

King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC)

Endorsement Procedures for June 23, 2009 Endorsements Meeting For the 2009 Primary and General Election

A. General

1. The KCDCC or the KCDCC Executive Board may make endorsements on behalf of the KCDCC.
2. Consistent with KCDCC Bylaws, Article X, Section 10.2, all members of the KCDCC Executive Board have been given notice at least ten days in advance of this meeting at which candidate endorsements will 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.

B. Criteria for Endorsement

1. 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. Judicial candidates must show support of Democratic principles.
2. A candidate must complete the "2009 General Questionnaire" or the "2009 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. The questionnaire requirement may be waived with the recommendation of the Endorsements Committee.

C. 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 the recommendation of the KCDCC Endorsements Committee or a motion from a KCDCC executive committee member.
 - a. Candidate seeking the endorsement of the KCDCC or campaign staff member will not be allowed to speak. Voting members may ask questions of the KCDCC Endorsements Committee regarding the rationale for the committee's recommendation or lack of recommendation.
 - 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.