

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

CAMPAIGN SERVICES COMMITTEE

11/21/2013

RESOLUTION 2013.7

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES

Relating to Endorsement of Candidates

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of Lane County adopt the following Standing Rules for the Endorsement of Candidates, which the Secretary shall enroll as an appendix to the Bylaws:

1. ELIGIBILITY – To be eligible for endorsement, a candidate must be a registered Democrat for at least 180 prior to the deadline for filing for office.

2. TIMING OF ENDORSEMENTS

a. The first meeting where DPLC endorsements will be granted will be held before the deadline for candidates to submit their statements to the Voters' Pamphlet. Endorsements may also be granted at regular Central Committee meetings subsequent to this deadline (with appropriate notice), but the intent is that the majority of endorsement votes will be held before the deadline.

b. Based on the timing of the filing deadline and the Voters' Pamphlet Deadline, the Executive Committee may choose to:

i. Have the first endorsement meeting as part of the regular Central Committee meeting in the month of the Voters' Pamphlet Deadline, held on its regular day;

ii. Move the regular Central Committee meeting in the month of the Voters' Pamphlet Deadline up to an earlier day in the month, if the Deadline is before that month's regular meeting day;

iii. Hold a special endorsements-only Central Committee meeting in the month of the Voters' Pamphlet Deadline; or

iv. Have the first endorsement meeting as part of the regular Central Committee meeting in the month prior to the Voters' Pamphlet Deadline.

c. The date of the first endorsement meeting must be set at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

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31 3. INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES

32 a. Each candidate may submit to the DPLC a statement (500 words or less) to be distributed
33 by the DPLC at the appropriate Central Committee meeting.

34 b. The Campaign Services Committee may also collect and distribute other information, as
35 desired, from each nominee for endorsement.

36 c. Candidates are allowed to distribute informational literature to Precinct
37 Committeepersons at the Central Committee meeting.

38 d. Each candidate requesting endorsement will be allotted 2 minutes to speak, and 3
39 minutes for Q&A. The Central Committee will hear from each candidate requesting
40 endorsement in a particular race before voting occurs

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42 4. DISCUSSION – After each candidate in a particular race has spoken and taken questions, the
43 floor will be open for discussion by PCPs. PCPs may speak in favor of endorsing one
44 candidate or multiple candidates, or in favor of no endorsement in the race. Remarks are
45 limited to one minute per PCP.

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47 5. VOTING

48 a. Voting will be done by secret ballot, unless a motion is made to hold voting by voice
49 vote, with a simple majority of Precinct Committeepersons required to pass the motion.

50 b. For votes held by secret ballot, each candidate requesting endorsement in a race will be
51 listed on a ballot, along with an option for “No Endorsement” (e.g., Candidate A,
52 Candidate B, No Endorsement). Precinct Committeepersons may vote for one
53 candidate, multiple candidates, or for the option of “No Endorsement” (e.g., may vote to
54 endorse Candidate A only, to endorse Candidate B only, to endorse both candidates, or to
55 endorse neither candidate).

56 c. Any candidate meeting the simple majority threshold (as specified in the ByLaws) will be
57 granted endorsement. Multiple endorsements in a single race are allowed. If no
58 candidate receives a simple majority, no endorsement is granted in that race.

Signed:

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Julie Fahey
Chair

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Andrew S. Becker
Secretary
