polled as to which of the 3 choices for meeting dates they would prefer.
 - There will be speakers during the meeting and, among other business, we will discuss various plans.
 - The meeting announcement (with the Zoom link) was sent out well in advance of the 7-day notice rule and the meeting info has been posted on the RCDP website.
 - Other AD Chairs provided brief reports.
- Committee Reports
 - Data Analysis: Margaret Back
 - They have identified the low propensity voter precincts, the high propensity voters in those precincts and will be recruiting precinct captains from the high propensity voters to reach out in those low propensity voting precincts to those low propensity voters.
 - Endorsement Coordinator: Sheila Kay Riley (who provided a detailed report)
 - Sheila continues to be doing extensive data research work of our elected bodies and elections - researching for each the number and percentage of Dems, Repubs, and NPP to better assist us as we target races to support our Dem incumbents and flip those held by non-Dems. The initial work has been completed and she is almost finished with the research for incumbents and (potential) candidates for the upcoming the March, 2024 and November, 2024 elections.
 - She is working with Marvin Andrade to prioritize targeted races in the “where we can flip” and our “endangered Dem incumbents” races.
 - This work should be completed by the end of the upcoming week-end.
 - The candidate and incumbent information with “the numbers” is in “pretty good order” for the March, 2024 election and almost completed for the November, 2024 election.
 - The next steps include that we need to contact our Dem incumbents in the 2024 races to determine if they are going to run for re-election and this is to be discussed at the August 28, 2023 RCDP e-board meeting.
 - Other next steps with regard to the data research include
 - Developing a database that shows by AD (and combination of ADs) information as to races, incumbents, candidates, etc.
 - Marvin will be researching what races will be in the same area as the CA – 41 campaign and this information will also be noted.

- Later during the meeting Chair Silver asked Sheila to elaborate on this work and noted that this is the beginning of our analysis work that will assist us in recruiting and targeting elections for the RCDP to win!
- Candidate Development: Maya Rodriguez
 - She is developing a Candidate Training Book which she has submitted to the RCDP Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Communications: Lisa Andres
 - She has been sending out press releases and about RCDP events.
 - Edison Gomez-Krauss has been working on developing graphics. The committee can help the committees which need any graphics.
 - They are working on being very professional and utilizing branding.
- External Alliances: Michelle Singleton
 - She is the new chair of this committee.
 - They will be hosting a kick-off meeting on August 29th, 2023 and have invited representatives from 90 allied organizations
- Fundraising and Events: Christel Reyna
 - The Blueprint for Democracy Series is moving forward.
 - These will be a series of fundraisers for the RCDP.
 - The first event will be on August 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the IBEW Hall. The speaker will be Congressman Adam Schiff. Thus far 163 guests have purchased their tickets.
 - Congresswoman Barbara Lee will be our second speaker which will be on September 9, 2023; location in Cathedral City and tickets will soon be available.
 - Work continues to have Congresswoman Katie Porter as a speaker for this series.
 - The JFK event will be held on December 9, 2023. Save the Date NOW!
 - Time: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm
 - Location: Agua Caliente Resort, Rancho Mirage, CA.
 - This will be a luncheon.
 - There will be lots of stars both as the honorees and as the presenters.
- Legislative: Anyse Smith
 - The Committee had questions about AB 28 as the RCDP was asked to provide support for it. It is about having an excise tax on firearms and ammunition. At their upcoming committee meeting they will have a legislative aide to provide details about this proposed legislation.

- Resolutions: Steve Brooks
 - Three resolutions that the RCDP approved at last month's meeting have been submitted to the CADEM and will be considered at the coming CADEM e-board meeting.
 - SCOTUS decision re: Racial Diversity at colleges
 - Code of Ethics for SCOTUS and Expand SCOTUS
 - Create an Office of Inspector General for counties that haven't utilized AB 1185.
- Club Engagement: Freya Foley
 - They continue to work on developing a Handbook for clubs and will begin passing out sections of it to committee members for review, etc.
 - They are in the process of creating a Facebook Page as well as a private Facebook Group which will be for the sole use of Club Chairs.
- Political Action: Joy Silver on behalf of the committee.
 - There have been some changes in the committee's leadership due to health issues.
 - Eddie Thomas is taking the lead on pending documents that will be integrated together and Jenn Carson will be assisting in this area.
 - They will be working on reaching low propensity voters which have been identified by the RCDP Data Team committee in the nine cities that had the lowest voter turnout.
 - The CADEM has been organizing telephone calls to these low propensity voters. This is the First Touch.
 - The Second Touch has been the Post Card Campaign that went out to 15,000 of these voters. Most were in CA – 41. Spanish language message was sent out to Indio voters (which are not in CA – 41).
 - The Third Touch will be a text banking effort provided via the CADEM.
- There was the (aforementioned) vote on moving meetings from the 2nd Monday to the Saturday prior to the 2nd Monday when we return to in-person meetings. Following debate, the motion failed significantly.
- There was a description of the upcoming PRIDE events in Riverside and in Palm Springs. Questions were asked and answered. The vote was unanimous for the RCDP to participate in these upcoming PRIDE events. Chair Silver announced that financial details will be completed at the August 28, 2023 RCDP e-board meeting.

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2023 RCDP AD 58 Caucus Chair



**CADEM Summer Executive Board Meeting
August 18 - 20, 2023**

Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center
300 South Court Street
Visalia, CA 93291

AGENDA
as of 8/15/2023
(All meetings are subject to change)

Parents Room - Show Office
Open (Friday 8:00AM - Sunday 3:00PM)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

6:00PM - 7:30PM **Executive Board Attendee Orientation**
6:30PM - 8:15PM CADEM Veteran’s Caucus

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

5:00PM - 6:45PM CADEM Small Business & Professional Caucus
7:00PM - 8:45pm CADEM Disabilities Caucus

Thursday, August 17, 2023

6:00PM Democrats for Israel California
7:00PM - 8:45PM CADEM Senior Caucus

Friday, August 18, 2023

3:00PM - 5:00PM	Credentials Committee Meeting	San Joaquin D (VCC)
4:00PM	Legislation Committee Meeting	San Joaquin B (VCC)
4:00PM	Resolutions Committee Meeting	San Joaquin C (VCC)
2:00PM - 8:00PM	Exhibit Tables Barbara Lee for U.S. Senate Adam Schiff for U.S. Senate CADEM Organizing Department DEM2024 Tulare County Democratic Central Committee & Clubs	Plaza Lobby
2:00PM - 3:15PM	Town Hall w/ U.S. Senator Alex Padilla	Charter Oak C/D (VCC)
5:00PM - 8:00PM	California Young Democrats State Leadership Meeting (Committees, Caucuses, and Training)	Charter Oak B/C (VCC)
5:00PM - 9:00PM	Credentialing/Registration*	Marriott Hotel Ballroom
6:00PM - 7:45PM	CADEM Black Caucus – CADEM Chicano/Latino Caucus CADEM Women’s Caucus – CADEM Native American Caucus	Charter Oak A (VCC) Sierra (VCC Second Floor) Charter Oak D/E (VCC)



5:30PM - 6:30PM	2024 National Delegate Selection & Affirmative Action Committee Meeting	Mineral King (VCC Second Floor)
7:00PM - 9:00PM	Platform Committee Meeting	Sequoia (VCC Second Floor)
8:15PM - 10:00PM	CADEM Filipino American Caucus CADEM Labor Caucus CADEM Children's Caucus – CADEM Irish American Caucus	Charter Oak A (VCC) Charter Oak D/E (VCC) San Joaquin D (VCC) Kaweah (VCC)
10:15PM - Midnight	Adam Schiff for U.S. Senate Ice Cream Social	San Joaquin B (VCC)

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:00AM - 9:45AM	CADEM Rural Caucus –	San Joaquin D (VCC)
8:00AM - 8:00PM	Exhibit Tables Barbara Lee for U.S. Senate Adam Schiff for U.S. Senate CADEM Organizing Department DEM2024 Tulare County Democratic Central Committee & Clubs	Plaza Lobby
9:00AM - 12:30PM	Credentialing/Registration*	Marriott Ballroom
9:00AM - 8:00PM	California Young Democrats State Leadership Meeting (Committee, Caucus, and Training Meetings)	Charter Oak B/C (VCC)
10:00AM - 12:00PM	General Session	Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall
12:00PM - 1:30PM	Bundling School Supplies for Central Valley Students	Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall
1:30PM - 2:30PM	Cafecito VOTA Get Out the Vote Program	Charter Oak A (VCC)
1:30PM 1:30PM - 2:45PM 1:30PM - 3:00PM 2:00PM - 3:30PM 3:00PM - 4:30PM	Rules Committee Finance Committee JEDI Committee Organizing Committee Campaign Compliance Circle	San Joaquin A/B (VCC) Sierra (VCC Second Floor) Sequoia (VCC Second Floor) Charter Oak D (VCC) San Joaquin D (VCC)
4:00PM - 5:45PM	Meet & Greet Hosted by CA DNC Members	Charter Oak E (VCC)
5:45PM - 7:30PM	CADEM Environmental Caucus – CADEM Arab American Caucus CADEM Asian/Pacific Islander American Caucus CADEM Progressive Caucus –	San Joaquin D/C (VCC) Kaweah (VCC Second Floor) Sequoia (VCC Second Floor) San Joaquin A/B (VCC)
8:15PM - 10:00PM	CADEM LGBTQ Caucus	Charter Oak D/E (VCC)



Sunday, August 20, 2023

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Credentialing/Registration*

Marriott Ballroom

9:00AM - 11:00AM

Exhibit Tables

Barbara Lee for U.S. Senate
Adam Schiff for U.S. Senate
CADEM Organizing Department
DEM2024
Tulare County Democratic Central Committee
& Clubs

Plaza Lobby

10:00AM - 12:00PM

General Session

1. Credentials Report
2. Rules/Guidelines
2. Speaker of the California Assembly Robert Rivas
3. Approval of CADEM Ombudsperson
4. Approval of the 2024 National Delegate Selection Plan
5. Committee Reports
6. CYD Report
7. CADEM Caucus Report
8. CADEM DNC Committee Member Report

**Visalia Convention Center
Exhibit Hall**

**In order to vote and have one's vote counted at this Executive Board Meeting, an Executive Board member must be fully credentialed by having timely (1) paid or waived (requested in writing by the delegate) both their 2023 DSCC Dues and August Executive Board Registration fees, (2) obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing. Once registered the member must (3) complete and return to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued and (4) agree to abide by the Code of Conduct.*

MEMORANDUM

TO: California Democratic Party (CDP) Executive Board
FROM: CDP Rules Committee
DATE: August 8, 2023
RE: CDP Bylaw Amendments Recommended by CDP Rules Committee to CDP Executive Board for Consideration at the 2023 August Executive Board Meeting in Visalia

A number of Bylaw amendments were passed by the Rules Committee at the 2023 May Convention and at its Special Rules Committee Meeting in July 2023. The Bylaws amendments are recommended for adoption at the 2023 August Executive Board Meeting and are included in this memo for review.

Bylaw Amendments for Consideration:

1. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3g(2) (Pre-Endorsing Conferences) to allow electronic means of voting **P. 1**
2. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Articles V and VIII to codify the power of the Rules Committee to recommend that endorsements of a particular County Committee shall be come the endorsement of the DSCC **P. 1-2**
3. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article III, Section 4(b)(c)(d), Article IV, Section 7, Article VIII, Section 3(g)4 - proposal by CDP Staff to clarify and update Regional Director responsibilities in various provisions of the Bylaws **P. 2-3**
4. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article XI (Special Group Caucuses) **P. 3-7**

1. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Article VIII, Section 3g(2) (Pre-Endorsing Conferences)

Absentee ballot voting shall be allowed for each office to be voted upon at the pre-endorsing conference provided that the participation of at least five of the eligible members of This Committee as delegates to the pre- endorsing conference, either in person, or by vote-by-mail ballot, shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of such quorum no recommendation for endorsement shall take place; however, the relevant convention endorsing caucus shall consider the race “de novo”. The ballot shall consist of a written, signed statement from the eligible voter and shall be recorded as part of the roll call vote if received by the designated Regional Director *or through an alternative electronic process promulgated by the Chair of This Committee or their designee* prior to the beginning of the roll call vote in the designated district. In the event that any Senate District or Congressional District falls into more than one Region, the State Chair shall assign those districts to a single regional pre- endorsement conference for the purposes of making the recommendation set forth in this section, due consideration being given to conflicting conference dates so as to allow for full participation.

2. Amendment to CDP Bylaws Articles V and VIII to codify the power of the Rules Committee to recommend that endorsements of a particular County Committee shall be come the endorsement of the DSCC

ARTICLE V: STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Section 5. STANDING COMMITTEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

h. Rules:

It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to:

INSERT A NEW 8) AND RENUMBER ACCORDINGLY:

8) promulgate Procedures for recommending to This Committee that endorsements received from a particular County Central Committee shall become the endorsements of This Committee, and to make such recommendations.

STRIKE ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 4 B(1) & C AND REPLACE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE VIII: ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PARTISAN AND NONPARTISAN OFFICE, AND ENDORSEMENT AND OPPOSITION TO STATE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS, INITIATIVES, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

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Section 4. NONPARTISAN OFFICES

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b. Process for California Democratic Party Endorsement, Objection Process:

A Democratic candidate for nonpartisan office who has been endorsed by their County Central Committee shall also be considered to be the endorsed candidate of the California Democratic Party and shall be entitled to such privileges and benefits as may be attached thereto provided that:

(1) **it is recommended by the Rules Committee that endorsements received thereunder also be the endorsements of This Committee, and such recommendation is concurred in** by This Committee as **being** consistent with its own By-Laws and with the fundamental rules of fairness to which the California Democratic Party is committed; and

(2) A Democratic candidate who has been denied endorsement does not successfully argue before This Committee that there has been a significant violation of the endorsing provisions of the relevant County Central Committee when it rendered its endorsement. Any claim of by-laws violation must be filed with the State Party Chair within seven (7) days of County Committee endorsement. A 2/3 vote shall be necessary to uphold the violation claim.

c. Requirements of County Bylaws for Approval of Endorsement Process:

In order for the endorsement of the County Central Committees to become the official endorsements of the California Democratic Party, the following **must be found to have been met by the Rules Committee as part of its recommendation:**

(1) A Democratic County Central Committee endorsement shall be extended only to registered Democrats.

(2) Endorsement shall not be given to more candidates than there are seats open for the office in question.

(3) All endorsements shall be made in accordance with the County Committee's duly adopted By-Laws provisions.

(4) No vote on endorsement shall be taken by secret ballot.

3. Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article III, Section 4(b)(c)(d), Article IV, Section 7, Article VIII, Section 3(g)4 - proposal by CDP Staff to clarify and update Regional Director responsibilities in various provisions of the Bylaws as amended

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 4. REGIONAL DIRECTORS

b. Regional Directors shall be elected for two-year terms on Saturday of the first Convention of This Committee held in odd-numbered years. Regional Directors shall be elected ~~by at Regional Caucuses, each composed of all the~~ members of This Committee resident in the respective regions.

c. Elections of Regional Directors shall be governed by the provisions set forth in Article III, Section 3, subsections e.-g ~~b-f.~~

d. The Regional Directors shall assist the statewide officers in the maintenance and development of the Party organization within their respective regions. They are responsible for working with developing, assisting, and coordinating the County Central Committees, Clubs & other Democratic organizations within their region, upon their request, and They shall convene a regional meeting of the members of This Committee in the region with sufficient time for input, or timely resolutions, prior to each meeting of This Committee or its Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 7. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES, VOTING, AND PUBLICATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

~~e. When a voice or standing vote is taken at a meeting of This Committee, it shall be the duty of Regional Directors to monitor their delegation to insure that only those eligible are voting.~~

ARTICLE VIII:

Section 3 (g)4. PARTISAN PUBLIC OFFICES OTHER THAN PRESIDENT

Each pre-endorsing conference shall be convened by the relevant Regional Director or, in the event that there is no Regional Director available for this purpose or the Regional Director is a candidate for nomination to a partisan public office, or has a demonstrable conflict of interest (as determined by a majority of the Statewide Officers of This Committee), by a person designated by the State Chair. The State Chair shall designate a Chair and a Secretary for each Regional pre-endorsing conference.

4 Amendments to CDP Bylaws Article XI (Special Group Caucuses)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CAUCUSES CDP RULES COMMITTEE CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS ARTICLE XI. SPECIAL GROUP CAUCUSES

(9/27/22)

ARTICLE XI: SPECIAL GROUP CAUCUSES

Section 1. DEFINITION

A caucus is a statewide organization:

- a. Which is a constituent part of This Committee, governed by its decisions, and ~~must may~~ not take official positions on legislation, resolutions, or other matters, which are contrary to positions taken by This Committee, but, to the extent consistent with its purpose as set forth in Section 2 of this Article XI, may call on This Committee to take action.
- b. Consisting of Caucus Sponsors, who are members of the Caucus and of This Committee, constituting at least one percent (1%) of the full membership of This Committee,
- c. Which extends membership to persons of voting registration/preregistration age (as defined in the Elections Code), who meet the eligibility requirements for Caucus membership, and who are either (i) registered Democrats or (ii) ineligible to register as Democrats, but who have expressed an intent to register as a Democrat upon becoming eligible; ~~a~~And which extends full voting rights to all such persons who meet the voting requirements of that Caucus.
- d. Which has been found by the Rules Committee to be in compliance with the requirements noted herein and has also been found to meet the Guidelines for Certification or Re-Certification of Caucuses referred to below both at the time of the application for certification/recertification and at all times during the certification/recertification period thereafter;
(1) the finding of compliance at the time of the application shall be; based on a review of the application and investigation by the Rules Committee, whose findings shall be conclusive unless reversed by a majority of the Executive Board;.

(2) the finding of continuing/ongoing compliance shall be made by the Rules Committee under rules of procedure it shall promulgate and publish, which shall include such hearing as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

e. Which has been considered for certification by the Rules Committee and has been certified by the Executive Board of This Committee in order to carry out the Purposes noted herein,

f. Whose Chair is a member of This Committee, and by virtue of the Caucus being certified, shall be a member of the Executive Board of This Committee; provided that in exceptional circumstances, as defined and authorized by the Rules Committee, an interim Chair serving only until such time as the Caucus may conduct an election may be excused from being a member of This Committee; provided, further, that the Caucus' representative on the Executive Board must be a member of This Committee, and,

g. If not initially certified prior to 1/1/10, the Caucus' Sponsors are DSCC members, who represent a common identity, demographic or interest which is historically or currently under-represented in Democratic Party affairs and cannot adequately be represented in Democratic Party affairs by a current caucus or chartered organization, and which has provided a reasonable explanation, determined to have been supported by clear and convincing evidence, as to why Chartering as a Statewide Organization under Article X of these Bylaws, would not be a more appropriate course of action

Section 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of a caucus is to:

- a. Participate in the policy decisions of the Party, by, among other things, proposing Resolutions to the Resolutions Committee, Legislation to the Legislation Committee, bylaw amendments to the Rules Committee, or other such proposals to other Standing Committees, or to the Chair of This Committee, as may be necessary to carry out its goals and objectives. Caucuses are to conduct all of their affairs with an eye toward full and proactive compliance with: (i) the expectations and intent set forth in Article VIII, Section 1.c; (ii) the "one voice" rule in Article VIII, Section 1.d; and (iii) the prohibitions on endorsements in Article VII, Sections 1.h, 1.j and 2.a. No Caucus may take independent positions on such matters which are contrary to the positions of This Committee, provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent This Committee's Regions, or its Caucuses from calling on the California Democratic Party to take any action consistent with its status as a constituent part of This Committee;
- b. Encourage participation, within the Caucus' community of interest, in the outreach programs of the Party, including such things as This Committee's Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote activities; but any such participation shall be limited to activities conducted by or in partnership with the Party. Any other such voter outreach or campaign activities are inconsistent with the Caucus' purpose and, as a result, are prohibited.
- c. Promulgate and implement a Statement of Purpose and Intended Activity, aimed at expanding and strengthening the Party, subject to approval by the Rules Committee; and,
- d. Make the Party more welcoming and more relevant to members of the public, the electorate, and This Committee, who identify with the goals of the Caucus.

Section 3. GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION, RE-CERTIFICATION, AND DECERTIFICATION OF CAUCUSES

The Rules Committee shall promulgate Guidelines for Certification, Re-Certification, and Decertification of Caucuses, which shall include the process and conditions necessary to certify, re-certify, or decertify a caucus. These Guidelines shall include, as a condition of Certification and Re-Certification, a requirement

that Caucuses adopt the Code of Conduct and make information about reporting process for violations of the Code of Conduct readily available to members.

Section 4. CERTIFICATION / RE-CERTIFICATION

Certification, and re-certification, shall be subject to the following provisions:

a. Form of Application – All organizations desiring to be certified, or re-certified, by This Committee as a caucus shall make application for such certification in writing on a form obtained from the Secretary of This Committee.

b. Submission of Application – ~~Prior to September 1, 2023, A~~ An application for Caucus Certification, or Recertification must be submitted to the Secretary of This Committee, and to the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee of This Committee, at the email addresses designated for this purpose. ~~, by the applicable deadline set forth in the Guidelines. As of September 1, 2023, ¶~~ The deadline for submission of an application shall be no later than fourteen (14) within forty five (45) days after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year after the year in which a regular Gubernatorial election is conducted; provided, however, that an applicant seeking initial certification as a Caucus may also apply in the fourteen-day period immediately following the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in any other odd year. in which the Caucus is intended to be recertified or initially certified. No application submitted outside that time-frame shall be considered.

c. Acknowledgment of Receipt of Application – The Secretary of This Committee or the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee shall, where applicable, acknowledge receipt of the application by no later than the thirtieth day after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year in which the application is submitted within five (5) business days of determination of receipt, and send confirmation thereof, to the Chair of the Caucus, or proposed Caucus, to the email address designated for this purpose. This acknowledgment shall also ~~list the documents received and~~ identify any required submissions which, from a facial review of the application, appear to be missing and identify a deadline for the submission of any such missing documents, ~~or obviously deficient, documents or information necessary for the Rules Committee to determine certification or re-certification, other than bylaws provisions. Such deficiencies in documentation or information may be corrected via amended application within sixty (60) days after the first meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year in which the Caucus is intended to be re-certified or initially certified.~~

d. Time-line for Consideration of Application; ~~Notice of Deficiencies –~~ By no later than July 17, 2023, the Rules Committee shall advise each existing Caucus which has submitted an application for recertification whether it:

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(1) has met the requirements for recertification and shall be recommended for full recertification at the next meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee and, should that meeting be after the expiration of its current certification, shall be provisionally certified in the interim;

(2) has been found to be sufficiently in compliance with the requirements for recertification as to be recommended for provisional certification at the next meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee and, should that meeting be after the expiration of its current certification, shall be provisionally certified in the interim; or

(3) has failed to meet the requirements for recertification and, thus, will not be recommended for recertification and, as a result, its certification will expire and it must disband or apply for certification as a new Caucus.

(1) Special Rules for Applications Submitted before the 2025 Regular Convention.

Should at any time during its period of provisional certification, a Caucus recommended for provisional certification as of July 17, 2023, meet the requirements for recertification and become eligible for full certification at the next meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee, the Rules Committee shall recommend that Caucus for full recertification.

For proposed Caucuses that have submitted an initial application during 2023, the Guidelines shall set forth the timeline for consideration.

(2) Rules for Applications In and After 2025

For applications in and after 2025, the Rules Committee shall advise the Caucus or proposed Caucus of its recommendation by no later than ninety (90) days after the deadline for submission of the application or, if there has been a notice that required elements of the application were missing and, thus, that the application was deficient, by no later than ninety (90) days after the deadline set for cure of the deficiency.

~~No later than forty five (45) days prior to the expiration of the term of Official Certification, or in the case of a proposed new caucus the second meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee held after submission of the application, a Chair of the Rules Committee of This Committee designated for this purpose, shall notify the Chair of the Caucus, or proposed Caucus, in detail, of any deficiencies in documentation or information, including the substance of any amendments to Caucus Bylaws necessary to bring the Application into compliance along with the proposed recommendation regarding certification or re-certification.~~

e. Failure by the Rules Committee to Provide Timely Notice of ~~Deficiencies~~ Its Recommended Disposition of the Application by the Rules Committee – Absent agreement to the contrary by the Rules Committee, failure of the Rules Committee to give timely ~~Notice of its recommendation concerning disposition of the application~~ Deficiencies shall be considered as a recommendation for Certification by the Rules Committee and allow the Chair of the Caucus, to make a motion for a specific finding of compliance with the Guidelines for Certification, Re-Certification, and Decertification of Caucuses by the Executive Board of This Committee and Certification of the Caucus, provided fifteen (15) days notice of intent to make such motion is first given to the Secretary of This Committee, and to the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee of This Committee, at the email addresses designated for this purpose.

~~f. Recommended Action on Application – The Rules Committee of This Committee, shall make a recommendation regarding action on the application to the Executive Board of This Committee, prior to the expiration of the term of Official Certification, or in the case of a proposed new caucus the second meeting of the Executive Board of This Committee held after submission of the application.~~

~~g.~~ Contents of Application – The application shall contain such information as may be required by the Rules Committee.

Section 5. TERM OF CERTIFICATION

a. All Caucuses that are provisionally or fully certified as of July 11, 2022, shall have their current certification status extended through August 31, 2023, unless revoked for cause as set forth herein; provided, however, that, during this extended certification period, provisional certification may be converted to full certification and full certification may be converted to provisional certification in accordance with procedures for such conversion consistent with this Article XI promulgated by the Rules Committee. The provisions of this subsection (a) shall expire as of September 1, 2023, and without further action of This Committee or its Executive Board, shall no longer be a part of these Bylaws or this Article XI as of that date. The Secretary of This Committee, upon recommendation of the Rules Committee, shall cause subsection b and its subparts to be renumbered accordingly.

b. All official Certifications of a Caucus made effective on or after September 1, 2023, shall extend through the following dates:

(1) For recertifications, unless revoked for cause as set forth herein, the later of August 31 of the year after the year in which the next regular Gubernatorial election is held or the adjournment of the first Executive Board meeting of This Committee held after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year after the year in which the next regular Gubernatorial election is held; or

(2) For initial certifications, unless revoked for cause as set forth herein, the earlier of two years after the effective date of the initial certification or the first Executive Board meeting of This Committee held after the first regular meeting of the Convention of This Committee in the year after the year in which the next Gubernatorial election is held.

(3) Notwithstanding the certification terms set forth herein, full certification may be converted to provisional certification and provisional certification may be converted to full certification in accordance with procedures for such conversion consistent with this Article XI promulgated by the Rules Committee; provided that no such conversion shall extend the term of certification of a Caucus.

Section 6. DECERTIFICATION

a. After notice and an opportunity to be heard, and upon a finding by the Rules Committee that a certified caucus has failed to maintain compliance with the above, the Rules Committee may enter into an agreement with the Caucus or, in the absence of an agreement, order the Caucus to take certain remedial steps to again achieve compliance.

~~b. adopt or maintain the Code of Conduct as part of its own bylaws with a provision that each member is bound by its terms, and/or~~

~~c. has willfully, intentionally, or repeatedly failed to address violations of the Code of Conduct within the caucus;~~

b. In the event that, after the hearing referenced in subsection (a) above, the Rules Committee determines that remedial steps are an insufficient remedy or in the event that, after a subsequent hearing, the Rules Committee determines that the Caucus has failed or refused to successfully undertake the agreed upon or ordered remedial steps, the Rules Committee shall report a recommendation to de-certify the Caucus to the Executive Board of This Committee. The report shall specifically note the grounds and basis for the Rules Committee's recommendation. ~~may decertify a Caucus by majority vote. In the event the Rules Committee should make a finding of non-compliance with the Guidelines, it shall report a recommendation to de-certify the Caucus specifically noting the grounds and basis for its decision.~~ Such recommendation may only be overturned by the Executive Board of This Committee, by majority vote, but and only if the Executive Board makes specific findings that the Rules Committee was incorrect in each of its findings that formed the basis of the Rules Committee's recommendation to decertify, or that all such defects have been remedied.

Section 7. RECOGNITION OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

This Committee recognizes that the Black African American, Asian Pacific Islander, Chicano Latino, Labor, LGBTQ, and Women's Caucuses were the original six caucuses certified pursuant to the definition contained in the 1985-7, or prior, Bylaws, defining a caucus as "ethnic minority members or other broad elements of the membership" and as such recognizes the historical significance in maintaining their existence.