



How to become a member of Your Local Party Committee

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The most local level of organization for the **Democratic Party** in California is the **Assembly District Committee**. These committees elect representatives to the State Central Committee. They vary as to what other activities they do, and as to membership requirements, so it is best to contact them directly to find out how to become more involved. To find contact information for your Assembly District Committee, visit <http://www.cadem.org>.

County Central Committees are responsible for the Democratic Party campaigns in each county; they hold fundraisers and plan other election activities. County Central Committee members are elected to **2-year terms** on the **first Tuesday in June of even-numbered years**.

The next election will be: **June 6, 2006**

The filing deadline to be on the ballot for that election is: **March 10, 2006**

To become a member of the County committee through the regular election process:

1. You must be eligible based on the following criteria:
 - a. 18 years of age.
 - b. Registered to vote as a member of the Democratic Party.
 - c. A current resident of the appropriate county.
2. You must declare your interest in becoming a member by:
Filing nomination papers (available through your local party office), which you pick up and return to your County Registrar.
3. You must receive sufficient votes on the ballot in the March election.

It is often possible to join the committee between regular elections:

- **Mid-term vacancies** are filled during regular monthly meetings of the County Central Committee.
- New members are elected to balance the sex-ratio and ethnic composition of the committee during **re-organization meetings** held in **January of odd years**.
- Each elected member may appoint their own **Alternate**. You may want to contact an elected member who currently does not have an alternate to ask if they would consider appointing you.
- **There are often other opportunities** to get involved without yet being a formal member of the committee – volunteer to help; people will come to know you, and you will increase your chances of becoming a member through the next regular election.

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