

King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC)

Proposed Endorsement Procedures for the 2011 Primary and General Election

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 seven 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 VII, Section 7.2 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 for Legislative District and Municipal candidates shall be considered after the close of candidate filing. Endorsements for Federal and State level candidates shall be considered prior to the State Party nominating convention.
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 nonpartisan incumbents may be considered for an early endorsement.

B. Criteria for Endorsement

1. A candidate must complete the “2011 General Questionnaire” or the “2011 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 KCDCC website.
2. To be eligible for endorsement, a candidate must file as a Democrat or in the case of nonpartisan races other than races for judicial positions, must identify themselves as a Democrat on their questionnaire. Judicial candidates must show support of Democratic principles.

C. Legislative Candidate endorsement

Whenever possible, 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. KCDCC Endorsements shall be considered for the Primary election at the June Meeting, and shall be considered for the General Election at the September Meeting.

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 may use the KCDCC name and endorsement in any and all literature. Candidates may request use of PCO or other lists from KCDCC upon written request. Candidates will agree in writing that any use of KCDCC lists shall only be for the duration of their campaign and may not be used or shared by any other campaign or person. At the end of their campaign, candidates will also agree in writing to provide KCDCC with their campaign list. Such lists shall not be used by any other campaign but only by KCDCC to increase their support base of members, PCO's and volunteers.
2. Endorsed candidates names and contact information shall be posted on the KCDCC website (www.kcdems.org). Candidate events can also be posted on the KCDCC website. Other resources may be made available to the endorsed candidates at the discretion of the Chair.