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HOW TO BECOME DELEGATE TO THE 2012 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

September 3-6 in Charlotte, North Carolina

California's Delegation to the 2012 Democratic National Convention

District-Level Delegates:	364	Alternates:	34
At-Large Delegates:	122	Alternates:	12
PLEO Delegates:	61		
Total number of Delegates:	547	Alternates:	46

If you want to join California's Delegation for the 2012 Democratic National Convention you must be a registered Democrat and be selected as one of three types of delegates: **District-Level, At-Large, PLEO.**

Type	Form	Filing Period	Selection	Date
District	Form A	Feb 27 – Apr 11	Congressional District Caucuses	April 28
At-Large	Form B	Feb 27 – Jun 13	Statewide Delegate Meeting	June 23
PLEO	Form C	Feb 27 – Jun 13	Statewide Delegate Meeting	June 23

District-Level: Each of California's 53 Congressional Districts (CDs) are allocated a number of District-Level Delegates and Alternates, based upon population and presidential voting from the 2004 & 2008 elections (see reverse for breakdown). Potential candidates for District-Level Delegates must submit **Form A**, pledging their support to a Presidential Candidate, during the filing period of **Feb 27 – April 11**. Caucuses will be held April 28 in each CD where Democrats registered in the CD will be able to vote to slate delegates: Presidential vote levels per CD in the primary will determine which district-level delegates are selected, based on the caucus rankings.

At-Large: At-large delegates are selected from a statewide pool and offer another way for Democrats to participate in the National Convention. Potential candidates for At-large delegate must submit **Form B**, pledging their support to a Presidential Candidate, within the filing period of **Feb 27 – Jun 13**. Selection of At-large delegates will be confirmed at the **June 23** statewide Delegation meeting.

PLEO: Party Leaders and Elected Official (PLEO) are Democrats from one of the following categories: big-city mayors and statewide elected officials; state legislative leaders and state legislators; other state county and local elected officials; California Democratic Party leaders. PLEO candidates must submit **Form C**, pledging their support to a Presidential Candidate, during the filing period of **Feb 27 – June 13**. Selection of PLEO delegates will be confirmed at the **June 23** statewide Delegation meeting.

*Numbers based on bonus delegates for June 5 Primary

All dates take place in the 2012 Calendar Year

California's Delegation will be divided equally between Men & Women

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SO, YOU WANT TO BE A DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATE?

Remember These 2012 Dates: February 27 – April 11 – April 28

If you want to run to be one of California's 364 District-Level Delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention (**September 3-6 in Charlotte, North Carolina**), remember these steps:

5 Simple Steps to become a District-Level Delegate

- 1. Register:** Make sure you are a registered Democrat
- 2. Check District:** Determine which Congressional District you are registered in
- 3. File:** Submit Form A during the filing period from February 27 – April 11
- 4. Canvass:** Start organizing your friends and supporters
- 5. Caucus:** Show up with your supporters to vote in the April 28 Caucus in your district

Register: You must be a registered Democrat to file. While Democrats do allow Decline-to-States to vote in our Primary, we don't allow anyone other than a registered Democrat to run as a Delegate.

Check District: You will need to determine the Congressional District (CD) you are registered in. The table on the back shows how many delegates are allocated per district. If you aren't sure which district you are in, enter your voter registration address at www.house.gov to find out.

File: Beginning on **February 27, 2012**, Form A will be available on the California Democratic Party Website at www.cadem.org. You may fill out Form A online or print out and submit via fax, but remember that we also need your original signature on file to be "official," so be prepared to mail the original to our Sacramento office. When filing Form A, you must pledge your support for one presidential candidate. However, should your chosen candidate drop out of the presidential race prior to the Form A filing deadline of **April 11, 2012 at 5:00pm**, you have the option to re-file Form A and pledge your support to one of the remaining candidates (sort of like having a "Plan B" for your Form A).

Canvass: Start canvassing your community... your gym, work, local clubs, friends, relatives, Facebook friends you never talk to anymore – any registered Democrat who lives in your same congressional district and can attend the district Caucus and vote for you. They can even register as a Democrat on site – that's how easy we make it!

Caucus: You and your supporters will need to attend your presidential candidate's Caucus on Saturday, April 28. Remember, people can arrive early, sign in and cast a vote – they don't have to stick around to hear the speeches. Caucus times and locations will be posted at www.cadem.org.

Candidates will be slated by Caucus vote totals, though the final results will not be made until the results of the June 5, 2012 primary are certified. Once the primary results are in, the presidential campaign committee and the California Democratic Party will notify and confirm all the winners in each district based on how many delegates each presidential candidate are allocated by vote totals.

These elected Delegates will join the California Delegation at the mandatory June 23 Statewide Delegation Meeting and the Democratic National Convention (September 3-6) in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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