

Candidates for Party Chair, California Democratic Party Background summaries

Lenore Albert-Sheridan

- Consumer law attorney and former candidate for State Assembly (Orange County).
- In 2011, as an attorney focused on financial reform and consumer protection by stopping over 1,000 foreclosure sales in *Yau v. Deutsche Bank National Trust*.
- Has worked for multi-billion dollar companies, and owned her own business, gaining experiences in reorganizing corporate and government structures.
- In 2017, after the Party Chair's race, voted for the Resolution at the Party Convention requiring all candidates to read and acknowledge the CADEM platform by signing they had done so.
- Has worked for years to expose where the dark and suspect money is in the Party stopping affordable housing and which allowed the Wall Street financial crises to continue without any bankers going to jail.
- B.A. from CSU Long Beach and Law Degree from University of the Pacific.

Kimberly Ellis

- Ran for California Party Chair in 2017 and narrowly lost to Eric Bauman.
- After running for Chair of the Party in 2017, Ellis founded Unbought – Unbossed (UnB2), a political incubator.
- Former Executive Director of Emerge California, a non-profit organization working to encourage and train women to run for office.
- Formerly served on the California Democratic Party Finance Committee and the California Democratic Party's African American Caucus as Recording Secretary.
- Holds a law degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Jacksonville University.

Rusty Hicks

- President of the LA County Federation of Labor, which represents more than 300 unions and 800,000 workers.
- While at the LA Fed, accomplishments include:
 - Diversifying the LA Fed's leadership – now twice as many women, five times more young leaders, and 60% of all leaders are people of color.
 - Leading a successful campaign for the \$15 minimum wage.
 - Fighting to guarantee healthcare coverage for every immigrant child.
 - Building a coalition to win greater protections against sexual harassment and assault for workers in the hospitality industry.
 - Fighting for environmental justice and helping lead the campaign for safe water in LA.
 - Driving ballot measures to build affordable housing and provide homeless housing and services
 - Obama 2008 campaign, California Political Director.
 - A Lieutenant in the US Navy Reserve and a graduate of Austin College and Loyola Law School.

Daraka Larimore-Hall

- Current California Democratic Party Vice Chairman.
- Chair of the Democratic Party of Santa Barbara County for a decade, helping to transform the organization into an electoral force allied with labor, environmental and community groups.
- Worked as a Sociology instructor and professor at UCSB and Santa Barbara City College.
- For eight years, an activist, organizer and staff member for the United Auto Workers (UAW) union at the University of California where he began the nation's first union for postdoctoral researchers.
- Served as Vice President of the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council and Vice Chair of the California Democratic Party Labor Caucus.
- Past few years, worked as an advisor for progressive ballot measures and for Social Democratic parties and unions around the world.

Mike Katz-Lacabe

- Human rights and privacy activist. Self-described main issue: get money out of politics.
- An IT security specialist and Director of Research for the Center for Human Rights and Privacy, advocating for privacy rights, government transparency and for the curtailment of the surveillance state.
- Active in Oakland Privacy Working Group and the San Leandro Democratic Club.
- Eight years on the San Leandro School Board, including two as Board President.
- Previously, coordinated Berkeley Amnesty International group, worked with School of the Americas Watch, and co-founded Derechos Human Rights.
- As a Party Delegate during 2017-2018, co-sponsored resolutions to establish accountability for police brutality, assert the human rights of Palestinians, and have Democratic office holders reject PAC money.