
Standing Rules for Endorsements by the 11th District Democrats

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- 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 1. reside in the 11th Legislative District;
- 6 2. be a publicly declared Democrat; and
- 7 3. 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. A candidate is eligible for endorsement if:
- 14 1. a member motions to endorse that candidate and another members seconds of
- 15 that motion.
- 16 2. The candidate or their representative must request endorsement and has made
- 17 a statement to the membership prior to the commencement of the
- 18 endorsement meeting.
- 19 3. The candidate must have filled out the KCDCC questionnaire and have sent the
- 20 questionnaire to the 11th LD Democrats.
- 21 b. With the exception of judicial candidates, all candidates seeking endorsements from
- 22 11th District Democrats must publicly declare himself or herself a Democrat.
- 23 c. If, in a given race, only one motion for a candidate is made per Section 2(a) then the
- 24 membership may dispense with balloting and endorse by acclamation.

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

- 26 a. The maker of a motion to endorse shall make a statement not to exceed one
- 27 minute supporting his or her motion.
- 28 b. Voting members may make a statement not to exceed one minute in opposition
- 29 to or in favor of the motion to endorse, with members speaking against or for in
- 30 turn (Against/For/Against). Under no circumstances shall the lack of speakers on
- 31 one side of the motion preclude speakers on the other side of the motion from
- 32 being allowed to speak. There will be a limit of total 4 speakers including the
- 33 motioner.
- 34 c. No member may speak more than once in favor of or in opposition to a single
- 35 motion to endorse.
- 36 d. A member speaking may not cede their allotted time to another speaker.
- 37 e. At the Chair's discretion, preference shall be granted to members who reside in
- 38 the municipality or Congressional District for those races.

39 **4. Voting - Candidates**

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- 41 a. Voting will be done by secret ballot, unless a motion for acclamation is moved,
42 seconded, and passed.
- 43 b. Candidates and campaign staff who meet member voting eligibility requirements
44 will be allowed to vote in their own and other races.
- 45 c. The option of “No Endorsement” shall be included on all ballots.
- 46 d. A ballot will be considered valid if:
- 47 a. Only one candidate is selected
- 48 b. The candidate is eligible for endorsement at this meeting
- 49 c. “No Endorsement” is selected
- 50 e. If one of these conditions is not met, the ballot will be considered spoiled
- 51 f. **First Round:** After all debate on motions to endorse has been made by all eligible
52 members in a given race, the first ballot for that race shall be cast. Members shall
53 vote to endorse only a single candidate or vote for “No Endorsement.” The Tally
54 Committee shall present the results to the Chair who shall announce the results and
55 indicate which, if any, candidate has received 2/3 of the ballots cast, and that
56 candidate shall receive the endorsement of the 11th District Democrats. If no
57 candidate has received the endorsement of the 11th District Democrats a second
58 ballot shall be cast. If “No Endorsement” receives 2/3 of the ballots cast, then
59 voting on that race will be closed and the 11th District Democrats will not endorse
60 in that race.
- 61 g. **Second Round:** If, in a given race, after the first ballot, a second ballot is required
62 then, Members shall cast a second ballot. If there are four (4) or more candidates
63 the candidate with lowest vote total (exempting “No Endorsement”) shall be
64 eliminated. Another round of debate will occur and members participate as
65 provided by Section 3(c), except that the Chair shall give preference to members
66 who have not yet spoken. Members shall vote for only one of the remaining eligible
67 candidates or for “No Endorsement”. The Tally Committee shall present the results
68 to the Chair who shall announce the results and indicate which, if any, candidate has
69 received 2/3 of the ballots cast, and that candidate shall receive the endorsement of
70 the 11th District Democrats. If no candidate has received the endorsement of the
71 11th District Democrats a third ballot shall be cast.
- 72 h. **Third Round:** If, in a given race, after the second ballot, a third ballot is required
73 then, Members shall cast a third ballot. Members shall vote for only candidates
74 receiving the top two vote totals, including ties, or “No Endorsement”, all other
75 candidates are eliminated. There is no further debate. The Tally Committee shall
76 present the results to the Chair who shall announce the results and indicate which,
77 if any, candidate has received 2/3 of the ballots cast, and that candidate shall
78 receive the endorsement of the 11th District Democrats. If no candidate has
79 received the endorsement of the 11th District Democrats a final ballot shall be cast.
- 80 i. **Final Round:** If, in a given race, after the third ballot, a final ballot is required then, a
81 motion for a dual endorsement of the final two candidates shall be in order. If the
82 motion doesn’t receive 2/3 support, the 11th District Democrats shall not endorse a
83 candidate for that office.
- 84 j. **Motions to suspend these rules in an effort to put forth a motion to endorse a**
85 **candidate or combination of candidates not included in the Final Round of voting**
86 **shall be out of order.**

87 5. Endorsements of Ballot Measures

- 88 a. The Chair shall call, in sequence, for a motion in favor of the ballot measure, a motion
89 opposing the ballot measure, and a motion for “No Endorsement” of a ballot measure. If
90 only one motion on a ballot measure is made per Section 2(a) then the membership
91 may dispense with balloting and endorse by acclamation. If, in the Chair’s opinion the
92 motion receives 2/3 support then the moved position on the ballot measure receives
93 the endorsement of the 11th District Democrats.
- 94 b. **Statements by Representatives and Members**
- 95 i. Each representative of a moved position on a ballot measure seeking the
96 endorsement of the 11th District Democrats will be given one minute to make a
97 statement in favor of the motion to endorse their position on the ballot
98 measure.
- 99 ii. **Questions for representatives are not in order.**
- 100 iii. Voting members may make a 60-second statement in favor of the ballot
101 measure, opposing the ballot measure, or for “No Endorsement” of the ballot
102 measure, with no more than three members speaking in turn
103 (F/A/N/F/A/N/F/A/N).
- 104 iv. No member may speak more than once in favor of or in opposition to a single
105 motion to endorse.

106 6. Voting – Ballot Measures

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