

11th LD 2013 Endorsement Meeting Rules and Procedures 9-17-2013

Section One: Rules

1. These Rules shall apply to the selection of any candidate for public office who seeks the endorsement of the 11th District Democrats and to the endorsement of a position on a ballot measure.
2. The decision of the Chair with respect to any question of interpretation of these rules is final.

Section Two: Candidates

1. To be eligible for endorsement for election to a partisan office, a candidate must publicly identify himself or herself to be a Democrat and must have filled out an 11th LD questionnaire and participated in an interview by the Endorsement Committee.
2. To be eligible for endorsement for election to a non-partisan office, a candidate must demonstrate Democratic values and must have filled out an 11th LD questionnaire and participated in an interview by the Endorsement Committee.

Section Three: Balloting and Voting

1. For any office in which a single candidate or ballot measure is eligible for endorsement, the membership may dispense with balloting and endorse by acclamation.
2. Each 11th LD Member will vote by secret ballot. 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 other races.
3. The results shall be tallied and reported to the Chair. No person associated with a campaign may be permitted to participate in the tallying of ballots.
4. A ballot will be counted as a vote if: a) a candidate name or issue up for consideration is written on the ballot; or b) "no endorsement" is written in. Spoiled ballots will not be counted as a vote.
5. No nominations will be considered from the floor of candidates who did not submit an 11th LD questionnaire and participate in an interview by the 11th LD Endorsement Committee. Nor will calls for reconsideration votes be considered.
6. No proxy or absentee ballots/votes will be considered.
7. Endorsement of any candidate or ballot measure shall require a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting.
 - a. If 2/3s is not achieved by any one candidate or ballot issue, a motion from the floor for a dual endorsement will be entertained.
 - b. If 2/3s is still not achieved, no endorsement will be made in that particular race.
8. Final endorsement results will be posted on the 11th LD website within 48-hours of the endorsement meeting.

Section Four: Speeches and Debate

1. Each candidate and/or the candidate's representative(s) will be entitled to address the membership for no more than two (2) minutes.
2. If a candidate or candidate representative is not able to attend the meeting, the Chair will allow one (1) member of the 11th LD Democrats to speak on behalf of the candidate for no more than two (2) minutes.
3. Debate for endorsement of each candidate will be limited to 2 speakers for and 2 against for no more than 1 minute each.
4. Rules 1 -3 in this section also apply to ballot measures and resolutions.

Section Five: Voting Eligibility

1. To be eligible to vote on endorsements, a member: a) resides within the 11th Legislative District; b) is a declared Democrat, and c) is either an elected or appointed PCO or has paid current annual dues at least four weeks prior to the endorsement meeting date.

FUTURE ENDORSEMENTS

Races that are not considered at this meeting may be considered at future membership meetings provided members are notified at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting, in accordance with the 11th LD Democrats by-laws.