

VETERANS CAUCUS CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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POLICY #2014-19

Rules on Special Elections

1. Special Elections will be held at the next meeting of the Caucus to replace officers who have vacated their positions greater than 30 days prior to said meeting.
2. In cases where the position is vacated within 30 days of the next meeting, election to fill that vacancy will not occur until the meeting occurring *after* the next meeting in order to allow full compliance with the different requirements below.
3. In cases where compliance with the rules above shall create a special election consistent with the holding of regularly scheduled election of officers according to Policy 2014-10, the special election will be dispensed with and the regular election shall take its place.
4. The Chair of the Caucus is permitted to appoint a member of the Caucus in good standing to serve as Interim for the position. This is for the purpose of fulfilling the duties of the vacant position(s) and does not entitle the Interim to the voting privileges consistent with being elected to the same position. The Chair may appoint an Interim immediately after a position is vacated.
5. An Ad Hoc committee for Special Election Oversight will be created at least 30 days before the before the Special Election. The Caucus Chair will appoint a Chair for this committee. This person must be a member of the Caucus in good standing and cannot become a candidate for any office up for said special election during the cycle for which they are appointed.
6. In cases where this policy is enacted for the sake of holding a Special Election, this specific policy may not be considered for amendment of any kind until after the special election is completed.
7. Candidates for the offices up for election must announce their intent to run for the position within 10 days of the Special Election. Candidates claiming to be Veterans of the Armed Forces are to furnish proof of said claim via the showing of their DD214 to the Chair of the Special Elections Oversight Committee. The Chair of the Special Elections Oversight Committee may request further proof of the candidate meeting the other requirements for specific offices, as they deem necessary.



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8. Candidates will have until 7 Days prior to the Special Election to provide the Chair of the Special Elections Oversight Committee with information on their candidacy. The Chair of the Committee will then provide said information on all candidates to the membership via E-Mailing of a PDF with all candidates featured.
9. At the meeting where the Special Election will take place, the Chair of the Caucus will pass the gavel to the Chair of the Special Elections Oversight Committee and allow them to preside over the process.
10. The Chair of the Special Elections Oversight Committee will then conduct the special election of the officers according to the agenda for the same they will have previously outlined. Votes will be counted and the results tallied.
11. Each newly elected officer will take their place immediately upon certification of their race's results.
12. Business of the Caucus will be conducted immediately following the elections, by the new officers, according to the agenda previously outlined.
13. Upon the certification of the final race being tallied for the Special Election, the Chair of the Special Elections Oversight Committee shall automatically resign their position and conclude their committee's business, thus causing the committee to cease to exist.
14. The Special Elections Oversight Committee may be comprised of as many people as the appointed Committee Chair wishes to have participating. This will include a minimum of a Vice Chair and Secretary. No one serving on this committee is allowed to be or become a candidate for any of the offices up for special election during the cycle being overseen.
15. The Special Elections Oversight Committee will prepare all ballots, present candidates with all rules regarding the special election and will ensure the membership is well informed of all matters pertaining to the special election prior to the Special Election itself. Ballots will be provided to members of the Caucus at the door of the meeting where the Special Election is to be held.
16. The Special Elections Oversight Committee will be the final authority on matters pertaining to the election during the election cycle.

