Rural Caucus Zoom Meeting

Monday February 15, 2021

5 to 7p

Registration link:

<https://cadem-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdOGgrjguE9PhFwTCy8Ydqb5dLIf-KRVa>

Agenda

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| 5p | Call to order |
|  | Pledge Allegiance – Dean Rewerts |
|  | Chair’s Remarks |
| 5:05p | Region 1W Director Debra Broner update on the Assembly District Elections, the current list of candidates for statewide party office, deadline for intent to run, and any advisories on the April Convention. |
|  | Caucus Vice Chair Susan Rowe announcement of Caucus Officers elections at our next meeting during the April convention TBD. |
| 5:10p | Elizabeth Betancourt, Rural Caucus Northern Region Chair and AD1 candidate (2019-20), learnings from the 2020 elections and recommendations for community building for 2022. |
| 5:20p | Chair introduction of CDP Chair Candidates Rusty Hicks and Delaine Eastin |
| 5:25p | Candidates’ Opening Statements – five minutes each. Speaking order decided by coin toss. |
| 5:40p | Five questions from the Caucus Officers (see below). Each candidate will have one minute to respond, in alternating order. |
| 6p | The floor will open for questions from the membership for a set time of 30 minutes. Caucus members will be able to pose questions in the chat. The Chair will name the speaker in order of the questions posted in the chat. Tech Host Emma Harper will unmute that person to ask their question. Each candidate will have the opportunity to respond, one minute each. |
| 6:30 | Candidates Closing Statements – two minutes each |
| 6:35 | Good of the Order |
| 7p | Meeting Adjourned |

Five Caucus Officer Questions:

1. In 2020, we had excellent candidates and important measures on the ballot, aligned with our platform, that did not make it across the finish line. What is your proposed path to victory in 2022, specifically in rural districts? What investments will the party make in our rural communities to build, inspire, and broaden our base?
2. What is the CDP’s role in the anti-Recall campaign? How can our Rural Caucus support the Governor?
3. We want the CDP to divest from contributors/sponsors whose actions/businesses violate our platform. What is your strategy to hold contributors accountable and, if necessary, divest from those who do not align with the party's platform? How will you replace those resources?
4. As CDP Chair, how will you fix the problems with the ADEM elections?
5. How will you lead the party to address our key rural issues as outlined in the Rural Plank of the Party platform, i.e., broadband, wildfire insurance and healthcare, especially now with the pandemic.