



El Cerrito Democratic Club

Newsletter – February 2022

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1. ECDC General Membership Meetings – 4th Tuesday of the Month

The El Cerrito Democratic Club (ECDC) provides a forum for area residents to discuss and take action on issues and campaigns of local, national, and international importance. Our general membership meetings are open to all and held on the fourth Tuesday of each month except October and December, when we typically have our annual dinner and holiday party.

The ECDC and its activities are supported by the annual dues of its members. See section “10. Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions” towards the end of this newsletter for directions on how to join the ECDC or renew your membership for 2022.

In light of health and safety concerns around COVID-19, meetings are currently held via Zoom, with the agenda and Zoom link (<http://tiny.cc/ECDCMembershipMeeting>) published in each month’s newsletter. While safety precautions prevent us from meeting in person, we encourage you to join the Zoom call a few minutes early to mix-and-mingle with fellow ECDC members.

- William Ktsanes

2. Agenda and NEW Zoom Link for the Tuesday, February 22nd ECDC General Membership Meeting

NEW Link to Join the ECDC Zoom Meeting: <http://tiny.cc/ECDCMembershipMeeting>

Zoom Meeting ID: 843 0378 5299; Passcode: 111652

One tap mobile: +16699006833,,84303785299# or +14086380968,,84303785299#

Dial in by phone: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968

Agenda

6:20 pm – Assemble and Mingle

6:30 pm – Call to Order

6:35 pm – Approve Minutes from the January 2022 Meeting (**Action Item**)

6:39 pm – Officer Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Programs, Publications, Media, Records

6:45 pm – DPCCC Report

6:50 pm – ECDC Diversity Committee Report

7:00 pm – Candidate Introductions

7:40 pm – ECDC 2022 Annual Calendar

7:55 pm – Good of the Order

8:00 pm – Adjourn

3. Minutes from the January 25, 2022 General Membership Meeting

6:25 pm – ECDC General Membership Meeting assembled and mingled

6:35 pm – President Greg Lyman called the meeting to Order

Present on Zoom: Attendees numbered seventeen at the start of the meeting and ten others joined later; quorum confirmed by Neil Tsutsui, VP Membership.

Minutes

November 23, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes presented; motion to approve presented by Janet Abelson; seconded by Betty Brown; passed unanimously.

(As there was no ECDC meeting in December, there were no December minutes to approve.)

Officer Reports

Treasurer: No report; Kathy Fleming, the ECDC's 2021 VP Treasurer, resigned as Treasurer effective tonight with the election of new officers for 2022; Ed Crowley was newly-elected as the 2022 VP Treasurer.

Membership: Neil Tsutsui (VP Membership) reported that the ECDC has 48 paid members as of January 2022; provided reminder that members must to renew their membership for 2022 by February 8 in order to vote in the March 25th endorsement forum.

Programs: Carolyn Wysinger (VP Programs) announced that at the February meeting there will be a forum for local and state candidates to introduce themselves.

Publications: William Ktsanes (VP Publications) was traveling internationally with sporadic Internet access and unable to join the meeting, however he extends an on-going invitation for ECDC members to submit articles of local interest for the monthly ECDC Newsletter.

Media: Madeline Kronenberg (VP Media) reported that the ECDC website and Facebook page are both up-and-running without problems.

Records: Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch (VP Records) resigned effective tonight with the election of new officers for 2022; Jonee Grassi was newly-elected as the 2022 VP Records and ECDC Secretary.

Democratic Party of Contra Costa County Report (DPCCC)

Champagne Brown reported that with redistricting Congressional District 8 is El Cerrito and Richmond's newly-drawn district and will no longer be represented by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier. The deadline for candidates to file for the June election is in early March.

ECDC Diversity Committee Report

Y'Anad Burrell reported that the next book to be reviewed will be We Are Better Than This: My Fight for the Future of Democracy by former Congressman and esteemed civil rights icon Elijah Cummings (1951-2019). The next Diversity Committee meeting will be Sunday, February 27, from 4 pm to 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Program (Annual Business Meeting)

Discuss/Adopt Revised Standing Rules on Endorsement Procedures: Greg Lyman presented the changes requested by the Executive Board to these procedures. The changes proposed reflect changes made to the Bylaws in January 2021, online voting, recent endorsement processes, and those needed for clarity. A discussion was held about the concerns with keeping access to the ballot open, preventing any fraud in voting when members are not physically present, and whether candidates will appear at ECDC forums if the number of attendees is low. A straw poll was taken with the result that the strongest preference of the group was to require members to register for the Endorsement Forum to be able to receive an electronic ballot.

Action: Motion to adopt the proposed Standing Rules on Endorsement Procedures changes and to send paragraph F. **Selection of Delegates to the Pre-Endorsement Caucus** to a committee to be completed by July 2023 presented by Greg Lyman and seconded by Janet Abelson. Motion passed 16 to 1 with no abstentions.

Propose/Adopt 2022 ECDC Budget: Greg Lyman presented the proposed 2022 budget, with projected income of \$4,765 and projected expense of \$7,866. The starting balance for the year is \$11,191. Ed Crowley proposed increasing the equipment expenditure to \$225 for a timer clock. **Action:** With the increase incorporated, motion to approve the budget presented by Champagne Brown and seconded by Janet Abelson. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominate/Elect ECDC Officers for 2022: Janet Abelson presented the slate of proposed ECDC officers: Greg Lyman, President; Janet Abelson, Past President; Champagne Brown, Executive Vice President; Neil Tsutsui, VP Membership; William Ktsanes, VP Publications; Jonee Grassi, VP Records; Carolyn Wysinger, VP Programs; and Madeline Kronenberg, VP Media. At the meeting, Ed Crowley volunteered to serve as VP Treasurer. For purposes of banking, the President, Past President and Treasurer shall have signatory authority.

Action: Motion to elect the proposed slate with the addition of Ed Crowley presented by Joey Smith and seconded by Chris Peeples. Motion passed and the 2022 ECDC board was elected unanimously.

2022 ECDC Calendar: Moved to the February meeting.

Discuss ECDC Response to CPUC Proposed Changes to Net Metering: Vanessa Warheit presented a letter for the ECDC to consider sending to Governor Newsom opposing the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) proposed changes to net metering, arguing that it amounts to a tax on roof top solar energy. She introduced Crystal Wong of People Power Solar Cooperative and Igor Tregub who spoke about the proposed CPUC changes.

Action: Motion to approve sending the letter to the Governor presented by Betty Brown and seconded by Janet Abelson. After adopting an amendment requested by Cheryl Sudduth to remove a reference to California's being "behind Alabama," the motion passed unanimously. The approved letter is attached to this newsletter as "Appendix A – ECDC Response to the California Public Utilities Commission's Proposed Overhaul of Net Metering."

Good of the Order

Betty Brown proposed supporting the Poor People's Campaign's march on Washington, DC on June 18, 2022. She requested that this announcement be made in next month's (February) newsletter along with an article from her about it.

9:03 pm – Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

- Jonee Grassi, VP Records

4. February Program: Candidate Introductions

In advance of the Endorsement Forum at our General Membership Meeting on March 22, 2022, we have invited candidates to introduce themselves this month. Each candidate will have a few minutes (with the exact time to be established based on the number of candidates that attend) to introduce themselves and their stand on issues.

The Endorsement forum on March 22, 2022 will include questions that all candidates will be asked to answer. Please submit your suggested questions to William Ktsanes (wktsanes@gmail.com) or Greg Lyman (ecdc.pres@gmail.com). Following the Candidate Forum, ballots will be issued to ECDC Members (with dues paid as of February 8, 2022) who registered for the forum.

- Greg Lyman

5. ECDC Officer Election Results

Officer elections for the El Cerrito Democratic Club occur annually every January and were held last month during the ECDC General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 25th.

Congratulations—and ***SPECIAL THANKS***—to our all-volunteer 2022 leadership team!

El Cerrito Democratic Club Officers (2022)

- President – Greg Lyman
- Past President – Janet Abelson
- Executive Vice President – Champagne Brown
- VP Membership – Neil Tsutsui
- VP Treasurer – Ed Crowley
- VP Publications – William Ktsanes
- VP Records – Jonee Grassi
- VP Programs – Carolyn Wysinger
- VP Media – Madeline Kronenberg

The specific duties of officer positions are described in section “VII. Officers” of the Bylaws posted on the ECDC website at <https://ecdclub.org/club-documents/>. For purposes of banking, the President, Past President and Treasurer shall have signatory authority.

If you’re interested in participating more actively in the ECDC, please consider volunteering with the Club. Tasks and projects arise throughout the year; help is always greatly appreciated.

- William Ktsanes

6. Adopted 2022 ECDC Budget and Standing Rule Changes

Based on recommendations from the Executive Board, at the January 25th General Membership Meeting the El Cerrito Democratic Club voted upon and approved a budget for 2022. The budget is attached to this newsletter as “Appendix B – Adopted 2022 ECDC Budget.”

Similarly, based on recommendations from the Executive Board, at the January 25th General Membership Meeting the El Cerrito Democratic Club also voted upon and approved changes to the Standing Rules on Endorsement Procedures. These changes fall into three categories:

- 1) changes to reflect changes made to the Bylaws in January 2021,
- 2) changes to reflect online voting and recent endorsement processes, and
- 3) changes that make the Rules clearer.

The changes are attached to this Newsletter within “Appendix C – Adopted Standing Rules on Endorsement Procedures.”

- Greg Lyman

7. Newly-Drawn Congressional District for El Cerrito

As you may already know and Champagne Brown reported in the January General Membership Meeting, with newly-drawn Congressional districts based on the 2020 US Census, El Cerrito, Richmond and Kensington will no longer be represented by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D).

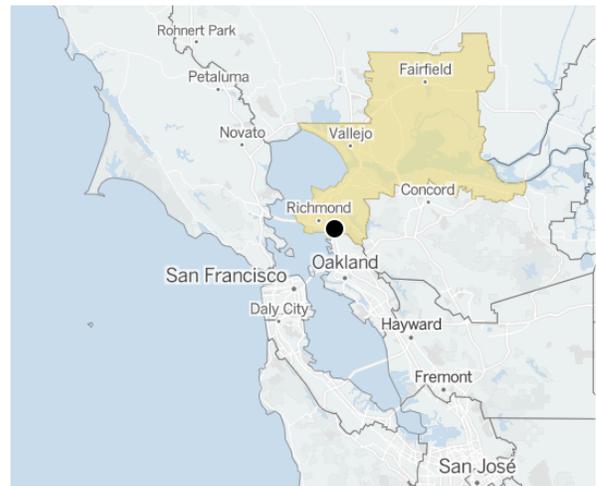
Current Boundaries for CA-11

Represented by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, within the current congressional district 54% of voters are registered as Democrats and 18% as Republican.



Newly-Drawn Boundaries for CA-8

With 2022’s redistricting, El Cerrito, Richmond and Kensington are no longer represented by Congressman DeSaulnier, who lives in Concord. In the newly-drawn district 58% of voters are registered as Democrats and 14% as Republicans.



The Los Angeles Times has provided an informative online map you can use to compare the current and newly-drawn district boundaries encompassing specific cities and addresses:

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/california-congressional-district-map-2021/>.

- William Ktsanes

8. Why Support the 6/18/22 March on Washington?

A “Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly & Moral March on Washington” on June 18, 2022 is being organized by the Poor People’s Campaign (PPC). The original PPC was established by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. in December 1967 and subsequently revived in 2017. ECDC had a presentation on the PPC at our September 2021 meeting. Voter registration and education, particularly in areas where just 2% of poor and low wealth people and their allies are organized, changes the political calculus and can make a significant difference!

The PPC agenda includes cutting military spending in half (\$350 Billion), including nuclear weapons. With continuing growth there are PPC organizations in 45 states with a range of constituencies that include labor unions, faith organizations, anti-poverty, racial justice, environmental and peace groups.

From a still broader perspective many of us believe that it is increasingly clear that multiple crises are confronting us including climate change, rising nuclear tensions, racism, and economic inequality. These arise from the same fundamental causes, and we are unlikely to prevail on any of these as single issues. We need to come together to build political power from the bottom up and this joining has that potential.

Busses are being reserved for the 6/18/22 March on Washington DC and contributions towards these and related costs are welcome. Checks can be sent to their fiscal sponsor and mailed to ETINA (with CA PPC on the memo line), 578 Washington Blvd., #395, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 or online at www.etina.org/CA PPC. I hope you will consider making individual donations and that our ECDC will consider making a club contribution at the February meeting.

- Betty Brown, ECDC Member

9. Future Events – *Mark Your Calendar!*

ECDC February General Meeting – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 22nd (4th Tuesday of the month); remote via Zoom link <http://tiny.cc/ECDCMembershipMeeting>

ECDC March General Meeting – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 22nd (4th Tuesday of the month); primary election endorsement forum; remote via Zoom link <http://tiny.cc/ECDCMembershipMeeting>

ECDC April General Meeting – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 26th (4th Tuesday of the month); remote via Zoom link <http://tiny.cc/ECDCMembershipMeeting>

ECDC Endorsement Forums:

Tuesday, March 22nd – Primary Election

Tuesday, July 26th – Ballot Measure

Tuesday, August 23rd – Run-Off and Local Elections

Election Days

Tuesday, June 7th – Statewide Primary with Contra Costa County and State Offices

Tuesday, November 8th – Run-Off Races, Local Elections and Ballot Initiatives

Special Interest

Saturday, June 18th – Poor People's Campaign Moral March on Washington

10. Membership Renewal Reminder and Instructions

Huge thanks to the dozens of you who renewed your ECDC membership in the past month – and WELCOME to our handful of first-time members! If you would like to join or renew, dues are still just \$5 for students, \$20 for single members, and \$30 for two adults at the same address. You can renew online at: <https://ecdclub.org/join/> or mail a check to:

ECDC Membership
PO Box 192
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Please make checks payable to “El Cerrito Democratic Club” and provide an email address for all individual members.

Memberships follow the calendar year, so your renewal now is good through December 31, 2022. If you have questions, please email Neil Tsutsui, ECDC’s Vice President for Membership, at: membership.ecdc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

- Neil Tsutsui

11. Call for Newsletter Submissions

The El Cerrito Democratic Club Newsletter is published monthly in advance of the membership meetings. ECDC members, friends and supporters are invited to submit articles and announcements regarding local issues and events likely of interest to members. Submissions should be emailed to William Ktsanes, ECDC's Vice President for Publications, at wktsanes@gmail.com for review and editing.

12. Link to the ECDC Website and Bylaws

Periodically the Club updates our Bylaws. The bylaws were changed in October 2018 to meet DPCCC requirements; revisions were proposed and adopted during the January 2021 ECDC meeting. The ECDC Bylaws are posted on the ECDC website at <https://ecdclub.org/>.

- William Ktsanes

Appendix A – ECDC Response to the California Public Utilities Commission’s Proposed Overhaul of Net Metering



January 25, 2021
Governor Gavin Newsome
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: El Cerrito Democratic Club Urges you to Oppose CPUC’s NEM 3.0 Proposal
An open letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom

Dear Governor Newsom,

The El Cerrito Democratic Club (ECDC) approved this letter at our January 25, 2022 General Meeting.

We are writing to voice our opposition to the CPUC’s currently-proposed “NEM 3.0” proposal to update net metering in California. While we understand that the current Net Energy Metering system needs to be upgraded, this proposal is not the way forward. What we need is a solar policy that expands rooftop solar and storage – both to address the climate crisis and to enable more California communities to enjoy the economic and health benefits of community-based power. The current proposal would do neither.

Instead, the CPUC’s proposal would impose the most draconian anti-solar policy in the nation, effectively making California one of the *last* states in terms of consumer protection and incentivizing solar. Allowing our regulatory agency to pass a policy dictated by investor-owned utilities and supported by groups like the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is utterly unacceptable. We encourage you instead to listen to [frontline communities](#), [academics](#), [community solar experts](#), [solar advocates](#), the [solar & storage industries](#), and [hundreds of organizations across the state](#). Please ensure that the PUC Commissioners do the will of the people and expand access to solar and storage in our communities. Even former [Gov. Schwarzenegger](#) is calling on you now to take action against this terrible idea.

We had your back during the recall, because we believed in you. Please honor the trust we put in you, and use your power to stop the CPUC from implementing this ill-advised proposal. Tell them to work instead with frontline communities and solar advocates, to develop a new proposal that will equitably increase rooftop solar and storage in California on the timeline that science demands. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

El Cerrito Democratic Club

Appendix B – Adopted 2022 ECDC Budget

	2021 Approved	2021 Actuals	2022 Adopted	Proposed 2022 Budget Notes
Starting Balance	12,203	12,203	11,191	
Income				
Member Dues (less fees)	2,555	2,475	2,555	32 Couples (\$30 enews), 52 Single (\$20 enews), 5 Couples (\$42 paper), 10 Singles (\$32 paper), 5 student/hardship (\$5) (134 members with 15 paper newsletter)
Dinner	1,800	0	1,800	60 dinners at \$30
Newsletter	60	36	60	5 subscriptions @ \$12
Other	350	1,060	350	Gifts and Pizza payments
Income Total	4,765	3,571	4,765	
Expenses				
Rent (meetings, dinner, PO Box, 4th)	375	176	1,205	3 meetings at 545 Ashbury (\$225) one Endorsement Event at school (\$400) Dinner Space (\$400) and PO Box (\$180)
Supplies	75	0	75	pens, poster paper, tape, bungee cords, dinner supplies
Equipment	50	0	225	Wayfinding Posters, Timer clock, Storage containers
Website	500	240	840	Host Fee (\$240) consultant to update website design (\$250) Zoom Account (\$200) Mail Chimp to push newsletter (\$150)
Annual Dinner Food	1,775	0	1,775	65 guests at \$25 after tax and delivery and pizza 3 times @ \$50
George Floyd Donation	3,000	2,250	750	Per George Floyd Resolution - donation to a local organization
Insurance	550	550	550	FY 2021-2022 insurance
Newsletter Postage	31	0	31	20 mailed per month at \$0.51 each (15 paid and 5 honorary)
Newsletter Printing	60	8	60	printer fees (20 per month with 6 pages average)
Other Printing	50	0	50	Non-political: annual dinner programs, meeting agenda
Memberships	350	0	350	Online software to manage membership
Political Contributions	350	150	350	DPCCC Dinner and BBQ*
Nancy Gans	100	0	100	Honorarium
Affiliations	30	40	30	DPCCC
Political Printing	800	1,169	1,650	Lawn Signs for 2022 Election \$850, printing of endorsement flyers \$800*
Speaker/Performer Fees	0	0	0	
Membership Recruitment	0	0	0	Events, Flyers, Dinners, postcards
Bank Fees	150	85	150	Paypal and Square fees
Expense Total	8,096	4,583	8,041	
				* Political Expenses must be less than \$2,000
Annual Change	(3,331)	(1,012)	(3,276)	revenue less expenditures
Ending Balance	8,872	11,191	7,915	beginning balance + annual change

Appendix C – Adopted Standing Rules on Endorsement Procedures

EL CERRITO DEMOCRATIC CLUB

ECDC Standing Rules on Endorsement Procedures

Effective February 28, 2012, revised 11/24/15, 1/26/16, 5/24/16, 7/26/16 and 1/25/22

ECDC may endorse candidates for public office, take positions on ballot issues, and contribute to political campaigns according to the procedures set by the ECDC Bylaws and these ECDC Standing Rules.

A. Definitions. As used in these rules:

1. “Candidate” means a person seeking elected public office.
2. “Candidates’ Forum” means an ECDC sponsored meeting at which 1) Candidates or representatives of Candidates are heard and questioned and/or 2) reports and recommendations are made regarding the election of Candidates.
3. “ECDC member” or “member” means a member in good standing and on the membership roll of ECDC for at least 45 days prior to the endorsement meeting.
4. “Election” is either a “general” or “special” election, in which voters make a final selection of candidates for elected public office and/or determine ballot issues, or a “primary” in which voters determine candidates for the “general” or “special” election.
5. “Endorsement Meeting” means an ECDC sponsored meeting to which members have received notice that ECDC will vote on whether to endorse Candidates or ballot measures. This is held after or concurrent with a Candidates’ Forum.

B. Candidate Endorsements.

1. **Notice:** Members will receive notice of the date, place, and time for a Candidates’ Forum/ Endorsement Meeting, in the ECDC News or otherwise, pursuant to Bylaws Section V.B (Notice). Additionally, ECDC shall provide notice to Candidates registered as Democratic Party Preference of a Candidates’ Forum/ Endorsement Meeting. The notice shall invite the Candidate to provide written material for those attending the Candidates’ Forum/ Endorsement Meeting.
2. **Type of Forum:** The ECDC Executive Board shall conduct an accessible Candidate Forum for contested races with more than one registered Democratic Party Preference Candidate. For non-partisan races, Candidates who are not registered Democrat Party Preference may be heard and questioned. Offices for which a Candidates’ Forum may be held include:
 - a. El Cerrito City Council and West Contra Costa County School Board
 - b. Special districts such as BART Directors, AC Transit Directors, Stege Sanitary District, Kensington Fire Protection District Board, Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board and West Contra Costa County Health Board.
 - c. County offices such as supervisor, county clerk, district attorney, treasurer, auditor, and Democratic Central Committee member.
 - d. State offices such as Assembly, Senate, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Controller, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner, and Board of Equalization.
 - e. Federal offices such as House of Representatives, Senator, and President/Vice President.

f. Judicial offices such as Superior Court, District Appeal Court, and State Supreme Court.

3. ECDC Endorsement: ECDC may endorse a Candidate when:

- a. one day has passed from the deadline for filing a statement of intention, if applicable, and if not applicable, filing for the office, except when the ECDC Executive Board determines that this requirement is impractical under the circumstances;
- b. notice has been provided to Candidates as required by Section B.1 above;
- c. except for Candidates for US President, the Candidate is a registered Democrat Party Preference;
- d. at least 15% of ECDC membership are eligible to vote in the Election for which the Candidate is to be endorsed; and
- e. the endorsed Candidate receives an affirmative vote of at least 60% of the members voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater.
- f. members must register for the Endorsement Forum to receive an electronic ballot.

The Candidates meeting the requirements of this Section with the greatest number of votes, up to the number of seats to be filled in the election for an office, shall be endorsed. The endorsement of a Candidate in a primary election shall remain in effect for the general or special election, except when the Candidate endorsed in the primary election is not among the top two vote-getters and as a result is not on the ballot (other than as a write-in candidate) for the general or special election.

4. ECDC Endorsement Voting: All members present at the Endorsement Meeting are eligible to vote on all endorsements, and shall have one vote per seat to be filled in each election for an office. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting for offices in which Candidates or representatives of Candidates are heard and questioned shall be by secret ballot. For all other offices, balloting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. Voting for each office shall contain the option of “no endorsement”. A “no endorsement” vote shall be counted in the total of those voting. A ranked choice or instant runoff system shall not be used. For each office, the voting shall consider only registered Democrat Party Preference. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting. Voting may be accomplished using online voting systems and be available to all members.

5. Endorsement Recount:

- a. In-Person Votes: Once the results are announced and prior to adjournment, only a member who voted and is present may request an immediate recount. The appointed judge(s) will perform the recount with candidate(s) or candidate designee(s), the challenger and Executive Board members as witness(es). Upon adjournment of the endorsement forum, the results will be final and cannot be challenged.
- b. On-line Votes: Online voting cannot be challenged.

C. Ballot Issue Positions.

1. Definition: A “Ballot Issue” means an initiative, referendum, or measure placed before voters for which at least 15% of ECDC membership are eligible to vote in the Election.

2. Notice and Voting: Members will receive notice of the date, place, and time for a meeting to consider ballot issue positions, in the ECDC News or otherwise, pursuant to Bylaws Section V.B (Notice). The affirmative vote of at least 60% of the members voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to endorse or disapprove a ballot issue. All members present at the meeting are eligible to vote on all ballot issues brought to a vote. The members present at the meeting may determine not to have a vote on a ballot issue. Before the vote, members shall

have a reasonable opportunity to present and hear arguments for and against the ballot issue. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. Voting for each ballot issue shall contain the option of “no position”. A “no position” vote shall be counted in the total present and voting. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting.

D. Political Contributions. ECDC may contribute money to a political campaign of a Candidate or Ballot Issue it has endorsed or to the Contra Costa Central Committee when notice has been provided to members of the date, place, and time for a meeting to consider the political contribution, in the ECDC News or otherwise, mailed at least 10 days prior to the meeting. The notice shall specify the amount to be considered and the expected impact of such contribution on the ECDC budget. The affirmative vote of at least 60% of the members present and voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to authorize a political contribution. All members present at the meeting are eligible to vote on a political contribution. Before the vote, members shall have a reasonable opportunity to present and hear arguments for and against the political contribution. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting shall be by show of hands or by secret ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. Voting for each political contribution shall contain the option of “no position”. A “no position” vote shall be counted in the total of those voting. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting. Voting may be accomplished using online voting systems and be available to all members.

E. Distribution of Endorsed Candidate and Ballot Measure Literature. ECDC may distribute literature on behalf of endorsed candidates up to a double sided 5.5” by 8.5” card stock piece. ECDC volunteers will not distribute larger pieces of literature.

F. Selection of Delegates to the Pre-Endorsement Caucus of the California Democratic Party. Members shall select the allowed number of delegates, as determined by the California Democratic Party, during the September meeting. The affirmative vote of at least 50% of the members present, physically or virtually, and voting, but not less than 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is greater, is necessary to authorize a delegate. All members present at the meeting are eligible to vote. Before the vote, candidates may speak. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Balloting shall be by show of hands or by an on-line ballot at the discretion of the ECDC Executive Board. The ECDC Executive Board shall determine the process for voting administration, and may select a member or members to serve as judge(s) to monitor the fairness of the voting. Members that are already selected as delegates (i.e. CADEM, appointed or Central Committee) are not eligible candidates to represent ECDC. The ECDC Executive Board shall appoint members to serve any unfilled delegate positions.