



## DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

To: DPLC Central Committee  
From: Chris Wig, DPLC Chair  
Re: Revised endorsement rules  
Date: October 1, 2020

Dear PCP,

This memo is your notice that the Central Committee will consider the revised endorsement rules included in this packet during our October meeting, which is happening on Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. These rules were informed by feedback provided by PCPs after the recent endorsement meeting. They were created and passed unanimously by the Rules Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. Here is a summary of changes in the proposed revision:

### Article VIII – Party Endorsements

- Revised language removes requirement of majority or supermajority vote; voting threshold is included in standing rules.
  - *Note: this is the only change to the actual ByLaws, as the rest are standing rules.*

### Appendix I – Endorsement of Candidates

- Deadline for creating candidate questionnaire changed from before filing begins to January 1.
- Candidate Q&A will be facilitated by moderator to increase fairness.
- Campaign Services Committee will provide PCP contact info to candidates seeking endorsement.
- Requirement for confusing vote to “endorse all or none” removed.
  - *Note: This was the most frequent suggestion from PCPs after last endorsement meeting.*
- Each candidate will be considered on a separate ballot. We hope this will redirect candidates away from competing against each other and toward advocating for their own candidacy.
- Voting threshold increased from 50%+1 simple majority to 2/3 supermajority—similar to ballot measures. We hope this will ensure endorsed candidates have overwhelming support of PCPs.

### Appendix II – Endorsement of Ballot Measures

- Allows a group of PCPs to advocate for or against a ballot measure if no organized support or opposition campaigns are present.
- Ballot measure Q&A will be facilitated by moderator to increase fairness.

Please feel free to contact Rules Committee Chair Kevin Cronin at [rules@dplc.org](mailto:rules@dplc.org) if you have any questions or concerns about these proposed revisions. Thank you for your commitment to our Party.

Democratically yours,

Chris Wig, DPLC Chair