

**42nd Legislative District Democrats**  
**Standing Rules for 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 the candidate's designated 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. Once the ballot tally has commenced, additional vote submissions will not be accepted. Ballots will be retained until after the election for which the endorsements were decided.
  - 6. Votes shall be counted by a Tally Committee of no less than three members of the 42<sup>nd</sup> LD Democrats appointed by the Chair. The Tally Committee must include one member of the Executive Board. No member of the Tally Committee shall be actively involved as an official member of any campaign under consideration for endorsement during the current election cycle.
  - 7. To be endorsed by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District Democrats, each candidate or ballot measure under consideration must reach a 60 percent majority vote of eligible voting members in attendance (Article III, Sec. 3.1 (a), (b), (c)).
- D. Revocation of an endorsement may be considered if the Chair is informed of pertinent and relevant information impacting an endorsed candidate or ballot measure. For the membership of the 42nd LD Democrats to consider revoking an endorsement, it must meet the following criteria:
  - 1. The Chair, in consultation with the Executive Board, shall schedule a vote to consider revoking an endorsement 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).

2. Meetings which include revocation actions must be announced at least two weeks in advance to the membership unless the Executive Board determines consideration is of a time sensitive nature, then a meeting may be held with no less than two days' notice.
3. At any so designated meeting of the membership, all relevant information regarding reasoning for consideration to revoke an endorsement must be provided to the membership.
4. Voting shall be by paper ballot only. Once ballot tally has commenced, additional submissions will not be accepted. Ballots will be retained until after the election for which the endorsements were decided.
5. Votes shall be counted by a Tally Committee of no less than three members of the 42<sup>nd</sup> LD Democrats appointed by the Chair. The Tally Committee must include one member of the Executive Board. No member of the Tally Committee shall be actively involved as an official member of any campaign under consideration for endorsement during the current election cycle. One representative from each campaign may observe the tally count.
6. For an endorsement to be revoked by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District Democrats, any candidate or ballot measure under consideration must reach a 60 percent majority vote of eligible voting members in attendance (Article III, Sec. 3.1 (a), (b), (c)).

This rule was passed by the 42nd Legislative District Democrats at its February 10th, 2018 meeting in Ferndale, WA.