



Progressive Democrats of Benicia

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Research & Recommendations – Candidate Races, June 5, 2018 Primary **ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE REVIEW AND STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Over the last few weeks, the **Endorsement Committee** reviewed each of the federal, state and local races. The reviews resulted in recommendations for endorsement, opposition or in some cases for no endorsement. We only reviewed races with one or more Democrats running. On several County races, no Dems are running, so we did not review or offer a recommendation.

STEERING COMMITTEE REVIEW – FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

On April 30, 2018 the **Steering Committee** received and reviewed the work of the Endorsement Committee offering much appreciation and thanks. With only one exception, the recommendations of the Endorsement Committee were affirmed. While the Endorsement Committee split 2 to 1 in favor of endorsing Delaine Eastin for Governor, the Steering Committee vote was for “No Endorsement” in the Governor’s race. See original research and final recommendations on Newsom’s and Eastin’s pages (7-13).

On the following pages, you will find the Endorsement Committee’s background research and the Steering Committee’s recommendations. *(Note that page numbers are internal PDF page numbering and don’t appear on a printed copy of this document.)*

U. S. Senate (Recommend endorse Kevin DeLeon)	pp. 2-6
CA Governor (Recommend no endorsement)	pp. 7-18
CA Lieutenant Governor (Recommend endorse Eleni Kounalakis)	pp. 19-24
CA Assembly District 14 (Recommend endorse Tim Grayson)	pp. 25-26
CA Attorney General (Recommend no endorsement)	pp. 27-28
CA Superintendent of Public Instruction (Recommend endorse Tony Thurmond)	pp. 29-33
Other Democrats: A single sheet recommending endorsement for Democrats who are unopposed by other Democrats and/or endorsed by the California Democratic Convention with insignificant opposition.	
• U.S. Congress District 5 (Recommend endorse Mike Thompson)	p. 34
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