

Veterans Caucus
California Democratic Party
3700 Dean Drive, #1003, Ventura, California 93003

AMENDED and ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

July 13, 2015

POLICY #2014-20

Meeting Speakers

1. **Background.** Because our membership includes a majority of Veterans, and in respect to their service to our nation, it is a privilege when the Caucus deviates away from its business to allow someone the opportunity to speak to our membership.
2. **Privilege.** Therefore, this privilege is reserved to those invited or approved by the Caucus Chair or Executive Board to address the membership outside of the normal debate that occurs between members on current items on the agenda.
3. **Standing Invitation to Speak.** A standing invite will be available to the following, provided they are either Democrats or will present on Veterans issues:
 - a. Constitutional Officers of the State of California, which are the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner and Superintendent of Public Education
 - b. Speaker of the California State Assembly
 - c. President Pro Tem of the California State Assembly
 - d. Chair of the California State Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee
 - e. Chair of the California State Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
 - f. Anyone who is known to be the next person to fulfill any of the above positions
 - g. Any current or past Veterans Caucus Board Member whose membership is in good standing
4. **Recognizing Local, State or National Government Officials.** All others who are currently serving a position within the Local, State or National government system will present their business card at the door of the meeting so that the presiding officer can recognize them as time and opportunity allows.
5. **Request to Speak.** All others who are currently serving a position within the Local, State or National government system, as well as anyone else running for office or seeking to address the Caucus on any matter, must submit a Speaker Time Request Form to the Caucus Executive Board no later than 30 days before the date of the next meeting.



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These forms will be reviewed and either granted or denied based on the discretion of the Executive Board and those decisions will be provided to the requesting party within 72 hours of the Board's decision.

If given approval to speak, speakers must adhere to the time slot identified on the agenda. Failure to be present during the time reserved will result in the loss of the reservation.

