



CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF REPUBLICANS

RULES

2010 ENDORSING SPECIAL CONVENTION

March 13th of 2010, Santa Clara, California

1. The California Congress of Republicans (CCR) 2010 Endorsing Special Convention (the Convention) will be called to order on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 1:00 PM, P.D.T.
2. Parliamentary authority shall be Robert's Rules, Newly Revised.
3. All actions, decisions and judgments shall be in conformity with the current Bylaws of the CCR as Approved and Amended at Convention, January 2009.
4. The Credentials Committee will seat the Delegates and Delegates-at-Large (Delegates) following their certification. A Credentials Committee report shall be given prior to any votes being taken.
5. To speak on an issue or otherwise address the Convention, the person must be either a Delegate or an Alternate Delegate, duly registered for the Convention, a candidate for statewide office or the candidate's designated surrogate, or an invited speaker, so noted on the agenda. Any other speaker requires an enabling motion adopted by a majority vote of Delegates present and voting.
6. Unless otherwise provided for herein, speeches on any subject shall be limited to five (5) minutes unless otherwise approved by an enabling motion adopted by a majority vote of the Delegates present and voting. Invited speakers shall be limited by the time allocated in the agenda or provided for by the presiding officer.
7. During the General session of the Convention, voting on questions, other than the endorsements, shall be by voice vote, show of hands, or rising, at the option of the President or Presiding Officer. Should a "Division of the Convention" be requested from the floor, a rising vote shall be called. Balloting shall not be employed. A Roll Call vote may be ordered only upon passage of an enabling motion requiring the same. Such an enabling motion shall require a simple majority vote of Delegates present and voting.
8. Only the duly Appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, assistants and members of the Elections Committee shall count the votes. The only persons entitled to vote shall be those Delegates wearing appropriate identification as a duly seated Delegate either seated in the designated area or at the rostrum. Proxies as certified by the Credentials Committee in accordance with the Bylaws may be voted by any Delegate wearing the appropriate Proxy identification and seated in the designated area.

9. Resolutions may be proposed and presented by any CCR member in good standing. Resolutions presented from the floor of the Convention shall be required to be accepted for consideration by a 2/3rds vote of the Delegates present and voting. A second simple majority vote of the Delegates present and voting shall be required to determine the disposition of the resolution.
10. The name(s) of all bonafide statewide (including the Board of Equalization) Republican candidates shall be automatically considered as being nominated for the office they seek. The Elections Committee shall place upon the ballot the names of viable candidates for consideration by the Convention. There shall be just one “nominating” speech per candidate, which shall be limited to no more than 2 minutes. Delegates wishing to make a “nominating” speech shall submit their names and the candidate they represent to the CCR President.
11. The President or presiding officer shall announce the list of candidates for each office and those who have submitted their names, as nominators shall be allowed to speak as prescribed. After all Nominations have been presented and all speakers have made their presentations for a particular statewide office, an endorsement vote shall be taken for the offices in the order as presented by the President or presiding officer, except for representatives to the Board of Equalization (BOE). Candidates for the BOE shall be voted upon by a caucus comprised of delegates from Chapters having boundaries within that BOE district (see item 15).
12. All votes for endorsement of candidates shall be made by ballot unless an enabling motion is passed which requires a roll call vote. Any such motion for a roll call vote shall require a simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting for its adoption.
13. Endorsement for any statewide candidate or BOE (regional caucus) office requires a 2/3rds majority vote.
 - A. If there are more than two candidates for an office and no candidate receives the required 2/3rds majority, then the candidate receiving the fewest votes will be removed from consideration and the body shall cast another ballot. The body shall take as many ballots as necessary to reduce the number of candidates being considered to two (2).
 - B. There shall be no more than two (2) ballots for the endorsement of a candidate for any statewide office where only two (2) candidates are being considered. If a 2/3rds majority is not achieved on the second ballot, the President or presiding officer shall declare no endorsement has occurred for that office.
14. Consideration of a position on a statewide ballot initiative, proposition, and state or federal law may be brought before the Convention if reported out by a duly appointed committee(s). A majority vote (voice or show of hands) of the Delegates present and voting shall be needed for the CCR to take a position to support or oppose.
15. Regional Caucuses of Chapters within or having a portion of their boundary within the District(s) being considered, may endorse regional candidates by following CCR Bylaws Article XVIII and Rules, #12, #14, #15, #15A, and #15B. All endorsements by Regional Caucuses or a Chapter where only that Chapter is within or having a portion of a candidates district, shall report their endorsements to the President, 1st Vice President and their regional Vice President within 30 days of making the endorsement.