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King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC)

Endorsement Procedures

For August 21, 2007 Primary Election and November 6, 2007 General Election

Passed at KCDCC meeting: 4/24/2007

A. General

1. The KCDCC or the KCDCC Executive Board may make endorsements on behalf of the KCDCC.
2. All members of the KCDCC Executive Board shall be given written notice at least ten days in advance of any meeting at which candidate endorsements may be made.
3. KCDCC Executive Board voting members as defined in the KCDCC Bylaws Article VI, Section 6.2 are eligible to vote on motions to endorse.
4. More than one candidate for the same office may be endorsed. A motion to endorse a particular candidate for a given office shall not exclude further motions to endorse other candidates for that same office.
5. Regular endorsements are considered after the close of candidate filing.
6. Early Endorsements may be made after a candidate has filed appropriate forms with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission. Candidates challenging non-Democratic incumbents may be considered for an early endorsement. Previously endorsed Democratic or non-partisan incumbents may be considered for an early endorsement.

B. Criteria for Endorsement

1. To be eligible for endorsement, a candidate must file as a Democrat or in the case of non-partisan races other than races for judicial positions, must identify themselves as a Democrat. Judicial candidates must show support of Democratic principles.
2. A candidate must complete the "2007 General Questionnaire" or the "2007 Judicial Questionnaire" and follow the submission procedure on the KCDCC website (www.kcdems.org) to be considered for endorsement. The candidates' responses to the questionnaire will be posted on the website.

C. Legislative Candidate endorsement

No KCDCC endorsement shall be made for any legislative district candidate prior to the Legislative District Organization considering endorsement of the position provided the Legislative District Organization is duly organized and functioning.

D. Requirements for Endorsement

1. At least two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board members present and voting (not counting abstentions) shall be required to endorse.
2. A candidate, candidates, or ballot issue position shall be considered for endorsement upon a motion from a KCDCC executive committee member.
 - a. Each candidate seeking the endorsement of the KCDCC or campaign staff member will be given two minutes to make a statement. Time will be allowed for questions and answers, one minute each – maximum of ten questions.
 - b. Voting members of the KCDCC executive committee may make a one-minute statement for or against the motion to endorse with no more than three members speaking for or against in turn (i.e., F/A, F/A, F/A).

E. KCDCC Endorsement

1. Endorsed candidates shall receive a formal letter indicating they may use the KCDCC name and endorsement in any and all literature. The letter will include an enclosed form stating: "any PCO or membership list provided to you by KCDCC is for the duration of your campaign and may not be shared." The Chair will request signature of candidate on the attachment and further, request copy of signed form be returned by email or FAX.
2. Endorsed candidates names and contact information shall be posted on the KCDCC website (www.kcdems.org). Other resources may be made available to the endorsed candidates.