

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Compliance Review Commission (CRC)

DATE: March 11, 2020

RE: **COMPLIANCE REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC) DECISION RELATING TO A REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED BY ROBERT LEAHY**

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

On February 17, 2020, the Compliance Review Commission issued a decision on challenges originally submitted in October of 2019 by Robert Leahy relating to the actions of the Veterans Caucus of the California Democratic Party. The two challenges allege that the Veterans Caucus held “secret meetings” and improperly removed him from his elected board position of First Vice Chair.

In its decision, the CRC found and ordered in part:

1. The CRC denies the “secret meeting” challenge, as Mr. Leahy and all testimony submitted failed to show proof of the insufficient notice.
2. The CRC upholds the challenge by Mr. Leahy that his removal as the Veterans Caucus Vice Chair was improper. Mr. Leahy’s removal is invalidated.
3. The CRC finds disturbing the numerous and credible allegations of inappropriate behavior by Mr. Leahy and encourages all members to act in a courteous and respectful manner in accordance with our core democratic values and hopes and expects people to conduct themselves appropriately in all settings. Given this, the CRC finds the alleged statements attributed to Mr. Leahy deeply disappointing and not reflective of the Party’s values.
4. The CRC further suggests that the Caucus consider simplifying their procedures or provide for the event that the sergeant-at-arms does not fulfill their duties.

### **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION:**

On February 19, 2020, Mr. Leahy submitted to the CRC a letter in which he asked the CRC to reconsider its decision to deny his challenge regarding alleged secret meetings by the Veterans Caucus. .

At its meeting of Wednesday, March 4, 2020, the CRC noted the receipt of Mr. Leahy’s letter. As a motion for reconsideration must be made by a member voting yes on the original motion, the presiding officer asked if any member of the CRC would like to make a motion to reconsider the CRC’s decision as requested by Mr. Leahy. As no member made such a motion, the agenda was moved to the next item of business.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the CRC,

Tim Allison, Co-Chair, Credentials Committee

Kathy Bowler, Co-Lead Chair, Rules Committee

Nicole Fernandez, Co-Chair, Rules Committee

Coby King, Co-Chair, Rules Committee, and Co-Chair of the CRC

Lara Larramendi, Co-Lead Chair, Credentials Committee, and Co-Chair of the CRC

Keith Umemoto, Co-Chair, Credentials Committee