



DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE PARTY?

“Election by election, state by state, precinct by precinct, door by door, vote by vote.... we’re going to lift our Party up and take this country back for the people who built it.” - Gov. Howard Dean, Chair, Democratic National Committee.

You don’t have to sit on the sidelines and watch – why not jump on in? You can become actively involved in the California Democratic Party. **And, we need you!!!!**

California Democratic Party - how you might participate?

CADEM Acronyms

The Democratic National Committee is the **DNC**

California Democratic Party is normally referred to as the **CDP or CADEM**

Democratic County Central Committees within California are referred to as **DCC’s**

California’s - Democratic State Central Committee is the **DSCC**

Assembly District Election Meetings are known as **ADEM**

Party Leaders and Elected Officials is denoted by **PLEO**

The role of the Democratic State Central Committee (DSCC) Delegates

The members of the DSCC vote on Party rules, resolutions, candidate and proposition endorsements -- as well as the Party Platform. The Democratic Central Committee sets the direction for the California Democratic Party! The DSCC delegate term is two years.

Delegates attend two annual state conventions during their terms – one convention is referred to as the Resolutions convention and the other is referred to as the Endorsing Convention.

Endorsements by the entire DSCC delegation are confirmed for congressional, state senate and state assembly races, statewide propositions and Regional Directors every two years; for statewide constitutional officers (Governor, Controller, Attorney General, etc.) and for California Democratic Party officers (Chair, Controller, etc.) every four years.

The entire roster of DSCC delegates meet annually at statewide conventions. A sub-set of the membership meets several times a year at Executive Board Meetings to create, develop, discuss and finalize the matters to be brought before the entire DSCC Committee.



DSCC Delegate types: When and how do elections/appointments get made?

There are about 3,700 DSCC delegates, with roughly one-third coming from each of the delegate types below:

Delegate Type	Timing of Elections or Appointments, etc.
Assembly District delegates	<p>Assembly District elections are held in each Assembly District in January of each odd-numbered year. Any registered Democrat living within the Assembly District (for 2020 you must have been registered in the AD by November 3, 2020) is eligible to apply to be a delegate (for 2020 the filing period closes December 15, 2020 at 5:00pm - of the even numbered year) – to appear on the ballot of the Assembly District Election Meeting (ADEM).</p>
Democratic Central Committee delegates	<p>To become a DSCC delegate through your local County Central Committee, you must first become a member of that County Committee. Once a member, the DSCC delegates from County Central Committees are elected (or selected) by the DCC in accordance with their own county DCC bylaws.</p> <p>DCC’s membership Regular Members (full voting members of the DCC), Alternates (vote in the absences of the Ex-Officio on the DCC) and Associate Members (club presidents chartered by that DCC or otherwise established according to the DCC ‘s own Bylaws – these are not full voting member of the DCC)</p> <p>Usually the election/appointment of DCC member happens anytime from mid-November following the General Election up to the deadline of February 7th or the next business day of the odd-numbered year, normally at the DCC’s Organizational Meeting.</p>
<p>Statewide Constitutional Officers, Legislative Leadership Democratic Party “nominees” or Endorsed Top Dem delegates - and their appointments</p>	<p>If <u>no</u> Democrat gets through the Primary to the General, then the highest vote getting Democrat in the Primary becomes the Democratic “nominee” and Ex-Officio to the County Committee for that district. The highest vote getting Democrat in the General Election becomes an automatic DSCC member delegate and also gets to appoint DSCC delegates for the term.</p> <p>The elected legislative Leadership in each district (U.S. Senate, Congress, State Senate and Assembly, Board of Equalization) as well as the Statewide Constitutional Officers become automatic delegates to the DSCC and each have a specific number of appointments they can make to the DSCC.</p> <p>Additionally, the current CDP Officers can appoint DSCC delegates. Present State party regional Directors and (immediate past Regional Directors/or State Party Officers), the California DNC delegates, chairs of specific statewide organizations and the four top officers of the California Democratic Council and California Young Democrats each have positions on the DSCC.</p> <p>Every two years, on or before the February 7th deadline or next business day (in the odd-numbered years, these appointments are confirmed and/or amended - depending on the events from the</p>



	previous determining election, <i>i.e.</i> , at a previous CDP convention or Executive Board, the preceding Primary or General Election.
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The specific responsibilities of a delegate are:

- Represent your community by attending or getting a proxy to attend the 2021 and 2022 annual CDP Conventions.
- In 2021, vote for CDP Regional Directors and Resolutions; in 2022, vote for Party endorsements and the Party Platform.
- Pay your annual dues along with convention costs.
- Attend Regional Meetings prior to CDP Executive Board meetings.
- Support the local Party and grassroots networks in your community.