

11th LD Democrats
2013 Endorsement Rules and Procedures
For Candidates

- 1) To be able to vote in the endorsement process, you must be a dues-paying member or a PCO no later than April 18, 2013. You must also be a resident of the legislative district.
- 2) Candidates must fill out and submit the 11th LD candidate questionnaire before their interview with the endorsement committee to be considered for endorsement.
- 3) Questionnaires and a copy of the rules and procedures will be sent to all candidates who have notified the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission of their intent to run for office. If candidates have not yet filed with the PDC, they may contact the chair of the 11th LD Democrats and the chair of the 11th LD Democrats Endorsement Committee so that this information can be sent to them, again questionnaires have to be filled out and returned prior to any interview occurring. They both can be reached at endorsements@lists.11thliddems.org.
- 4) Candidates are encouraged to attend our April membership meeting to meet and greet our membership. Attendance at this meeting is not required for endorsement.
- 5) Based on the information provided in their candidate questionnaires and with information gathered from references, a background check will be done of all candidates, time permitting.
- 6) Interviews will take place from 7-9 pm Monday-Friday the weeks of April 22 and April 29, 2013 at the Carpenters Hall in Renton. In case of scheduling conflicts at the Carpenters Hall, interviews will be held at an alternate site on those evenings. Candidates will be notified at the time of scheduling. Executive board members, endorsement committee members and members at large are encouraged to attend. If any member is involved in a campaign or is a candidate, they will recuse themselves from all interviews and rating all candidates in that particular race. Interviews will be 20 minutes in length. The endorsement interview committee will consist of the executive board officers and members of the endorsement committee. Scheduling of the interviews will be done with the endorsement committee chair. The chair is Dian Ferguson. scheduler.
- 7) At the endorsement meeting on May 18, each candidate may speak for two (2) minutes. If they are not present, their representative may speak in their place. Questions from the floor will be limited to two questions from members only.

- 8) Candidates and campaign staff who are members of the 11th LD Democrats will be allowed to vote at the endorsement meeting in their own races, as well as others.
- 9) Issue campaigns will have the final slot at the endorsement meeting. Each campaign will have 3 minutes to address the membership with 3 follow-up questions from members in attendance. Ballots will be distributed, collected and tallied. Recommendations will be based on the average points cast for each candidate. (Points cast divided by number of committee ballots)
- 10) All candidates and ballot issues may buy ads to place on 11th LD Democrats website at current rate of \$25. After the endorsement meeting on May 18th, only endorsed candidates and ballot issues will be able to have ads on the website. Campaigns must present an electronic copy for our webmaster to use. Payment must be received at the same time as the copy.
- 11) Endorsement requires a 2/3's vote of members present. If 2/3's is not achieved on the first ballot, the top three (3) will move to a second ballot. If 2/3's is not achieved, the top two (2) will move to a third ballot. If 2/3's is not achieved, a motion from the floor for a dual endorsement will be entertained. If 2/3's is not achieved, no endorsement will be made in that particular race. Again, these votes are secret ballots.
- 12) All races during this election cycle are non-partisan races. We welcome all candidates and ballot campaigns to participate in our endorsement process.

2013 Endorsement Schedule

Tuesday, April 16, General Membership Meeting, Renton Carpenters' Hall 7pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm Donations gladly welcomed.

Thursday, April 18, Last day to pay annual 11th LD Democrats dues to be able to
at the Endorsement Meeting on May 18. Dues must be received by the treasurer
no later than this date. This is in accordance with our by-laws.

Saturday, April 20th, Candidate questionnaires should be received by the endorsement
are due. Questionnaires can be e-mailed to endorsement committee chair at
endorsements@lists.11thlddems.org.

Monday, April 22nd thru Friday, April 26th, 7- 9pm Candidate interviews
Carpenters Hall, Renton, Washington. If scheduling conflicts arise, candidates
will be notified of new location.

Monday, April 29 thru Friday, May 3, 7-9pm Candidate interviews. Carpenters Hall, Renton, Washington. . If scheduling conflicts arise, candidates will be notified of new location.

Saturday, May 18, 9am start, Endorsement meeting at the Carpenters' Hall, Renton, Washington. Schedule of candidates and issues to be posted on the 11th LD Democrats website the week of May 6. The website can be found at www.11thldems.org.