



PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

of the CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Caucus Bylaws

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Article I: Name, Purpose, and Statement of Principles

Section A: Name

The name of the group shall be the Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic Party, hereafter called the Caucus.

Section B: Purpose

1. The purpose of the Caucus is to act as a driving force in helping to enact a more progressive agenda within the Democratic Party for the benefit of all people. We shall work proactively to realize the inclusion of progressive principles in all organizational bodies of the California Democratic Party, especially those that address public policy issues. We shall promote policy and legislation consistent with our principles and support those Democratic Party office holders and officials proposing and carrying out such policies. As part of our effort to revitalize a Democratic Party built on firm progressive principles, we will work to strengthen conditions that make it possible for progressive candidates seeking public office to succeed.
2. Serving as a focal point for progressive Democrats whose interests are priorities for the Caucus, we will participate in efforts both inside and outside the Party to educate and inspire California progressives to join us for the benefit of our collective membership and the Party. In turn, we shall organize and agitate around the issues we collectively agree to pursue as a body by working with other caucuses, clubs, and Democrats both at and in between regularly scheduled meetings of the State Democratic Party. Caucus activities can take many forms and are not limited to forums, programs, projects, direct action, electoral work, lobbying, media outreach, etc. The Caucus will also participate in various outreach programs of the Party including identifying progressive voters and registering them as Democrats.

Section C: Statement of Principles

1. The Caucus believes in the promotion of principle before politics and policy before unquestioning fealty to any individual or organization. We seek to build a movement within the Democratic Party so that we may one day see a government controlled by citizens, a world where the rights of all people are recognized as equal and inalienable, and where social justice paves the way for true peace.
2. Towards that end, we believe:
 - a. in the Constitution of the United States of America and the right of the People to self-government,
 - b. in the restoration of an equal balance of powers between the branches of our Federal government,
 - c. that as the most basic measure of democracy, citizens of voting age have the right to vote and have their vote counted and tangibly proved as cast,
 - d. in the complete separation of Church and State,
 - e. that everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law and are therefore entitled to equal rights and treatment and that no one should be de-

nied these rights because of economic status, class, race, color, creed, age, ethnic identity, ethnicity, national origin, language, culture, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, or disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

3. The Caucus shall publish a Statement of Principles, made a part hereof by this reference. The Progressive Caucus Statement of Principles shall be voted on by the Members, dated and attached to these Bylaws as Appendix A, then posted to the Caucus web site and updated from time to time to reflect evolving issues and topics reflecting the Caucus' fundamental progressive underpinnings and goals as the Caucus may deem appropriate.

Article II: Organization

Section A: Relationship to Democratic State Central Committee

1. The Caucus is a "Special Group Caucus" within the California Democratic Party State Central Committee (DSCC).
2. Failure to comply with Section IX, subsections 1-5 of the DSCC Bylaws may subject the Caucus to decertification by DSCC.

Section B: Rules

1. These Bylaws shall govern the organization, operation, and functions of the Caucus.
2. The Caucus shall operate within the Bylaws of the DSCC. In case of conflict, the Bylaws of the DSCC shall prevail.
3. As the Caucus has a membership where members only represent themselves, the of use secret ballots is allowed in General Membership proceedings.

Section C: Membership

1. Membership and full voting rights shall be open to all registered Democrats who meet these membership requirements:
 - a. The individual is a registered California Democrat,
 - b. Indicates, at the time of their joining, support of the Purpose and Statement of Principles of the Caucus as stated in Article I above,
 - c. Pays the dues in effect at the time the individual joins the Caucus or has them waived, and
 - d. Agrees to the terms of these Bylaws.
2. Removal of Members
 - a. A member may be removed from membership for:
 - i. Non-payment of dues,
 - ii. Member affiliates with or registers as a member of another party, or
 - iii. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board Members, hereafter called the Board,

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4 in attendance at any Board meeting as set forth in paragraph b. below if, during his/her
term of membership, said Member:

- 5 A. Violates these Bylaws,
6 B. Publicly avows preference for another party,
7 C. Causes harm to the reputation and/or financial standing of the Caucus,
8 D. Publicly gives support to or avows a preference for a candidate nominated by an-
other party, or
9 E. In any way causes harm or disruption to the Caucus by acting in a manner con-
trary to the stated goals and principles of the Caucus.

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11 b. In the event the removal is for reasons stated in Art II, Sec C, a, iii above, a Member may
be removed by the following procedure:
- 12 i. Written charges brought by no fewer than ten (10) Members of the Caucus, or by a
13 minimum of three (3) Members of the Board shall be submitted to the Chair who will
14 notify the accused Member, and all members of the Board, of the charges. The Board
15 shall then determine whether the charges and the evidence supporting the charges are
16 sufficient to justify proceeding against the Member.
- 17 ii. If the Board finds, after a review, study and evaluation of evidence, that the evidence is
18 insufficient to warrant or justify proceedings, the charges shall be dismissed by the
19 Board.
- 20 iii. If the Board finds, after a review, study and evaluation of evidence, that the evidence is
21 sufficient to warrant or justify proceedings against the accused Member, the Board
22 shall hold a hearing, after due and timely Notice, to conduct a fact-finding hearing of
23 the charges and the written response of the accused.
- 24 iv. Witnesses for both the accuser and the accused may give testimony at the hearing.
- 25 v. The hearing may be in person or by telephone conference or some combination
26 thereof, as determined by the Board.
- 27 vi. After submission of all the evidence and the proper deliberations thereon, the Board
will make ultimate resolution of the dispute.
- 28 vii. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Board members present and voting shall be required
to remove the Member charged.
- viii. If either party to the dispute is dissatisfied with the resolution of the dispute by the
Board, he/she may appeal the decision of the Board to the full Caucus. Such appeal
must be made in writing to the Board and lodged within fifteen (15) days of the deci-
sion being appealed. The appeal will be heard at the next Caucus meeting more than
thirty (30) days after the Notice of Appeal.
- ix. If the decision of the Board is appealed to the full Caucus, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of

those Caucus Members present and voting shall be required to overrule the decision of the Board. Any Caucus vote less than the required two-thirds (2/3) will be deemed an affirmation of the decision of the Board. No further appeal can or may be made from the decision of the Caucus in such matters.

Section D: Finance

1. Raising and disbursement of funds

The Caucus neither raises nor disburses funds other than nominal dues and standard or routine costs of meetings and events, which shall be promptly accounted for and processed according to rules promulgated by the DSCC Finance Committee.

2. Dues

- a. Dues shall be as follows, exclusive of processing fees, if any, set by the CDP from time to time, or more or less as later set by the Board, at its discretion, with Notice to the Members.
 - i. Regular Member: Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25)
 - ii. Student/Low-Income Member: Fifteen Dollars (\$15)
 - iii. Sustaining Member: Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$99)
- b. Financial Hardships may only be requested at a regular meeting of the Caucus. Any individual claiming financial hardship may have their dues waived at the discretion of the Chair and/or a majority vote of the Board members present when the request is made.
- c. Dues are renewable each year on or before the Caucus membership meeting held at the annual convention and the period covered will begin the day of payment and expire prior to the opening of the Caucus membership meeting in the following year. Dues may be paid for the following year beginning at the last E-Board meeting of any year. Multiple years may be paid in advance at the discretion of the Board.

Article III: Officers

Section A: Officers

1. The Officers of the Caucus shall be:

- a. One (1) Chair
- b. Three (3) Vice-Chairs
 - i. One (1) Northern Vice Chair

Northern Region shall consist of Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trin-

ity, Yolo, and Yuba Counties.

ii. One (1) Central Vice Chair

Central Region shall consist of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne Counties.

iii. One (1) Southern Vice Chair

Southern Region shall consist of Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura Counties.

c. One (1) Secretary

d. One (1) Treasurer

e. One (1) Parliamentarian

f. One (1) Communications and Media Officer

g. Two (2) Officers at Large

2. The Chair must be a member of the DSCC and shall be the DSCC Executive Board Representative of the Caucus.

Section B: Duties of Officers

1. Chair: The Chair shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer and official voice of the Caucus, and shall carry out the purpose of the Caucus. The Chair's responsibilities shall also include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Presiding over regular meetings of the Caucus Membership and E-Board;
 - b. Communicating to the Membership via newsletter no less than Quarterly; and
 - c. Upholding the responsibilities prescribed to Caucus Chairs in the DSCC bylaws.
2. Vice Chairs: The Vice-Chairs shall assist the Chair in carrying out the Chair's duties and serve as Senior Representatives in their respective regions. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Upon the Chair's absence, one of the Vice Chairs, selected by the Chair on an ad-hoc basis, shall serve as Chair pro-tem;
 - b. Responsibility for overseeing and organizing their respective Regions as set forth in these Bylaws. Organizing activities shall include, but not be limited to, communication, outreach, education, advocacy for issues, projects and campaigns promoted by the Caucus;
 - c. Appointing leaders in their Regions based on Counties or Assembly Districts to act as point persons for communicating events and actions to and from the Caucus, and to assist in duties as deemed necessary by the Chair.
 - d. Reporting activities in their Regions to the Board at least once a month and to their Regional Members at all Membership meetings.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of the meetings of the Caucus and the Executive Board and shall maintain current lists of Caucus members. The

Secretary shall also serve as the Caucus Historian being responsible for archiving documents and actions of the Caucus including minutes and agendas of meetings, rules of order and standing resolutions. The Secretary shall be responsible for Caucus correspondence including official Caucus communications by email and U.S. Postal mail. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be responsible for member registration at conventions and E-board meetings.

4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall take custody of and account for all funds raised by the Caucus consistent with the procedures of the DSCC and shall submit budgets and financial reports as required by the bylaws of the Caucus and the DSCC. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be responsible for member registration at conventions and E-board meetings.
5. Parliamentarian: Except as specifically stated herein in Article VI, Section A, 1, the Parliamentarian is the authority for issues of procedure, especially with respect to Roberts Rules of Order and disputes over motions, priority, etc. The Parliamentarian shall be a Member of and serve as Chair of the Progressive Caucus Bylaws Committee.
6. Communications and Media Officer: Shall maintain the Caucus website, moderate and maintain the Caucus Listservs and send out Press Releases as required. The Communications and Media Officer shall maintain a list of contact information for media contacts and elected officials. The Communications and Media Officer shall also be responsible for Caucus communication of Official Caucus business with social media channels.
7. Officers at Large: The Officers at Large shall have such duties as the Board shall from time to time assign.

Section C: Election of Officers

1. All Officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the Membership Meeting of the Caucus held at the State Convention in odd numbered years.
2. Those who wish to run for office must be Members in good standing of the Caucus defined as meeting the criteria outlined in Article II, Section C, of these Bylaws for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election and must file Notice of their intent to run for office in writing by email to the Board at as noted on the Caucus web site and other official communications, or by U.S. Postal Mail to the Secretary of the Board at the mailing address noted on the Caucus web site in either case not later than thirty (30) days prior to the election. Late nominations, including nominations from the floor, shall be accepted only if no timely Notices of intent to run for a particular office have been filed, or all those who have timely filed have either withdrawn their nominations or have failed to appear in person.
3. Candidates for office must complete an Officer Candidate Application and agree to the requirements of the position and of the terms of all Officers as are set forth under Article III in these Bylaws. Candidates must also sign a Confidentiality Agreement, attached hereto as Appendix B, and made a part hereof by this reference, to be provided along with each Candidate Application. The Candidate Application and Confidentiality Agreement must be provided to a candidate within 10 days of receiving that Candidate's intent to run.
4. Candidates for office may only file for one position.

5. Those who wish to vote in the Officer elections must be Members in good standing, defined as meeting the criteria outlined in Article II, Section C, of these Bylaws, at the time specified for voting.

6. The Board shall send a reminder to the membership of the approaching filing deadline not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the election.

Section D: Term of Office and Vacancies

1. The term of office shall be for two years or until a successor is elected.
2. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Caucus Chair and ratified by a majority vote of all Officers present and voting until a vote by the membership can be held to fill the vacancy at the next scheduled Caucus Meeting providing the requirement for sufficient Notice has been met as set forth in these Bylaws.

Section E: Executive Board

1. Attendance:

- a. Attendance at all scheduled Board meetings and Caucus Membership meetings whether in person or via other conferencing technologies is required of all Officers except by prior approval of the Chair and/or Board.
- b. If a Board member has a genuine conflict and has notified the Chair at least 48 hours in advance, an absence may be excused upon review and approval of the Chair and the Board.
- c. In the case of an emergency where the Officer is unable to notify the Chair of an absence in advance, all efforts should be made to notify as soon as possible.

2. Removal of Officers:

- a. An Officer may be removed from office for cause for any of the following reasons by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, excluding the Officer who is subject to the removal vote or, if appealed, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership in attendance at any scheduled Caucus Membership meeting if, during his/her term of office, said Officer:
 - i. Violates, or fails to perform the duties of the office or fulfill responsibilities under these Bylaws or the Bylaws of the DSCC;
 - ii. Causes harm to the reputation and/or financial standing of the Caucus;
 - iii. Publicly avows preference for another political party;
 - iv. Publicly gives support to or avows a preference for a candidate nominated by another political party;
 - v. Engages in conduct or behavior that would cause embarrassment, demeans or damages the reputation of the Caucus; or
 - vi. In any way causes harm or disruption to the Caucus, or by acting in a manner contrary to the stated goals of the Caucus.
- vii. Threatens, assaults, stalks or incites as defined by applicable California and U.S. law or

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3 otherwise causes physical harm or harassment to another officer or other Caucus
4 member.

- 5 b. Procedure for Removal by Vote: In the event the removal is for reasons stated in section a.
6 above, an officer may be removed by the following procedure.
- 7 i. A petition may be brought by no fewer than ten (10) Members of the Caucus, or by a
8 minimum of three (3) members of the Board shall be submitted to the Chair, or the
9 Chair Pro Tem in the case of the Chair being the accused Officer, who will notify all
10 members of the Board, including the accused Officer, of the charges. The Board, ex-
11 cluding the Officer who is subject to a removal vote, shall then determine whether the
12 charges and the evidence supporting the charges are sufficient to justify proceeding
13 against the Officer.
- 14 1. If the Board finds, after a review, study and evaluation of evidence, that the evi-
15 dence is insufficient to warrant or justify proceedings, the charges shall be dis-
16 missed by the Board and no further action will be taken regarding this matter.
- 17 2. If the Board finds, after a review, study and evaluation of evidence, that the evi-
18 dence is sufficient to warrant or justify proceedings against the accused Officer,
19 the Board shall hold a hearing, after due and timely Notice, to conduct a fact-
20 finding hearing of the charges and the written response of the accused.
- 21 a. Witnesses for both the petitioner(s) and the respondent(s)
22 may give testimony at hearing.
- 23 b. The hearing may be in person or via other conferencing technologies.
- 24 c. After submission of all the evidence and the proper deliberations thereon, the
25 Board will make ultimate resolution of the dispute.
- 26 d. A two-thirds (2/3) vote, of those Board members present and voting shall be
27 required to remove from office the Officer charged.
- 28 e. An officer removed for cause is ineligible for reelection or reappointment to the
Board for a minimum of the remainder of the current term. After this minimum
requirement has been met, eligibility may be restored by a two-thirds (2/3)
voter of the Board.
- c. If either party to the dispute is dissatisfied with the resolution of the dispute by the
Board, he/she may appeal the decision of the Board to the full Caucus pursuant to Article
III, Section E.2.e, below An Officer will be automatically removed from office if, during
his/her term of office, said Officer:
- i. Ceases to be a registered Democrat;
- ii. Fails to pay Caucus membership ;
- In the event of non-payment of Caucus dues, the Secretary shall notify the Officer of a
lapse by email and U.S. Postal Mail and the lapsed Officer shall be allowed thirty (30)
days after Notice to remedy non-payment of dues or file for economic hardship. If the

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4 Board receives no response to the Notice, the Secretary shall certify that a Notice had
5 been sent and not responded to, and that therefore, the fact of non-payment of Cau-
6 cus dues is certified. Non-payment of Caucus membership dues shall constitute
7 automatic removal from office and require no further action, save for the cases
8 of economic hardship; or

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iii. Has excessive unexcused absences.

A. For purposes of determining absence, Board meetings must be Noticed a mini-
mum of ten (10) days in advance unless Notice is waived by the Officers.

Three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from scheduled and Noticed
Board meetings, whether in person or via other conferencing technologies,
and/or from scheduled and Noticed Caucus Membership Meetings, or any com-
bination thereof, shall be considered voluntary resignation and constitute
automatic removal from office with no further action required.

B. Eight (8) absences from any scheduled and Noticed meetings of the Board or the
Caucus Membership in any twelve (12) month period whether consecutive or
not and whether excused or not shall also constitute voluntary resignation
and require no further action. This rule may be waived on an individual
case-by-case basis by unanimous vote of the remaining members of the Board.
The Caucus Secretary shall certify non-attendance. The Board shall make all rea-
sonable efforts to accommodate all officers when scheduling meetings.

d. Procedure for Removal of Officer due to Absence:

i. The Secretary must give advance Notice to the Officer that their next absence will
result in removal.

ii. Chair announces pending removal into the Minutes at a scheduled meeting of the
Board.

iii. Removal becomes effective upon Notice in the Minutes by the Chair.

iv. Board may waive an automatic removal in the case of absence by unanimous vote
of remaining Board Members present and voting at a scheduled meeting.

e. Appeal to the Membership.

i. Any Officer may appeal the decision of the Board to the full Caucus. Such appeal
must be made in writing to the Board and lodged within fifteen (15) days of the de-
cision being appealed. An appeal from the removal of an officer for reasons other
than for the legal infractions in clause E.2.a.vii., above must be accompanied by the
concurring signatures of ten (10) caucus members none of whom are on the
board. An appeal from the removal of an officer for reasons relating to the legal in-
fractions in clause E.2.a.vii., above must be accompanied by the concurring signa-
tures of twenty five (25) caucus members none of whom are on the board. The ap-
peal will be heard at the next Caucus meeting more than thirty (30) days after the
Notice of Appeal.

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4 ii. If the decision of the Board is appealed to the full Caucus, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
5 those Caucus Members present and voting shall be required to overrule the deci-
6 sion of the Board. Any Caucus vote less than the required two-thirds (2/3) will be
7 deemed an affirmation of the decision of the Board. No further appeal can or may
8 be made from the decision of the Caucus in such matters.

Article IV: Procedures

Section A: Meetings

1. General Membership Meetings

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10 a. All public meetings of the Caucus shall be open, in person, by telephone and/or other
11 conferencing technologies, to all members of the Democratic Party and members of the
12 Press or invited guests regardless of economic status, class, race, color, creed, age, ethnic
13 identity, ethnicity, national origin, language, culture, gender, gender identification, sexual
14 orientation, religion, or disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of
15 1990, and shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly
16 Revised, unless other procedures are specified in these Bylaws.
- 17 b. Caucus meetings shall be held every year at the Convention of the State Democratic Party
18 and during the weekend of the regularly scheduled meetings of the State Party Executive
19 Board and at such other times as the Board may call upon thirty (30) days Notice as set
20 forth in Article IV, Section D of these Bylaws.
- 21 c. A tentative agenda, together with the Minutes of the previous meeting, will be sent to
22 Members and posted to the website and official group discussion list at least ten (10) days
23 prior to any general membership meeting. Email delivery of the Agenda shall be consid-
24 ered sufficient except in the case of Members without email who shall receive the Agenda
25 by U.S. Postal Service mail.

2. Executive Board Meetings

- 26 a. The executive board will meet, at minimum, once every two months.
- 27 b. All executive board meetings require a quorum of officers to be present before official
28 business may be conducted.
- 29 c. Meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone or other conferencing technology.
- 30 d. A tentative agenda must be submitted to the officers no less than five (5) days prior to the
31 executive board meeting. Notwithstanding this provision, irrespective of any shortened
32 notice requirements, no Member will be excluded from attending a Board Meeting except
33 as provided in subsection (e) below. The agenda must be ratified at the start of each
34 board meeting.
- 35 e. In circumstances where the Board deems it necessary, the Board may vote to close the
36 meeting to all non-Officers in matters pertaining to Confidentiality, disciplinary, adminis-
37 trative or privacy concerns; all non-Officers will be temporarily excused from that portion

of the Meeting.

- f. All executive board meetings shall be governed by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, unless other procedures are specified in these Bylaws.
- g. Minutes of the executive board meetings shall be distributed, via email, to the officers by the Secretary no more than five (5) days following each meeting of the executive board.

Section B: Quorum To Do Business

- 1. General Member Meetings: Ten percent (10%) of the voting Members or sixty (60) Members, whichever is less, at all scheduled meetings under Article IV, Section 1 shall be considered a quorum to do business. While the Caucus may meet without a quorum, it may not do official business or take a vote.
- 2. Executive Board Meetings: A majority of the Board Members in good standing must be present at a properly Noticed Meeting to constitute a quorum to conduct business. While the Board may meet without a quorum, it may not do official business or take a vote.

Section C: Amendments and Revisions to Bylaws

- 1. These Bylaws may be amended or revised by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members in good standing who are present and voting at a scheduled Caucus meeting, provided that:
 - a. The amendment or revision meets the requirements of and does not conflict with the Bylaws of the DSCC when, in the case of a conflict, the Bylaws of the DSCC shall prevail;
 - b. A quorum is present; and
 - c. Notice of intent to amend or revise these Bylaws was given to the Membership as set forth in Article IV, Section D of these Bylaws at least thirty (30) days prior, or if the Board certifies an emergency and states the grounds for such certification then at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting where the amendment will be presented to the general membership for approval and that a copy of the proposed changes / amendments is provided with that Notice and at the meeting in which the vote is to take place. An emergency amendment or revision of the Bylaws shall require a supermajority vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of Members in good standing present and voting at the meeting.
- 2. Any Member in good standing may submit a proposal or multiple proposals for Bylaws amendments or revisions. Such proposal(s) for Bylaws amendments or revisions shall be submitted in writing to the Bylaws Committee by way of the Parliamentarian no later than sixty (60) days prior to the membership meeting at which a vote is to be taken. On receipt of the request, the Bylaws Committee will review and make a determination if the proposed amendment should be presented to the membership for a vote.

Section D: Official Notice to Members

- 1. Email delivery shall be considered sufficient Notice for all purposes except in the case of Members without email or Members who have chosen not to receive Notice by email who shall re-

ceive official Notices by First-Class U.S. Postal Service mail.

2. All notices by the Caucus via email will be considered valid if:
 - a. The sender and receiver have both consented, in writing, to sending and receiving notice in this manner;
 - b. The Notice was sent to or from the email address specified when giving consent, or most recent email address specified on a subsequent Notice of Change of Address by sender or receiver; and
 - c. The obligation to inform and procedure for informing of any change in email address has been specified in writing.

Section E: Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees

1. Committees with special and specific duties and responsibilities may be formed by majority vote of the Officers present at any regularly scheduled Board Meeting.
2. There are two types of Committees: Standing Committees and Special Committees:
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. Definition of Standing Committees. Standing Committees are long - term and have a specific set of requirements and responsibilities that may include the assignment of an Officer's responsibilities. The Standing Committees of the Caucus are ByLaws, Resolutions, Program, and such other Committees as the Board may from time-to-time form.
 - ii. Organization and Operation of Standing Committees.
 1. Standing Committees shall be governed by a set of standing rules or agreements. These rules shall govern how the Committee conducts its business, and shall not exceed the authority provided by these Bylaws or those of the DSCC. All standing rules must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
 2. If a Standing Committee is tasked with the responsibilities of an Officer, that Officer shall be a Committee Member or its Chair and is ultimately responsible.
 3. Standing Committees shall maintain minutes of every official meeting, whether in person or over long-distance medium. These minutes shall be submitted to the Caucus Secretary to be stored along with other caucus documents. Minutes shall also serve as written reports to the Executive Board.
 - iii. Dissolution or Termination of Standing Committees. Standing Committees shall be dissolved for one of two reasons. The Committee shall dissolve if the Committee's Membership determines the Committee's purpose has concluded. The Committee shall be terminated upon a simple majority vote of the Executive Board.

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4 b. Ad-Hoc Committees. Special, or Ad-Hoc, Committees have a limited term and have re-
responsibilities over an issue or event that will expire.

5 i. Forming Ad-Hoc Committees

- 6 1. An Ad-Hoc Committee may form if 10 caucus members in good standing
7 come together around a specific, limited-term purpose.
8 2. These members must write and sign onto a formal proposal, for the pro-
9 posed Ad-Hoc Committee, to be sent to the Executive Board. The proposal
10 must include the purpose or mission of the Ad-Hoc Committee, a prelimi-
11 nary strategy and a timeline.
12 3. A current officer must sign onto the formal proposal before being consid-
13 ered by the Executive Board.
14 4. A proposal shall be ratified upon a simple majority vote of the Executive
15 Board.

16 ii. Organization and Operation of Ad-Hoc Committees

- 17 1. The organization and operation of an Ad-Hoc Committee shall be based on
18 the terms laid out in the approved proposal.
19 2. The Sponsoring Officer shall report on Ad-Hoc Committee progress during
20 executive board meetings.
21 3. All official meetings of the Ad-Hoc Committee, whether in person or over
22 other conferencing technologies, must have recorded minutes. These
23 minutes shall be submitted to the Caucus Secretary to be stored along with
24 other caucus documents.

25 iii. Dissolution and Termination of Ad-Hoc Committees. The approximate expiration
26 date shall be determined by the Board when the Committee is formed. Ad-Hoc
27 Committees may be disbanded or extended at any time by a majority vote of the
28 Officers present at any regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

3 3. The Committees will have a Chair who may be elected by the Committee Members and ap-
4 proved by the Board or, at the discretion of the Board, may be appointed by the Board.

5 4. Committee Members must be Members in good standing of the Caucus. Committees will report
6 their status and progress to the Officers on a regular basis.

7 **Section F: Lists, Login Passwords and File Maintenance**

- 8 1. Logins, passwords and any and all other secured information for maintenance of a function of the
9 Caucus shall be maintained by the Chair and Secretary and will be given to Officers or Committee
10 Chairs as needed to fulfill their functions.
11 2. The Officer or Committee Member who maintains the function will be responsible for keeping
12 the Logins and Passwords secure.
13 3. All logins, passwords and any and all other secured information must be shared with the Caucus
14 Secretary and any changes to the information must be reported to the Secretary within 24 hours

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3 of any changes.

- 4 4. The Caucus Secretary must share all login and/or password information with the Caucus Chair
5 and Communications Officers within 24 hours of any changes.
6 5. Caucus files shall be stored on a medium that is simultaneously accessible to all authorized caucus members.

7 **Article V. Endorsements and Resolutions**

8 **Section A: Endorsements**

9 The Caucus, as a body constituted within the California Democratic Party and subject to its Bylaws,
10 shall make no independent endorsement of any candidate for public office unless that candidate
11 has been endorsed by the CDP through its endorsement process. This shall not bind any Member
12 of the Caucus from making an individual public endorsement of any candidate, whether endorsed
or not endorsed by the Party. Members of the Caucus who are also members of the DSCC should
take note of Article II, Section 9 of the DSCC Bylaws before acting in reliance upon the permissions
granted herein by the Caucus so far as its authority extends.

13 **Section B: Resolutions**

14 1. Introduction of Resolution

- 15 a. The following shall govern the submission of resolutions:
16 i. All resolutions must be typed.
17 ii. Proposed resolution must be provided to the Chair at least twenty-one (21) days in advance
18 of the meeting at which it is to be considered. Submission may be made via
email or postal mail.
19 iii. Whereas clauses must be limited to three or less and resolved clauses to two or less. iv.
All resolutions must contain an "action clause" indicating the action requested.
20 b. The Board shall:
21 i. Consider only those resolutions submitted by a Member in good standing of the Caucus.
22 ii. Combine similar resolutions by re-writing.
23 iii. Reject resolutions which repeat past positions unless substantially new actions are
24 proposed.
25 iv. Only consider for endorsement state and local ballot measures qualified for the ballot
by the appropriate qualifying authority.
26 iv. Notice the membership not less than seven (7) days prior to the membership meeting
27 where the resolution will be presented for a vote as set forth in Article IV, Section D of
these Bylaws. Notice shall include a full copy of the resolution to be proposed.
28 c. Except upon two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board, the Board shall not consider any
resolutions not in conformity with the foregoing rules.
d. Except as otherwise provided below, a resolution must first be presented to the Board.

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4 e. For a resolution to be brought up directly on the floor of a Caucus meeting it must be signed by twenty-five (25) Members in good standing.

5 2. Passage of Resolution

- 6 a. A resolution approved by the Board shall be brought up automatically for consideration as part of the Board Report at the next meeting of the Caucus.
7 b. A resolution not approved by the Board must meet the same signature requirements as one coming directly to the floor. These resolutions shall be considered during presentation of the report of the Board at the next meeting of the Caucus.
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9 c. No resolution shall be passed except upon sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote by Members in good standing present and voting at a scheduled Caucus meeting.
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11 **Article VI. Interpretation of Bylaws**

12 **Section A: Questions Regarding Interpretation**

- 13 1. Questions of interpretation of these Bylaws arising other than in the course of the meeting or requiring resolution during the course of the meeting may be appealed in writing to the Board who shall render its decision. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Board in such matters.
14 2. Questions of interpretation of these Bylaws requiring resolution at a meeting may be appealed orally or in writing to the Parliamentarian. Any requests for amendment or revision of these Bylaws must be presented as set forth in Article IV, Section C, of these Bylaws.
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16 **Section B: Decisions Regarding Interpretation**

17 Decisions of the Board concerning interpretation of these Bylaws may be appealed to the membership whose decision shall be final. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Members in good standing present and voting is required to overturn the decision of the Board. No further appeal can or may be made from the decision of the Caucus in such matters.
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20 **Article VII. Anti-Discrimination Provisions**

21 The Caucus is committed to non-discrimination on the basis of economic status, class, race, color, creed, age, ethnic identity, ethnicity, national origin, language, culture, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, religion, or disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or any other factor unrelated to membership and the mission of the Caucus. Any conduct by any official or official body of the Caucus contrary to this non-discrimination commitment should immediately be brought to the attention of the Board.
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24 **Article VIII. Previous Bylaws**

25 Any and all constitutions and/or Bylaws heretofore governing this Caucus are hereby superseded by these Bylaws.
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Certification of Caucus Officers

We, the Officers of the Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic Party, hereby adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of Sixteen (16) pages, as the Bylaws of this caucus:

_____ Mike Thaller: Chair	_____ Samantha Farmer: Communications and Media
_____ Vincent Casalaina: Vice Chair, North	_____ Blake Hooper: Parliamentarian
_____ Judy Hess: Vice Chair, Central	_____ Ahjamu Makalani: Officer at Large
_____ Susie Shannon: Vice Chair, South	_____ Dorothy Reik: Officer at Large
_____ Ralph Miller: Secretary	_____ Mike Goldman: Treasurer

Dated: June 18, 2016