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1 **Standing Rules for Endorsements by the 11th District Democrats**

2 **April 2016**

- 3 1. **Member Certification:** The treasurer and another member of the executive board will check-in  
4 the members and verify those eligible to vote. To be eligible to vote, a member must:  
5 a. reside in the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District;  
6 b. be a publicly declared Democrat; and  
7 c. be either a current elected or a current appointed PCO or have paid current annual dues  
8 at least four (4) weeks prior to the endorsement meeting date.

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10 Each eligible voting member will receive distinguishable voting credentials.

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12 2. **Endorsements of Candidates**

- 13 a. Candidates who are unopposed by any other Democrat may be considered for  
14 endorsement as a group, provided they meet the criteria for endorsement enumerated  
15 below. The list will be compiled by the Exec Board prior to the Endorsement meeting.  
16 b. The Chair will call for motions to endorse by Seat or Race. Once all motions are made  
17 and seconded, endorsement motions for that Seat or Race will be declared closed. The  
18 Chair will then proceed to call for statements by members in the order in which the  
19 motions were made.  
20 c. A candidate is eligible for endorsement if:  
21 1. a member makes a motion to endorse that candidate and another member  
22 seconds that motion;  
23 2. The candidate or their representative must request endorsement and has made  
24 a statement to the membership prior to the commencement of the  
25 endorsement meeting;  
26 3. The candidate must have filled out the KCDCC questionnaire and have sent the  
27 questionnaire to the 11<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats.  
28 d. With the exception of judicial candidates, all candidates seeking endorsements from  
29 11th District Democrats must publicly declare himself or herself a Democrat.  
30 e. If, in a given race, only one motion for a candidate is made per Section 2(b) then the  
31 membership may dispense with balloting and endorse by acclamation.  
32 f. An incumbent may be considered for an early endorsement (defined as being prior to  
33 the closing filing date for that position) provided that the conditions of 2.c.2 have been  
34 met within the past six (6) months.

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36 3. **Statements by Members During The Endorsement Meeting**

- 37 a. The maker of a motion to endorse shall make a statement not to exceed one minute  
38 supporting his or her motion.  
39 b. Voting members may make a statement not to exceed one minute in opposition to or in  
40 favor of the motion to endorse, with members speaking against or for in turn  
41 (Against/For/Against). Under no circumstances shall the lack of speakers on one side of

- 42 the motion preclude speakers on the other side of the motion from being allowed to  
43 speak. There will be a limit of total 4 speakers including the maker of the motion.  
44 c. No member may speak more than once in favor of or in opposition to a single motion to  
45 endorse.  
46 d. A member speaking may not cede their allotted time to another speaker.  
47 e. At the Chair's discretion, preference shall be granted to members who reside in the  
48 municipality or Congressional District for those races.  
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#### 50 4. Voting - Candidates

- 51 a. Voting will be done by secret ballot, unless a motion for acclamation is moved,  
52 seconded, and passed.  
53 b. Candidates and campaign staff who meet member voting eligibility requirements will be  
54 allowed to vote in their own and other races.  
55 c. In order to receive the endorsement of the District, a candidate must receive at least  
56 2/3 of the ballots cast.  
57 d. A ballot will be considered valid only if all candidate(s) selected are eligible for  
58 endorsement at this meeting.  
59 e. If there are more than two candidates under consideration, a ranked-choice balloting  
60 method will be used in which preferences are stated for a first, second and third choice.  
61 a. The vote counting begins by tallying first choices.  
62 b. If no candidate garners the necessary 2/3 of the ballots, the candidate with the  
63 fewest votes is eliminated and the votes cast for this candidate are reallocated  
64 to the remaining candidates as indicated by the 2nd choice on those voters'  
65 ballots, and the ballots are counted again.  
66 c. This process is repeated until a winner is determined or until there are only two  
67 candidates left.  
68 f. If there are only two candidates under consideration, then only a first choice will be  
69 designated.  
70 g. If neither candidate has received the necessary 2/3 of the ballots cast, then a motion for  
71 a dual endorsement of the final two candidates shall be in order. If the motion does not  
72 receive 2/3 support, the 11th District Democrats shall not endorse a candidate for that  
73 office.  
74 h. **Motions to suspend these rules in an effort to put forth a motion to endorse a**  
75 **candidate or combination of candidates not included in the Final Round of voting shall**  
76 **be out of order.**  
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#### 78 5. Endorsements of Ballot Measures

- 79 a. The Chair shall call, in sequence, for a motion in favor of the ballot measure, a motion  
80 opposing the ballot measure, and a motion for "No Endorsement" of a ballot measure. If  
81 only one motion on a ballot measure is made then the membership may dispense with  
82 balloting and endorse by acclamation. If, in the Chair's opinion the motion receives 2/3  
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84 the 11th District Democrats.  
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b. **Statements by Representatives and Members**

1. Each representative of a moved position on a ballot measure seeking the endorsement of the 11th District Democrats will be given one minute to make a statement in favor of the motion to endorse their position on the ballot measure.
2. **Questions for representatives are not in order.**
3. Voting members may make a one minute statement in favor of the ballot measure, opposing the ballot measure, or for “No Endorsement” of the ballot measure, with no more than three members speaking in turn (F/A/N/F/A/N/F/A/N).
4. No member may speak more than once in favor of or in opposition to a single motion to endorse.

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6. **Voting – Ballot Measures**

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- a. All ballot measures with a brief description/title shall be listed in print if feasible to do so. Eligible members who must leave may cast their ballot for the first round, but they must be present to cast ballots in subsequent rounds, if any.
- b. **First Round:** After all debate on motions to endorse has been made by all representatives and eligible members on a given ballot measure, the first ballot shall be cast. Members shall vote to endorse only a single moved position. The Tally Committee shall present the results to the Chair who shall announce the results. If no moved position has received the necessary 2/3 of the ballots cast a second ballot shall be cast.
- c. **Second Round:** If a second ballot is required, then Members shall vote for only moved positions receiving the top two vote totals, including ties, all other moved positions are eliminated. There is no further debate. The Tally Committee shall present the results to the Chair who shall announce the results. If no moved position receives 2/3 support, the 11th District Democrats shall not endorse any position on that ballot measure, and will list our position as “No Consensus Achieved” on any materials.
- d. **Motions to suspend these rules in an effort to put forth a motion not made pursuant to Section 5(a) shall be out of order.**