

SUMMARY OF CALIFORNIA DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

This summary is an overview of the California Democratic Party Delegate Selection Plan. We have attempted to briefly discuss each of the areas by which you can become a delegate. For particular details, please refer to the Plan.

The California Democratic Party has 345 delegates and 115 alternates for a total delegation size of 460. There are four levels by which you can be selected as a delegate: District Level, Unpledged Party and Elected Officials, Pledged Party and Elected Officials and At-Large. The following is a brief description of each level.

District Level

There are 209 delegates and 69 alternates to be selected at the District level. These delegates and alternates will be elected by the Congressional District in which they reside. To meet the requirements for District Level delegate you must be a registered Democrat and pledge your support to a particular candidate or to the unpledged delegation. Once you have met the above minimum requirements, the process for becoming a District Level delegate is as follows:

1. Candidate applications are filed with the State Party beginning February 16, 1984. All candidate applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 1984. At the time of filing you must indicate your Presidential preference or unpledged status (see Delegate Selection Plan on how to qualify for unpledged delegation). All applications are then given to the Steering Committee for their review.
2. On Sunday, March 11, 1984 at 3:00 p.m., each Presidential nominee may hold candidate caucuses for the purpose of slating recommendations for the Steering Committee of that candidate. The caucuses are not mandatory, but the State Party has encouraged that the nominee hold them. The caucuses, if held, will be by Congressional District and each candidate will be responsible for the convening of their own caucus. The caucuses will elect twice the number of delegates that are to be selected from that Congressional District. An equal number of men and women will be elected in each caucus.
3. On or before March 14, 1984 at 5:00 p.m., the Steering Committee of each Presidential nominee will present the name of those individuals to appear on the ballot to the Secretary of State. In selecting the names to appear on the ballot, the Steering Committee will review the recommendations of the caucus and the balance of the names of those who filed for delegate (pledged to that candidate) in that Congressional District. The Steering Committee will select a number equal to or greater than the number of delegates and alternates to be elected from that Congressional District. For example, if there are

three delegates and one alternate to be elected, the Steering Committee will select the names of four or more individuals to appear on the ballot. The Steering Committee must select an equal number of men and women (by Congressional District) to appear on the ballot. If there is an odd number then the difference must not be greater than our statewide number.

4. On June 5, 1984, the Democratic Primary will be held. The names of those individuals selected by the Steering Committee will appear on the ballot grouped by candidate. For example:

Joe Smith
(Walter Mondale)

Joan Jackson
(Walter Mondale)

Steve Hansen
(Walter Mondale)

etc.

The voters will cast their votes for up to but not greater than the number of delegates and alternates that are to be selected from that Congressional District. At the conclusion of the voting, the votes of each of the delegate candidates will be counted. The individuals getting the most votes will be selected delegates and alternates. For example, if a district has three delegates and one alternate, the top three vote getters are elected delegates and the fourth is elected alternate. Special note: it is the individual delegate vote that determines who is elected, it is not the cumulative vote of the Presidential nominee that is considered.

Unpledged Party and Elected Officials

There are 39 delegates and 12 alternates that will compose the Unpledged Party and Elected Officials. These 51 individuals will be selected according to a prescribed order. The first two delegate positions automatically go to the State Chair and Vice-Chair of the State Party. The remaining positions are delegated in the following order: Congressional Representatives, Democratic Governors, Democratic Mayors (populations of 250,000 or more), Constitutional Officers, State Legislators, members of the Democratic National Committee and other state, county and local elected and Party officials.

A recommendation as to who these people will be is to be determined by a Steering Committee composed of State Legislators.

Finally, the selection of these individuals will be done at a convention of the District Level Delegates, which will be held on June 16, 1984 at a site to be determined by the State Chair.

Pledged Party and Elected Officials

There are 28 Pledged Party and Elected delegate positions. The only significant difference between Unpledged and Pledged is that the Pledged Party and Elected Officials must publicly declare their support for a nominee.

At-Large Delegates

There are 69 delegates and 34 alternates for the At-Large level. The At-Large level is for the purpose of meeting minimum affirmative action goals with respect to Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and Women. After the minimum representation goals have been met, priority shall be given to gay men, lesbians, disabled, seniors, youth and low income individuals.

The process to become an At-Large delegate or alternate is as follows:

1. California delegation must be composed of 16% Hispanics with 48 delegates and 16 alternates; 14% Blacks with 55 delegates and 18 alternates; 6% Asian/Pacific Americans with 21 delegates and 7 alternates and 1% Native Americans with 3 delegates and 1 alternate. Additionally, the delegation must have an equal number of men and women.
2. All delegate and alternate candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy with the State Party beginning May 24, 1984 and ending June 8, 1984 at 5:00 p.m. Requirements to qualify for At-Large delegates are the same as the requirements to be considered for District Level delegates.
3. Presidential nominee will be allocated a per cent of the At-Large delegates equal to the per cent of the District Level delegates they receive. However, to receive any At-Large Level delegates and alternates you must receive at least 20% of the District Level delegates.
4. The At-Large delegates will be selected at a convention of the District Level delegates that will be held on Saturday, June 16, 1984 at 1:00 p.m. at a site to be determined by the State Chair.
5. Following the close of filing on June 8, 1984, the State Chair shall convey the names of all persons who have filed for delegates pledged to the Presidential candidate. Each Presidential candidate must then file with the State Chair by June 14, 1984 a list of all approved delegate candidates. The list of recommendations must be at least three times the number of delegate men and women to be selected.