



Rules for the 2025 May California Democratic Party State Convention

1. The primary purpose of this biennial Convention is to organize the newly-elected constituted Democratic State Central Committee (This Committee) and elect Statewide Officers and Regional Directors. Matters not heard at the Convention will be received by the Secretary and held over to the next meeting of the Executive Board.
2. The Chair of This Committee shall be the Chair of the Convention and the Secretary of This Committee shall be the Secretary of the Convention. In the absence of the Chair of This Committee, the Vice-Chair of This Committee of the self-identified gender other than that of the Chair shall serve as the Presiding Officer and Chair of the Convention.
3. Delegates to the Convention shall be the members of the Democratic State Central Committee, or their qualified proxies as specified in the Bylaws, whose appointment/election has been transmitted to the State Party no later than Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 60 days prior to the biennial state convention in May 30 - June 1, 2025.
4. Seating of the delegates shall be by the Assembly District within the CDP Region.
5. No one will be admitted to the Convention floor who is not a delegate or proxy holder, except by special authorization of the State Chair.
6. Credentialing will close at posted times unless special circumstances exist. At that time, consideration will be given by the Credentials Committee, which can stay open or reopen credentialing. In order to vote, and have one's vote counted at this Convention, a member must have timely paid their annual DSCC dues and registration fee (or had them waived by request from the DSCC Member) to This Committee, registered for the meeting, received /obtained their credential prior to the close of credentialing, completed and returned to the proper authority any ballot that may be issued, and agreed to the CDP Code of Conduct, prior the close of credentialing
7. The Credentials Committee shall issue its final report of the official voting list of delegates after the close of credentialing.
8. Election of Statewide Officers and Regional Directors.
 - a. All Statewide Officers shall be elected by the entire membership of This Committee eligible to participate in the election.



- b. Regional Directors shall be elected by all members of This Committee resident in the respective regions eligible to participate in the election.
 - c. The election of all Statewide Officers and Regional Directors shall take place via an electronic voting platform. Credentialed Delegates will have their voting credentials emailed to them to vote on their own devices, or they may vote in person in a designated room using computers supplied by CDP. Ballots will include all Statewide Officer contests, where at least two candidates have filed, and the Regional Director contest for the region in which they reside, if at least two candidates have filed.
 - d. A Regional Caucus shall be included in the Agenda for the Convention, and the Convener must ensure that the Caucus site is available and open by the time called for in the Convention Agenda. To afford all candidates for Regional Director an opportunity to address the Regional Caucus, the Convener shall commence candidate presentations as close to ten minutes after the time for the opening of registration set forth in the Convention Agenda as is practical under the circumstances.
 - e. Voting for all races will commence 30 minutes after the start of the Regional Director Caucuses, and will be open for 2 hours. All ballots must be submitted prior to the end of voting. Voters in line in the voting room, will have the opportunity to cast their ballot after the close of voting.
 - f. In the event that no candidate receives a majority vote in a Statewide Officer or Regional Director Election, a run off election will be held Sunday Morning at 8:00 AM, following the procedures outlined above. The run off election will close at 9:30 AM, unless no Statewide Officer Contest is on the ballot, in which case the election will close at 9:00 AM.
 - g. Registration for candidates for Statewide Officer or Regional Director positions and the administration of those elections shall be governed by the provisions set forth in Article III, Section 3 and 4 of the Bylaws.
9. The Resolutions adopted by the members of This Committee and the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party are expressions of philosophical beliefs and principles that the Party wishes to declare. Any resolution involving a local issue will be referred to the appropriate local Democratic Party entity.



RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

a. Form

- (1) All resolutions must be typed.
- (2) Inducement (e.g., Whereas) clauses shall be limited to three (3) or less, and resolve clauses shall be limited to two (2) or less.
- (3) Resolutions must be no longer than one (1) 8-1/2" x 11" typewritten Page.
- (4) Resolutions may not be more than 400 words including the title and Clauses.
- (5) All resolutions must be adopted by a County Central Committee, or a Chartered Democratic Club or sponsored by twenty-five (25) members of This Committee, or a majority of the members of This Committee who meet at a Regional Meeting as described in Article III, Section 4d of the CDP's Bylaws. .
- (6) Resolutions that call for a change in the CDP bylaws or platform, or state the endorsement or support of a candidate for public office or opposition to a candidate who is a registered Democrat, or mandates or restricts the spending of money by the CDP, shall be ruled out of order and will neither be heard by the Resolutions Committee nor be able to reach the floor by way of Section 9(d) below.

b. Timely Resolutions

- (1) Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee by 12 p.m., thirty (30) calendar days prior to a meeting of This Committee, except as provided in subsection (c) below.
- (2) Copies of resolutions submitted according to the above procedure shall be emailed by the Resolutions Committee Staff to all members of the Resolutions Committee prior to a meeting of This Committee.

c. The Resolutions Committee will present no more than 10 prioritized resolutions in the committee report to the convention body, unless more than 10 resolutions received unanimous support during the prioritization process.

d. Late/Floor Resolutions

- (1) Thirty-five (35) copies of each resolution must be provided to the Resolutions Committee Chair (s) by the sponsor(s) of the resolution.
- (2) All resolutions to be considered at a meeting of This Committee must be presented for consideration at the Resolutions Committee meeting preceding the general session. In order to be considered at the general session, a late resolution must have the unanimous consent of the



Resolutions Committee to be considered and all resolutions must be approved by the Resolutions Committee. Any resolution heard by the Resolutions Committee, failing to obtain approval (excluding those coded 6-14, may be brought to the floor of a meeting of This Committee with the signatures of three hundred (300) members of This Committee on forms approved by the Resolutions Committee.

- (3) All resolutions to be presented from the floor shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention for signature verification by 5:00P.M. on the day before the resolution is presented.
 - (4) The sponsor of a resolution presented from the floor shall be responsible for providing the Secretary of the Convention with sufficient copies of their resolution for each member of This Committee.
- e. Resolutions pending at the close of a Convention of This Committee shall be referred to the Executive Board of This Committee. All such resolutions shall first be presented to the Resolutions Committee for recommendation to the Executive Board. The Resolutions Committee shall recommend: adoption, adoption with amendment, or rejection. Such resolutions shall be presented to the Executive Board for consideration in its original form unless the sponsor agrees to the amendment(s) recommended by the Resolutions Committee.
10. Requests to hang signs, banners and placards must be submitted before the Convention to the Convention Coordinator. A small fee may be charged per sign. No large signs or large quantities of materials will be allowed in the General Session Hall. The only large quantities of materials or large signs allowed in the hall are those that are official CDP materials or have been pre-approved by the CDP and have already been placed in the hall.
11. PROXIES: Proxies will be subject to the provision set forth in the By-Laws. Because in order to vote, and have one's vote counted, at any meeting of This Committee, a member must have timely obtained their credential prior to the closing of credentials, a member may authorize, by signed written authorization, any registered member of This Committee to obtain their credential on their behalf. The provisions of Article IV, Section 6, subsections a-e shall apply to such authorizations. In all cases at This Convention, proxies vote in districts where the appointing member resides as required by This Committee's By-Laws.
12. The By-Laws and Rules of the California Democratic Party shall govern over these Rules



for the 2025 California Democratic Party Convention in the event of a conflict.

13. Any matter not provided for in these rules or the California Democratic Party By-Laws and Rules shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
14. In general, motions subject to floor debate, whether via committee reports or from the floor, shall be subject to the following limits on debate. There shall be three (3) speakers on each side of a motion, including the maker of the motion, and each speaker shall be limited to one (1) minute each. These rules may be suspended by a motion to amend these limits on debate, but such a motion shall not be debatable and may only apply to the specific motion before the body.
15. All attendees will abide by the CDP Code of Conduct. Any violations of the Code of Conduct or disruptions during the Convention may result in expulsion from this and future CDP Events.

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