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Describe in your own words, the role of a CADEM delegate.

A CADEM delegate acts as a conduit between elected officials (in this case, Rep. Pete Aguilar and Assemblymember James Ramos) and those who elect them in the assembly district. This is where “we the people” is truly seen in action, for the delegates represent the voting Democrats in their community. CADEM delegates additionally attend the state conventions, and vote on policies, candidates, and platforms. These duties are in principle; I feel that the role of a delegate can be so much more. Collectively, with like-minded individuals, we can work together to institute progressive change in our state and bring to light urgent issues that need to be addressed. This can only be accomplished through integrity, consistency, and constant communication with Democrats in the assembly districts.

What are the 3 issues you care about and will prioritize?

1. Racial equity in justice and other institutions (i.e. education)
2. Health care reform
3. Immigration reform

If you were to write a resolution proposal for consideration by CADEM, what would it be? Please summarize using 2-3 sentences.

“Be it resolved that the California Democratic Party not accept substantial donations from special interest groups...” It is imperative that our party remain pure and not manipulated by the aims of special interest groups (i.e. oil, pharmaceutical corporations). Not accepting donations from these organizations would not only maintain the purity of the party, but keep us focused on the goal of serving the will of the people.

What caucuses &/ standing committees would you like to be a part of and why?

Caucuses

Children’s Caucus - As an educator, this is a group I would be committed to participating in. My experiences in this field, working exclusively in a low-income area, would ensure that students benefit from safety measures, enrichment opportunities, and a quality education.

Disabilities Caucus - I have worked as a special education teacher in the area for the past 20 years; thus, inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of daily life, as well as preparation for employment and independent living, has been a professional goal of mine. I feel I would add substantial insights and contributions to this caucus.

Environmental Caucus - I feel that climate change is a very real issue that needs to be addressed immediately. If elected as a CADEM delegate, I would strive to work with others to disseminate knowledge and create viable solutions to our environmental problems.

Progressive Caucus - I firmly believe that my progressive ideals would make me an integral member of this caucus.

Committees

Affirmative Action Committee - I am a dedicated advocate for diversity in all sectors of our community, and expanding participation for all.

Finance Committee - I am interested in working with others to protect the financial position of the party, as well as contribute to feasible ways in which to enhance our standing.

Platform Committee - I feel that I am bringing a fresh perspective as a CADEM delegate candidate, and would like to add this to our party's platform. A revision and reflection of our current vision, aligned with active Democrats in our community, is needed.

Voter Services Committee - A personal goal of mine is to become involved in the grassroots organizing of our party at a local level, reaching active/potential voters in a number of areas that may be overlooked. Participation in this committee would allow me to achieve this goal.

Member-submitted Questions: RADC members provided the following list of key issues that they would like to see addressed by delegates. Please pick one. Discuss any experiences (lobbying/demonstrations/letter writing/etc...) you may have on the issue as well as the skills you will bring to further the cause as a delegate: A) Reparations B) Climate Change C) Healthcare

I am currently working with the local affiliate of Democratic Socialists of America to address this very issue. I believe that I possess the tenacity, persistence, and organizational skills in order to contribute to this cause, as well as the other issues I feel passionate about.