



5 March 2019

The Honorable Ben Hueso
California State Senator, District 40
Transmission by E-Mail

Dear Senator Hueso,

I wanted to respond briefly to your letter sent to me this morning and dated March 5th, 2019.

In the past, powerful political and business interests have swayed the party one way or the other for their own political or material benefit. Those days are over.

I will work every single day, I will fight, I will do anything in my power to ensure the process of our party is protected, that our decisions are independent of the whims of individual candidates, officials or interests; and that our proceedings are transparent and open to the public.

I am a servant leader, I will do what is right for our party in the interest of serving the 640,945 Democrats that I am elected, in my own right, to lead.

I have convened a meeting of various stakeholders in this decision to come together today at 5:30pm at the Party Office at 8340 Clairemont Mesa Blvd Suite 105, San Diego, CA. 92111 where we will discuss the way forward. Including a series of changes to the rules that will close the loophole that allows manipulation of our endorsement process for personal and political gain.

As you are an interested party you are invited to send a representative to that meeting but understand this: The Democratic Party will make a decision that is independent of, and not subordinate to the individual requests of any one candidate, elected official or any other individual interest. It is the party that will set the rules for our endorsement process and we will not be dictated to by any elected official, candidate, or special interest. All candidates are expected to conform to the rules we set if you wish to seek the endorsement of our party in an effort to be the Democratic nominee.

Should your representative wish to attend please have them email me at chair@sddemocrats.org.

As the leader of our Party, it is my duty to point out that you have a conflict of interest in this matter which is why I would advise that you allow leaders without a vested interest to guide our party to a fair and equitable solution. I am one of those leaders.

Should you have any questions please feel free to email me or call me at 619-709-0675.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Rodriguez-Kennedy". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Will Rodriguez-Kennedy
Chair | San Diego County Democratic Party