



Endorsement rules for 2007 primary and general elections

(Adopted by the membership, June 13, 2007)

1. Eligibility to Vote or to Speak at an Endorsement Meeting

To be eligible to vote, or to speak at an endorsement meeting, you must be a member of the 34th District Democrats who votes in the 34th District by the close of the previous month's meeting. Membership in the 34th District Democrats is determined either by payment of annual dues or by being an elected, appointed, or acting Precinct Committee Officer (PCO).

Any member who had paid dues in the previous calendar year may vote if the membership is renewed at or before the meeting where the endorsement takes place.

2. Endorsement Voting Requirements and Ballots

Endorsements require a vote of 2/3 of the eligible voters present and voting. Abstentions are not considered votes, and will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast. Voting will be by a show of credentials issued to eligible voters before the vote.

3. Endorsement Procedures—Candidates

3.1. Block Nominations

3.1.1. To expedite the endorsement process, motions will be entertained to endorse a block of candidates where it is expected that the endorsement of such candidates is assured, such as candidates who have secured Democratic support in the past and are currently running unopposed, or who have insignificant opposition.

3.2. Nominations

3.2.1. The chair will entertain motions to endorse and seconds for all races that apply to all or a portion of 34th District voters. A motion for sole endorsement or a motion to close nominations shall be out of order. A motion for "no endorsement" is admissible.

3.2.2. For each motion to endorse, a nomination speech of no more than two minutes and a seconding speech of not more than two minutes will be allowed, as will be two speeches of no more than two minutes duration against the motion. Speakers shall identify themselves before speaking on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate or ballot measure. Eligible voters may cede their time to candidates, but may NOT cede their time to anyone ineligible to vote at the meeting, such as nonresident, nonmember representatives of candidates or for or against ballot measures.

3.3. Voting

3.3.1. Each eligible voter will vote by show of credentials for or against one nominated candidate or "No endorsement." If any nominated candidate or "No endorsement" receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If a candidate fails to get 2/3 of the vote, there is no endorsement.

3.3.2. There will be no endorsement vote for any candidate until all candidates for that position have had the opportunity to be endorsed.

4. Endorsement Procedures—Ballot Measures

4.1. Nominations

- 4.1.1. Ballot Measures include all initiatives, referenda, levies, and other races without candidates. A Ballot Measure may be nominated for consideration only in the form it would appear on the ballot.
- 4.1.2. For each motion to consider a Ballot Measure, a speech of no more than two minutes and a seconding speech of not more than two minutes will be allowed for each of three positions: “Support,” “Reject,” and “Take no position.” Eligible voters may NOT cede their time to anyone ineligible to vote at the meeting.

4.2. Voting

- 4.2.1. Each eligible voter will vote for “Support,” “Reject” or “Take no position.” If any of the three choices receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If no choice receives 2/3, there is no action.

5. Primary Endorsement Meeting

The general membership meeting held on July 11, 2007 will consider endorsements for:

- 5.1. Races and ballot measures on the August 2007 Primary Election Ballot, and
- 5.2. Ballot measures on the November 2007 General Election Ballot.

6. General Election Endorsement Meeting

The general membership meeting held on September 12, 2007 will consider endorsements for races and ballot measures on the November 2007 General Election Ballot.