

TO: Executive Board, California Democratic Party
FR: Rules Committee, California Democratic Party
DA: 6/14/2020
RE: Report of the Special Rules Committee Meeting of 6/14/2020

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting Called to Order, 1:05pm.

II. **QUORUM ESTABLISHED:**

With 27 Members a Quorum was present.

III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MSP Adoption of Meeting Agenda.

IV. **REPORT FROM THE ADEMS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Proposed By-law amendments re: Article VI Assembly District Election Meetings; Article XII Compliance Review Commission; Article XIII General Policies.

The ADEMS Sub-Committee report was presented and amended with the following changes:

Amendments

CDP Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1.b(2) - Adopted

~~Such decisions~~ Decisions under this section may be adjusted for each ADEM cycle, but will otherwise carry over from the previous ADEM cycle, until the finalization of the next reapportionment.

CDP Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1.i(1) - Adopted

~~Upon conclusion of the election conducted pursuant to the previous paragraph, the Convener shall immediately transmit by the methods set forth in the ADEM Procedures by telephone, fax or e-mail to the Chair of This Committee (or their designee) the number of ballots. names and titles of those elected.~~

CDP Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1.i(4) – Motion Referred back to Subcommittee on ADEMs 22yes / 2no

Added subsection 4

4) Each voter in an ADEM election may use their registration code to confirm via a searchable online system maintained by this committee that their vote has been received and counted. Such Information shall be available at the time that the ADEM results are released.

CDP Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1.j(1) - Motion Passes

Motion to empower the Chair of the ADEM Subcommittee to draft language to revise Article VI, Section 1.j(1)... to offer the Executive Board position to a candidate who has indicated they would run in the application process. Subject to review by Coby King, Garry Shay and Ryan Skolnick before being brought to July EBoard meeting.

Changes to CRC Procedures: Remove extra “is”

Section 7: Appeal

H. The CRC shall determine whether a decision is subject to appeal and, if so, if it is an appeal is to the Credentials Committee or to the Rules Committee in any order it issues.

The amendment to Compliance Review Commission Procedural Rules was adopted pursuant to CDP Bylaws Article V, Section 5, b and is now in effect.

The Sub-Committee report regarding By-laws Amendments for consideration by the Executive Board was adopted as amended and is attached as Exhibit “A”

V. **CHANGES TO COMPLIANCE REVIEW PROCEDURES:**

At the request of several CRC members, Co-Lead Co-Chair Shay presented proposed amendments to the Compliance Review Commission Procedural Rules to amend Section 5, D, 5, and to renumber succeeding sub-clauses and sections accordingly. Corrections for spelling and pagination were made. The following is the adopted amendment after spelling corrections were made, and, pursuant to CDP Bylaws Article V, Section 5, b and is now in effect and are attached at the end of this Report.

Section 5: Powers

5. Dismiss or deny without requesting responses, any filing that they have determined:

a. that even if all of the alleged facts were true the challenge would still be denied or dismissed,

b. is frivolous or without merit,

c. is primarily meant to vex, annoy, or harass the respondent, and/or,

d. manifests an absence of:

(1) good faith in bringing, or,

(2) a substantive argument underlying,

the challenge which makes requiring a response and hearing detrimental to the best interests of the Democratic Party as a whole;

provided, however, that if any member of CRC requests the matter be heard, responses and a hearing will be scheduled.

VI. **REMOTE MEETINGS:**

At the request of CDP Chair Hicks, Co-Chair Zakson proposed an amendment to the bylaws to allow for meetings other than in person during declared emergencies.

The proposal was amended to make clear it applied to official governmental orders or a finding of similarly extraordinary circumstances by the Chair of This Committee. The proposal was adopted as amended and is attached as Exhibit “B”, for consideration by the Executive Board.

VII. **DISMISSAL OF RENTERS CAUCUS APPLICATION:**

Due to the decision of the proponents of a potentially new Renters' Caucus to apply for status as a Statewide chartered Organization through the O&D Committee process, instead, the Application previously filed was dismissed.

VIII. **BEZIS APPEAL FROM RULING OF CRC:**

M/S/P Motion of Co-Chairs to Continue Hearing on Appeal to the July Executive Board, meeting of CDP Rules Committee.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** It was M/S/P to adjourn at 6pm.

POST SCRIPT: The Rules Committee adopted additional amendments at prior meetings which were included in its reports, which have not as yet been considered by the Executive Board, and are scheduled for consideration at this next meeting. They are attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

**California Democratic Party Rules Committee Report
Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 10:00am**

- I. Roll Call: With 28 Members a Quorum was present. Additional members showed up as meeting was in progress. The two CYD Ambassadors, Brooke Pritchard and Luis Zamora, were present. Total of 30 members including CYD Ambassadors.
- II. M/S/P Adoption of Meeting Agenda
- III. M/S/P Review Proposed Bylaw Amendments
 - A. Bylaw Amendments Adopted at the June 14, 2020 Special Rules Committee Meeting
 - B. Bylaw Amendments Adopted at the Rules Committee Meetings of August 24, 2019 and November 15, 2019 to be Considered for Adoption by the Executive Board
 - a. M/S/P Number of Executive Board Meetings – Motion to postpone to a time certain
 - b. M/S/P CYD Ambassadors – Motion to refer back to Rules Committee
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. ADEMs SUB COMMITTEE – Report regarding 2020 ADEMs Procedures - M/S/P with 3 technical amendments from Zakson
 - B. COUNTY BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE - M/S/P to approving endorsement procedures of the bylaws of Democratic Party of Contra Costa (DPCCC), Democratic Central Committee of Marin (DCCM), and Santa Cruz County

Democratic Central Committee (SCCDCC) Counties pursuant to Article VIII Section 4, b.

- C. ENDORSEMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE – will take testimony page at the 2020 November Executive Board and review of 2022 process will begin
 - D. MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES – M/S/P to accept the response to report of the Credentials Committee to the Atkins proposal issue dealing with a nondemocrat switching parties post-election, and the Ramos proposal on the timing of Executive Board appointments. Waiting on responses from The Federation of County Central Committees and Voter Services Committee and to refer reports back from other Committees to subcommittee for further action.
 - E. STANDING COMMITTEES SUB-COMMITTEE – M/S/P to accept report and convert questions presented to letter to be submitted to all other Standing Committee Chairs with original proposal, for review and comment.
 - F. M/S/P adopt the matrix of committee assignments.
- V. M/S/P Report of Caucus Certification, Recertification and Decertification Sub-Committee, as follows:
- A. The **Chicano Latino Caucus** has been **previously fully certified**. Therefore, no action is needed.
 - B. The following Caucuses are recommended for **full certification** at this time: **Senior; Arab American; Computer & Internet. Pursuant to motion adopted by the Rules Committee, and the materials submitted by the Veterans Caucus having been found to be in full compliance by the Lead Co-Chairs, the Veterans is also** now recommended for full certification.
 - C. The following Caucuses appear on track for full certification, but still must produce to the Lead Co-Chairs evidence of adoption of verifiable goals, Code of Conduct & a final, approved copy of the Rules Committee approved Bylaws for posting. They should be **conditionally fully certified** and the Lead Co-Chairs are delegated authority to convert this conditional full certification to full certification upon receipt of the required documents: **Labor; Irish American; Women’s; Filipino American; LGBT; Disabilities; Environmental; Progressive; African American; Rural; Asian Pacific Islander; Children’s; Native American.**
 - D. The following Caucus is out of compliance, but appears to be acting in good faith. Accordingly, continued **provisional certification** is warranted: **Business & Professions**
- VI. Compliance Review Commission (CRC) Appeals Referred to Rules
- A. M/S/P reject appeal by Mr. Bezis and sustain CRC decision re Challenge to Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (January).
 - B. M/S/P reject appeal by Mr. Bezis and sustain CRC decision re Challenge to Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (February).
 - C. M/S/P Receive and File CRC decisions re challenges to Veterans Caucus, Democratic Party of Contra Costa (May 6, 2020), Democratic Party of Contra Costa (May 31, 2020) and Santa Cruz County. Veterans Caucus Request for Reconsideration.

VII. New Business

- Request from Chris Robson/CDC relating to review of the Code of Conduct. Additionally, an email and letter from CDC President will be distributed to Committee Members.
- Comments from Jason Bezis relating to County Bylaws as it pertains to Endorsements.
- Request from Chris Robson relating to dues paying members of the DSCC being given more time to make comments as they are members of the State Central Committee.

VIII. Adjournment

NOTE: BYLAW AMENDMENTS PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING ARE ATTACHED

By-law Amendments as approved by the Rules Committee, June 14, 2020

Part 1: Revise Article VI to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI: ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ELECTION MEETINGS

Section 1. ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ELECTION MEETINGS

a. Regular, biennial Assembly District Election Meetings shall be held ~~within each Assembly District in the State~~ for the purpose of electing from each Assembly District 14 members to this Committee and one representative to the Executive Board:

- (1) The Election Meetings shall be held on the Saturday or Sunday of the weekends immediately prior to and following the weekend when the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is celebrated ~~second Monday in January~~ in odd-numbered years, with such meeting beginning no earlier than 10 am nor begin later than ~~3~~2 pm, with the time for registration to be open for a ~~two~~four-hour period.
- (2) Persons eligible to participate shall be all registered Democrats residing in the Assembly District, who have agreed in writing to abide by the Code of Conduct.
- (3) Persons eligible to be candidates for Assembly District representative or Assembly District Representative to the Executive Board shall be all registered Democrats who were eligible to participate as such in the preceding General Election; provided however, that if a person turned 18, or became a United States citizen by virtue of naturalization, after the last

day for registration for said election, execution on or before the end of the filing period referred to in Section 1(i) of the Article of a legally valid voter registration form showing a residence within the Assembly District shall constitute prima facie evidence of eligibility to participate; and has agreed in writing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

- (4) The Convener of the Election Meeting shall be selected by the Chair of this Committee in consultation with the Regional Director responsible for the Assembly District, no later than September 15 of the year prior to the ADEM meeting. ~~Should no person be selected by September 15, the Chair of This Committee shall select a person.~~ The selected Convener must be a registered Democrat and pledge not to seek a DSCC seat nor an Executive Board position from that ADEM.

b. Locations

- (1) There shall be at least one ADEM location in each Assembly District.
- (2) Prior to the 2021 ADEMs and¹ prior to the first ADEMs after each decennial reapportionment is finalized, the Chair of This Committee shall publicize a list of Assembly Districts in which more than one ADEM location shall be established. In deciding which Assembly Districts shall have more than one location, the Chair shall consider whether there exists good cause to do so. For the purposes of this subsection, ~~The Convener of the Election Meeting may request a variance from the date, time, and registration period duration of the Election Meeting as set out in Article VI, section 1.a.(1) to another date and time during the second weekend in January in odd numbered years, or to allow for the holding of the Election Meeting simultaneously at more than one site in the Assembly District, or to modify the duration of the registration period, by filing an application with the State Chair by November 1, or next business day if the date falls on a state holiday or weekend, of the year preceding the holding of the Election Meeting showing good cause for such a variance. "Good cause" may include the necessity of traveling very long distances, traveling in heavy traffic through dense population centers, or traveling in hazardous weather conditions. The State Chair must reply by November 10, or next business day if the date falls on a state holiday or weekend. It is the intent of the Executive Board that the two weekends be utilized to spread the Election Meetings within a particular Region over the two different weekends. It is also the intent of the Executive Board that the provision for the simultaneous holding of more than one meeting is meant to apply primarily to the very large districts connected by often closed mountain passes.~~ Such decisions may be adjusted for each ADEM cycle, but will otherwise carry over from the previous ADEM cycle, until the finalization of the next reapportionment.
- (3) In consultation with the Regional Director(s) resident in the Assembly District and with other local interested persons appointed by the Chair, and

¹ The language "Prior to the 2021 ADEMs and" shall be deleted from these Bylaws upon the finalization of the reapportionment following the 2020 Census.

consistent with paragraph (2) above, the Chair shall identify one or more appropriate locations in each Assembly District by November 15 of the year preceding the ADEM. The location selection shall be guided by criteria provided in the ADEM Procedures and shall be posted on the Party's website.

(4) For the convenience of Democrats registered in geographically large Assembly Districts, The Chair of This Committee may designate one or more ADEM locations to serve more than one Assembly District, as long as each Assembly District is served by at least one location within that Assembly District.

(5) Challenges on location decisions:

(a) Any member of This Committee may challenge location decisions affecting the Assembly District in which they are registered to vote to the Compliance Review Commission by November 22 of the year preceding the scheduled ADEMs. Such filings may challenge decisions as to specific locations or as to the number of locations for a particular Assembly District.

(b) As to challenges concerning specific locations, such an appeal must contain an immediately available alternative to the selected location that also meets the location criteria in the ADEM Procedures at a similar cost. The Compliance Review Commission may, in its sole discretion, dismiss such a challenge if it does not contain the required information on an alternative location as to its availability and suitability.

(c) Notwithstanding any other language in these Bylaws, the Compliance Review Commission may follow an expedited schedule to make a decision by December 15, and the decision of the Compliance Review Commission on matters in this subsection shall be final.

c. The Chair of This Committee, in consultation with the appropriate Regional Directors and the Conveners shall, no later than November 15 of the year preceding the holding of the Election Meeting, or next business day if date falls on state holiday or weekend, publicize on the Party's website ~~notify the Chair of This Committee and the Chair of each County Committee which lies wholly or in part in the district of the date, time, and place of the Election Meetings. Failure to do so by that date shall empower the Chair of This Committee to designate a new Convener who shall provide such notice no later than December 3 of the year preceding the holding of the Election Meeting, or next business day if date falls on state holiday or weekend. The Chair of This Committee shall post this information on the Party's website.~~

d. The Convener and the Chair of This Committee, as indicated below, shall make every reasonable effort to make known to all registered Democrats in the Assembly District of the date, time, place, and purpose of the Election Meeting, the rules for participation in the Election Meeting, and the filing deadlines and rules for candidates for delegate, by transmitting notice of the Election Meeting no later than December 21 of the year preceding the holding of the Election Meeting, or next business day if date falls on state holiday or weekend, to the following persons:

- (1) All members of This Committee residing in the District (to be notified by the Chair of This Committee).
 - (2) All members of the County Committee residing in the District (if one or more counties lie wholly within the District, then the notice shall be transmitted to all members of those County Committees) (to be notified by the Convener, to the list of members to be obtained from the Chairs of any County Committees which lie wholly or in part within the Assembly District).
 - (3) All attendees of the previous Assembly District Election Meeting (to be notified by the Chair of This Committee).
- e. Proof of compliance with the provisions of the preceding subsection shall create a rebuttable presumption of compliance with Article XIII, sections 3, 5 and 6.
- f. The Convener or the Convener's designee shall preside at the Election Meeting as chair, and Convener shall be responsible for conducting the Election Meeting in conformance with the ADEM Procedures in effect at that time. ~~forward a list of names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and phones of all persons attending the Election Meeting as participants to the Chair of This Committee within three days after the Election Meeting is held.~~
- g. In order to receive a ballot, each Election Meeting participant shall agree be asked, on via a form provided by the Secretary of This Committee, to allow the Party to use the contact information they submit as part of the registration process for outreach purposes. ~~indicate their willingness to assume an organizational responsibility for one or more precincts within the district or to assume another specified organizational responsibility for the Party. Copies of a list of the persons so expressing such willingness to assume responsibility and of the responsibility each person is agreed to assume shall be sent by the Convener to the Chair of This Committee and the Chair(s) of the appropriate County Committee(s).~~
- h. The Rules Committee of This Committee shall promulgate ADEM Procedures governing the organization and conduct of the Election Meetings, ~~including the election of 14 delegates to This Committee as set forth in Article II, Section 5, and one representative to the Executive Board, as set forth in Article VII, Section 2(e), which Rules Procedures shall include, a process for applying as a candidate for delegate, including an opportunity to indicate a willingness to serve as Representative to the Executive Board if elected as provided in Section 1(j)(1) below~~ ~~for candidates for delegate and for candidates for Representative to the Executive Board,~~ a filing fee of \$30 (which may be waived due to hardship and such waiver shall be available as an option online and on all written forms) for candidates for delegate, a filing period of 30 days which shall start 60 days prior to the date of the first biennial Assembly District Election Meetings and end 30 days after the start of the filing period, and each provide for the posting of eligible candidate names (to be updated no less than once per week starting with the opening of the filing period) on the Party's website, along with statements by the candidates, with the proviso that such statements be no longer 2400 characters and shall not mention the name of any other candidate. Statements shall be published as submitted; no additions, corrections, or other edits shall be made once submitted. Candidate may also provide a link to a video campaign statement as long as such statement does not mention the name of any other candidate.

i. Post-ADEM Procedures:

- (1) When the time for balloting has ended according to the ADEM Procedures, the Convener shall proceed to count the number of ballots (but not the votes) according to the ADEM Procedures. Upon conclusion of the election conducted pursuant to the previous paragraph, the Convener shall immediately transmit by telephone, fax or e-mail to the Chair of This Committee (or their designee) the number of ballots, names and titles of those elected. The ballot box shall be sealed with the voted ballots, blank ballots and all supporting materials, and delivered to one or more addresses designated by the Chair of This Committee.
- (2) Upon receipt of the ballot boxes, and after a process to verify participant eligibility is completed, The Chair of This Committee (or his designee) shall cause the eligible ballots to be counted and shall publicize the results on the CDP's website. The Chair shall then start the process of offering the position of Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board to the appropriate persons as provided in subsection (j)(1) below. Upon acceptance of the position, those persons' names shall also be so publicized. Within 72 hours of the conclusion of the election conducted pursuant to the previous paragraph, the Convener shall transmit to the Chair of This Committee various materials as detailed in the procedures governing the conduct of the Election Meeting, including but not limited to the sign in sheet listing the participants in the Election Meeting, the election results, the ballots, a copy of the list of the persons expressing willingness to assume district level or other responsibilities and of the responsibility each person agreed to assume, and whatever dues are collected at the Election Meeting.
- 3) Failure by the Convener to return the materials referred to in the previous paragraph shall result in the withholding of that Convener's credential to, or ability to register for, any meeting of This Committee and its Executive Board for the remainder of the term, until such time as the Chair of This Committee certifies that the materials have been returned as required or upon the Chair's finding of good cause, waives same.

j. Assembly District Representatives to the State Executive Board:

- (1) An Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board shall be chosen at each Assembly District Election Meeting as follows: after the results are finalized, from among those persons who will be delegates (resident in the respective Assembly District) to the forthcoming biennial convention of This Committee by virtue of being a member of This Committee pursuant to Article II, Section 2b, 2d, 2e; Article II, Section 3; or Article II, Section 5. In the event that no qualified candidate is elected at an Assembly District Election Meeting, then the highest vote-getting candidate from among those who both won a seat as a delegate and had indicated their willingness to serve as the Executive Board representative at the time of the filing of their candidate application (for the purpose of this paragraph, "E-Board Candidates") for Assembly District Representative shall be provided the opportunity to serve as Executive Board Representative if that person so chooses. If that person declines to serve as

Executive Board Representative, then the opportunity shall be offered to each E-Board candidate in the order of votes received. Any ties shall be resolved by methods provided in the ADEM Procedures. If all E-Board candidates decline the opportunity, then a caucus of those members of This Committee ~~from the resident in the Assembly District as described above (except those elected by a county committee pursuant to Article II, section 4)~~, shall meet at the next meeting of This Committee to elect an Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board, ~~who must be qualified under the same criteria as used for direct election at the Assembly District Election Meeting.~~

- (2) In the event that an Assembly District has not been represented at two successive meetings of the Executive Board, the Representative shall be subject to removal from the board upon notification of the Regional Director in whose region the Assembly District is contained.
- (3) In the event of a subsequent vacancy of the office of Assembly District Representative to the State Executive Board (either by operation of this subsection j(2) or otherwise), the Regional Director for the applicable Assembly District shall call a public meeting of the members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District, who shall fill the vacancy from among those persons enumerated in paragraph (1) of this subsection j. This meeting shall be called with at least 10 days notice to the members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District. For the purpose of this meeting only, a quorum shall be 5 (five) members of This Committee resident in the Assembly District. Once the vacancy is filled, the person who called the meeting to fill the vacancy shall notify, in writing, the State Chair of the Party of the selection made pursuant to this subdivision.

Part 2: revise Article XII, Section 2, (e), (1) to read:

ARTICLE XII: COMPLIANCE REVIEW COMMISSION AND CONDUCT COMMISSION

All appeals of decisions of the Compliance Review Commission subject to appeal must be received by the Secretary of This Committee, with copies to the Chair of This Committee, within twelve (12) days of the decision of the Compliance Review Commission. Upon receipt of an appeal, the Secretary shall notify the members of the Compliance Review Commission, the Chair of This Committee, and the prevailing parties of the receipt of an appeal. All responses shall be filed with the Secretary of This Committee with copies to the Chair of This Committee, the members of the Compliance Review Commission and the appellants, within 12 days of receipt of the appeal by the Secretary of This Committee.

Part 3: STRIKE Article XIII, Section 9 a and b and substitute as follows:

ARTICLE XIII: GENERAL POLICIES

Section 9. SECRET BALLOT AND VOTER'S RIGHT TO KNOW

a. The Democratic Party is committed to:

(1) the preservation of the right of the voter to a secret, secure, and counted ballot at the first determining step of the national delegate selection process,

(2) the voter's right to know how their representatives have voted.

b. Based upon Resolution of the DNC Rules Committee adopted on June 23, 1994 no vote by secret ballot may be taken at any meeting of any official Democratic Party body beyond the first determining step at which an individual Democrat expresses their personal and individual preference on an action that constitutes part of the delegate selection process for the Democratic National Convention.

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS ALLOWING FOR MEETINGS OTHER THAN IN PERSON DURING DECLARED EMERGENCIES

ARTICLE V: STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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Section 8: PROCEDURES FOR COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Committee proceedings shall be governed by these bylaws, and when not in conflict therewith, such rules and procedures as may be adopted pursuant to the provisions of these bylaws. Any matter not covered by either these bylaws or said procedures shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

a. Standing Committees, sub-committees thereof, and/or any of its members, may meet in person, by telephone, or by other means of electronic communication.

b. **Except as may be otherwise allowed herein, in** order for a Standing Committee, a sub-committee thereof, or any of its members to meet other than in person, the Chair of This Committee must:

(1) After considering the nature of the meeting, make a determination that allowing it to be conducted other than in person does not impose any undue burden, does not fundamentally alter the nature of the proceeding, and that the need for physical presence is not a paramount component of the meeting, so long as each member can speak and be heard by the other members,

(2) Provide at least seven (7) days notice to all interested persons that proceedings may be conducted other than in person, and

(3) Provide a means for all other interested persons to likewise attend, at least via "listen/view-only" mode.

- c. **Except as may be otherwise allowed herein, rules** ~~Rules~~ allowing for meetings of standing committees and subcommittees other than in person, shall only apply to such meetings that are not concurrent with a Convention or Executive Board meetings of This Committee.

ARTICLE VI: ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ELECTION MEETINGS

Section 1. ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ELECTION MEETINGS

- a. **Except as may be otherwise allowed herein, regular** ~~Regular~~, biennial Assembly District Election Meetings shall be held within each Assembly District in the State:

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Section 4. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- a. **Except as may be otherwise allowed herein,**~~The the~~ Executive Board . . . [continue with rest of subsection].

ARTICLE XII: COMPLIANCE REVIEW COMMISSION AND CONDUCT COMMISSION

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Section 3. CONDUCT COMMISSION

a. COMPOSITION

The Conduct Commission shall consist of five (5) individuals, who need not be members of This Committee, but must be registered Democrats. Members shall include at least two (2) members who are experts in the prevention of sexual harassment and at least one (1) member who has substantial experience in representing complainants. **The Conduct Commission may meet by telephone or other means of electronic communication.**

ARTICLE XIV: ELECTRONIC NOTICE AND OTHER THAN IN-PERSON MEETINGS

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Section 3. Other Than In-Person Meetings:

- a. It is the express preference of This Committee that meetings should, when possible, be held in person; however, notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, the Chair of This Committee may, in the event of:
- (1) the existence of official government orders prohibiting or limiting the gathering of persons, or,
 - (2) a finding of similarly extraordinary circumstances by the Chair of This Committee with the concurrence of 2/3rds of the State Officers of This Committee, as defined in Article III, Section 4, a,
- allow for any meeting of This Committee or its constituent parts to be conducted, by appropriate remote communications technologies provided that the Chair of This Committee shall assure full and fair access to the meeting by the members of This Committee and all members of the Democratic Party consistent with the provisions of Article XIII of these bylaws and the Policy Statement By the Rules Committee of the California Democratic Party on the Open Meeting Rule. Any such determination shall be final.
- b. Nothing herein shall preclude the individual chairing/presiding at the meeting from using technology restricting the opportunity to speak to those recognized to speak.
- c. This Section is in addition to other sections of these bylaws allowing for Other Than In-Person Meetings.

**Bylaw Amendments Adopted at the Rules Committee Meetings of
August 24, 2019 and November 15, 2019
to be Considered for Adoption at the
CDP's Executive Board Meeting held on July 26, 2020, Virtually via Zoom**

I. Adopted at the Rules Committee meeting held on August 24, 2019

PARTICIPATION BY THOSE INELIGIBLE TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

Amend Article II, Section 1.d as follows:

- d. All members of This Committee must be of voting registration age and be either (i) duly registered members of the Democratic Party of California, or (ii) ineligible to register as Democrats, but have expressed an intent to register as a member of the California Democratic Party upon becoming eligible to do so.

Amend Article II, Sections 11.b as follows:

- b. Any member who fails to pay the prescribed dues maybe removed from This Committee in the manner prescribed in Section 9 of this Article, except that payment of dues shall not be

obligatory for any member who self-identifies and affirms in writing either they are (i) a person to whom ~~it~~ such a payment constitutes an economic hardship or (ii) someone who cannot make such a payment because of an objective impediment to the making thereof.

Amend Article II, Section 11.c as follows:

c. The failure to pay any uniformly imposed fee included in the registration materials for a meeting of This Committee shall preclude the member from being credentialed, but shall not be grounds for removal from membership, except that payment of fees shall not be obligatory for any member who self-identifies and affirms in writing either they are (i) a person to whom ~~it~~ such a payment constitutes an economic hardship or (ii) someone who cannot make such a payment because of an objective impediment to the making thereof.

II. Adopted at the Rules Committee meeting held on November 15, 2019

NUMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

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.

CYD AMBASSADORS

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.