



# 2016 Endorsement Process

**An overview of the California Democratic Party's  
2016 Endorsement Process.**

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  - \* Who can vote, How they vote, Threshold, and Objections.





# 2016 CDP Endorsement Process

## What's New?

- \* In/Out of District
  - \* D701001/F701001
- \* Additional Delegates
  - \* Senate, Assembly, Congress Leaders given +30
  - \* Increased ADEMS by 2 per district
- \* Club Process and Timeline
  - \* Rosters submitted July 1
  - \* CCOs must add definition of 'members in good standing' to by-laws/rules.
  - \* CCOs must have a process in by-laws/rules that governs selection of potential representatives, OR select them at a duly noticed meeting of members in good standing.
- \* Incumbents Automatic
  - \* Assumed endorsed unless objected to.
- \* One Office Maximum
  - \* May only submit form and fee for one office.



# Key Dates 2015-16

**November 20, 2015** - Deadline for CCOs to submit potential representatives to chartering authority and RD.

**December 3, 2015** - DSCC deadline: close of all additions or changes to delegate/endorsement voter lists.

**January 20-21, 2016** - 5:00 pm deadline to file an objection with CDP to object to an incumbents automatic endorsement.

**January 30-31, 2016** - Pre-Endorsement Conferences

**February 16, 2016** - Deadline to file an objection to remove an endorsement recommendation from the consent calendar.

**February 26-28, 2016** - State Convention: Endorsing caucuses as needed.

**March 16, 2016** - Political Party Endorsements deadline to SOS for sample ballot.

**June 7, 2016** - California Primary

**Procedural differences between  
Pre-Endorsement Conference  
& Endorsement Caucus**

| Pre-Endorsement Conf. vs. Endorsement Caucus | Pre-Endorsement Conference  | Endorsement Caucus   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Who Can Vote?</b>                         | DSCC, DCC (not DSCC), and Club Reps   | DSCC   |
| <b>How Can They Vote?</b>                    | In Person or VBM  | In Person or By Proxy  |
| <b>Threshold?</b>                            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 70%-directly to consent calendar</li> <li>2. At least 50%- goes to caucus</li> <li>3. Below 50%-no endorsement</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 60% for non-incumbent to reach consent calendar</li> <li>2. Majority % for incumbent to reach consent calendar</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Object Before?</b>                        | 20% of voting participants 10 days prior to pre-endorsing conf. - Incumbent   | 20% of DSCC (only) within relevant district or Statewide 10 days prior to Convention   |
| <b>Object After?</b>                         | Refer to  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For those who receive 2/3 + of vote-objections go to PERC</li> <li>2. For those who receive less than 2/3-300 signatures needed to object, then goes to floor vote.</li> </ol> |

**Who Can Vote?**

# Who Can Vote?

## Pre-Endorsement Conferences:

- \* DSCC- delegates registered in a given district by the December 3rd deadline.
- \* DCC members- Regular County Committee members that are *not* DSCC delegates.
- \* Chartered Club/Organization (CCO) Representatives- 1 for every 20 members in good standing, within a given district who vote during the pre-endorsement conferences.

## Endorsement Caucuses:

- \* DSCC members with full voting rights, or their qualified proxies.

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\*This process does not include US Senate endorsements, which will take place during State Convention.

**How Can They Vote?**



# How Can They Vote?

## Pre-Endorsement Conferences:

Voting can be done in person or by vote-by-mail ballot only. All ballots must be received by the Convener prior to the vote for that office.

## Endorsement Caucuses:

Voting can be done in person or by proxy only. VBM is not allowed. All normal guidelines for Proxies exist.

**Threshold?**

# Threshold?

## Pre-Endorsement Conference:

- If 70% or more of vote is received, candidate is added directly to consent calendar.
- If less than 70%, race is voted on during the state convention endorsing caucuses.
- If 50% or less, there is no recommendation.

## Endorsing Caucus:

- If non-incumbent, 60%+ of vote must be reached to be added onto consent calendar.
- If incumbent, only a majority of the vote is needed to be added onto the consent calendar.

# Objections

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## Before Pre-Endorsing Conference:

20% of voting participants (DSCC, DCC, CCOs) can object to an incumbent's automatic addition to consent calendar.

## After Pre-Endorsing Conference:

20% of DSCC in relevant district can submit objection until 10 days prior to State Convention.

## After Endorsing Caucus:

For a candidate who has received  $2/3$  or more of vote, the objection goes to PERC.

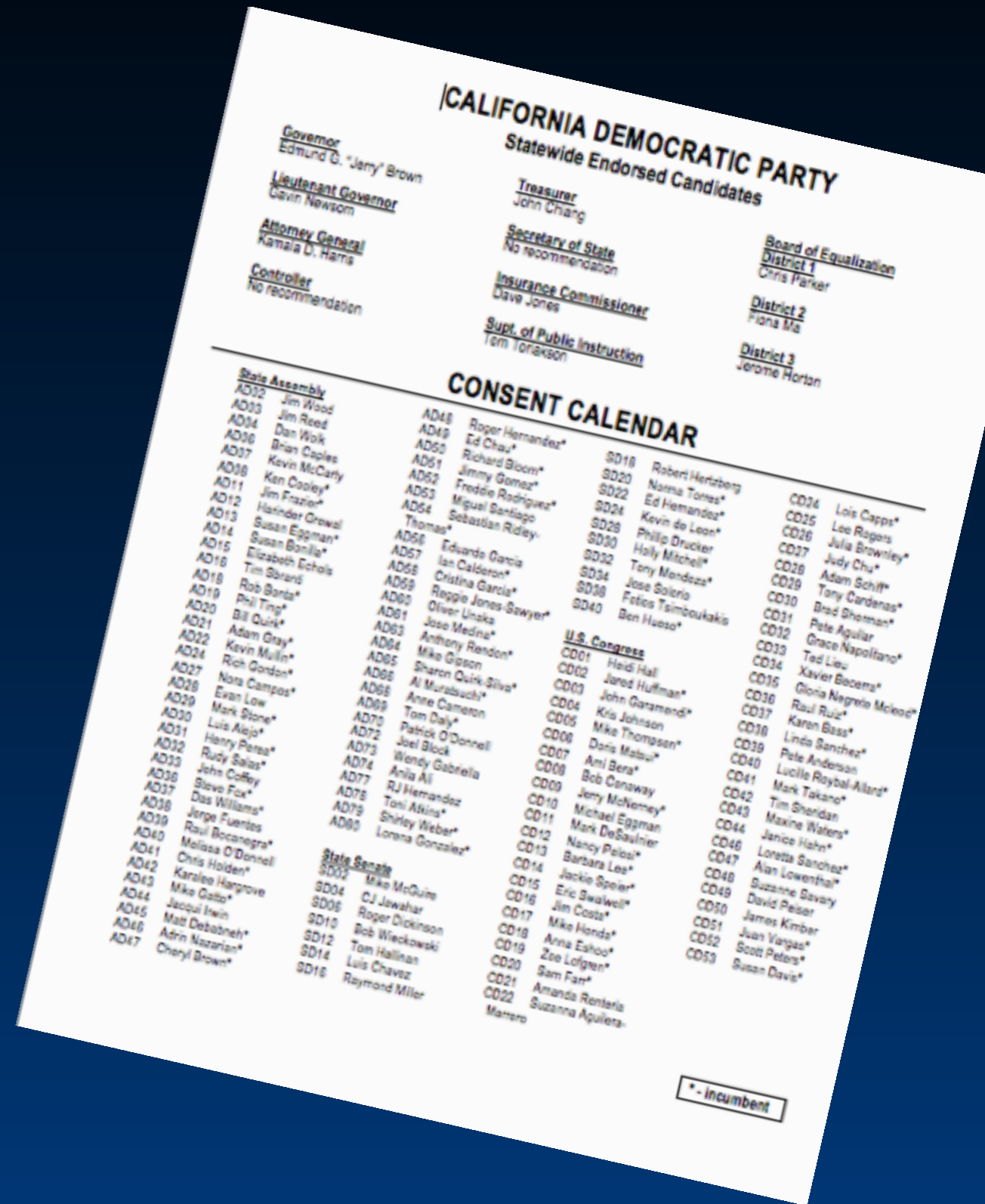
- In order to object, 10 signatures of those in the relevant AD, or 20 for CD or SD must be gathered.
- Pre-Primary Endorsement Review Committee is made up of all members of the Eboard registered in the relevant district, the statewide officers, Regional Director(s) of the relevant district, and two Eboard members appointed by the Chair from Rules, Credentials, and Voter Services Committees.

For a candidate who has received less than  $2/3$  of vote, the objection goes to the floor.

- To object, 300 signatures of credentialed DSCC members are needed.

# Consent Calendar

- \* Those candidates that have been recommended for endorsement through either the Pre-Endorsement Conference or Endorsing Caucus will be added to the Consent Calendar.
- \* The Consent Calendar is ratified by the Convention body on Sunday.
- \* Any recommendations which are pulled off the Consent Calendar either by PERC or 300 signatures will be voted on prior to ratification of the Consent Calendar.





# Q&A

