

## **Endorsement of candidates and ballot measures**

A. Eligibility to vote and quorum requirements are prescribed in the bylaws. The membership, in accordance with Article III, Sec. 3.1, (a), (b), (c), of the 42nd LD Democrats may endorse candidates for office and positions on ballot measures for both primary and general elections. Upon payment of his/her dues a member becomes eligible to vote on endorsements.

B. This policy may not be amended less than 60 days prior to an endorsement meeting.

C. For an endorsement to be considered by the membership of the 42nd LD Democrats, it must meet the following criteria:

1. The candidate (or representative) or ballot committee must request endorsement by contacting the chair, via phone, email, or letter.
2. The Executive Board shall schedule a vote on an endorsement of a candidate or a ballot measure at either a special meeting called in accordance with Article V, Section 5.1 (b) or at a regular meeting held in accordance with Article V, Section 5.1 (a).
3. Meetings which include endorsements must be announced at least two weeks in advance to the membership.
4. At any so designated meeting of the membership, all Democratic and non-partisan candidates being considered for endorsement must be given an opportunity to address the membership. Representatives of alternative positions on ballot measures must likewise be given an opportunity to address the membership.
5. Voting shall be by paper ballot only. Ballots will be retained until after the election for which the endorsements were decided.
6. A 60 percent majority vote of the members in attendance who are eligible to vote (Article III, Sec. 3.1 (a), (b), (c)) in favor of a candidate or a position on a ballot measure is required for an endorsement.

This rule was passed by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District Democrats at its February 11, 2012 meeting in Ferndale, WA.