

## **Legislative and Executive Branch Candidate Endorsement Standing Rules**

Adopted by the Executive Board of the Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee on 22 April 2003, subject to review by the Central Committee, to update the previously adopted standing rules.

### **Section 1. Purpose**

#### **1.01 Authority**

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These standing rules are authorized by Section 4.03.01 of the Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee by-laws.

#### **1.02 Applicability**

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These rules apply only to endorsement procedures for legislative and executive branch candidates. This office may be at the local, county, state, or federal level.

These standing rules do not cover endorsements for judicial appointments or elections. In addition, they do not cover ballot measure endorsements.

#### **1.03 Timing**

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A candidate may seek endorsement at any time from the Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee, and is encouraged to do so as soon as possible. The Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee may take action on an endorsement at any meeting, given prior notification in the official call of the meeting.

## **Section 2. Definitions**

### **2.01 Meaning of “Endorsement”**

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“Endorsement” by the Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee of a legislative or executive office candidate means that it gives approval to using the organization’s name by the candidate because it finds the following to be true:

1. If a resident of the state of Washington, the candidate is a member of the Democratic Party at the legislative district and county levels.
2. The candidate openly and sufficiently supports the values in the platform of the Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee.
3. The candidate has the resources to conduct a campaign.

### **2.02 Using a Term Other Than “Endorsement”**

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The use of any other term besides “endorsement” regarding a legislative or executive branch candidate means that the candidate does not meet the complete definition for endorsement contained in this section.

## **Section 3. Procedure**

### **3.01 Application**

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The candidate provides a minimum of the following information when making an application for endorsement:

1. A signed letter from the candidate containing the following:
  - (a) Request for endorsement.
  - (b) Statement of support of the values found in the platform of the Snohomish County Democrats.
  - (c) For residents of Snohomish County, pledge to maintain membership throughout their term in office at a minimum of a regular membership level.
  - (d) If a candidate for partisan office, promise to support the Democratic winner of the primary.
2. If a resident of the state of Washington, proof of membership in the Democratic Party at the legislative district and county levels.
3. Answers to the candidate questionnaire, if provided for the office sought. If there is not a current questionnaire, then the candidate supplies the following information:
  - (a) People on the campaign committee.
  - (b) Money raised to date, and campaign budget.
  - (c) Endorsements received and sought.
  - (d) How active support would be given to people endorsed by the Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee for judicial, political, board, commission, and other appointment.
  - (e) If a resident of the state of Washington, how the candidate will help Democrats actively recruit new members at the legislative district and county levels.
  - (f) If political appointments made from this office would be required to maintain regular membership their local county and legislative district Democratic organizations.

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### **3.02 Endorsement Committee Action**

The endorsement committee determines to the best of its ability whether the candidate meets the provisions of the Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee by-laws and these standing rules.

The endorsement committee uses the candidate's application packet and interviews the candidate. The committee may consider other information.

The endorsement committee may take any of the following action:

- Recommend the central committee endorse the candidate.
- Recommend the central committee not endorse the candidate.
- Pass consideration to the central committee without recommendation.
- Take no action on a candidate.

The endorsement committee may reconsider its action without approving a vote to reconsider upon finding out additional information about the candidate.

### **3.03 Central Committee Action**

The Snohomish County Central Committee considers the endorsement committee action at its next meeting provided the meeting call stated endorsements would be considered.

If the endorsement committee passes consideration on a candidate without recommendation, a member must make motion to endorse or not endorse before discussion takes place.

If the endorsement committee changes its recommendation on a candidate's endorsement after the Central Committee takes action, the Central Committee considers the matter at its next meeting without approving a vote to reconsider the previous action.