



STANDING RULES, 2021-22

10th Legislative District Democrats

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1. RESOURCES FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES PRE-ENDORSEMENT

Candidates who publicly declare themselves Democrats may receive access to Party resources prior to endorsement if they are certified as a Democrat pursuant to section 1.1. Certification does not imply endorsement by the Party. A candidate may not refer to certification in their campaign or publicity, but the party has no authority to bar the candidate from describing themselves as a “Democrat”.

1.1 CERTIFICATION

In order to be certified as a Democrat, the candidate must submit a written request to the Executive board of the 10th LDDO that demonstrates at least one of the following:

- a. Twelve written (paper or electronic) declarations from Precinct Committee Officers from the 10th LDDO, stating that they believe the candidate would faithfully represent the values of the Democratic Party in office.
- b. Previous endorsement or certification as a Democrat by the 10th LDDO or previous endorsement by any Democratic Local Party Organization (LPO).
- c. Strong background in Democratic Party issues and politics.

The 10th LDDO Executive board must consider any request made no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting.

1.2 APPEAL

If the Executive board does not approve the certification and the candidate wishes to appeal to the membership of the 10th LDDO for additional consideration, the General membership of the 10th LDDO will consider the candidate’s application no later than the next regular meeting using the same criteria outlined above.

1.3 CERTIFICATION PERIOD

Certification is intended to provide resources early in the Primary campaign. Candidates may request certification any time after filing with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). Once one or more candidates have been endorsed, no other candidate for the same office may be certified for purposes of gaining access to party resources and all resources being provided to competing candidates for the same position will be withdrawn.

1.4 RESOURCES FOR CERTIFIED CANDIDATES

Once a candidate is certified or endorsed, 10th LDDO resources may be made available by the chair or designee to the candidate including, but not necessarily limited to: 10th LDDO voter data, office space and equipment, institutional communications with its membership (such as having event invitations in newsletters, social media etc.) and other resources granted by the Executive Board in consultation with relevant committees.

Only endorsed Candidates may receive contributions or items of value from the 10th LDDO.

The 10th LDDO membership information including, but not limited to, emails, phone numbers and addresses shall never be provided to candidates.

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2.0 ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURES

Section 1. All requests for endorsement must be made in writing to any member of the Executive Board. Candidate requests will be referred to the Endorsement Committee.

Section 2. The Endorsement Committee will review and approve the 10th LD candidate questionnaire prior to each election cycle. There may be separate questionnaires for national, state, local, and judicial candidates.

Section 3. Candidates will provide a completed candidate questionnaire. This can be the 10th LD questionnaire or one originating from a county within the 10th LD. Supporters of ballot initiatives will present their initiative to the E-Board for their recommendation to a general membership meeting.

Section 4. The endorsement committee will meet, by its own rules and practices, to consider each request. The committee will, at a minimum, review the questionnaire provided and interview the candidate, if possible. After careful consideration, the committee will make a recommendation to the E-Board.

Members may submit question recommendations for the questionnaire and/or individual candidate interviews. Specific questions for candidates will be submitted to the candidate prior to the interview so that they will have time to prepare a response. Following the committee's interview with a candidate, and at least 7 days prior to a general or special meeting, the candidate's questionnaire and other relevant materials used by the endorsement committee will be made available to the membership.

The Endorsement Committee Chair will present the endorsement committee's recommendations for the consideration of the General Membership. To be endorsed, the candidate requires a simple majority of the general membership present and voting at a general or special meeting of the 10th LD except as outlined in Section 5.

Section 5. If there is a Democratic Party contest during the primary, no candidate may be endorsed until after the Primary election without a 2/3 majority vote of the body present and voting at a general or special meeting of the 10th LD.

Section 6. No candidates may be endorsed until after the filing deadline, where one applies, except as stated in Section 7.

Section 7. Incumbents seeking endorsement, who have been previously endorsed by the 10 LDDO and have no democratic opponent, may have their request referred directly to the E-Board which then may be brought up for consideration at the next general meeting.

Section 8. At meetings of the 10th LDDO, these rules and Requirements may be suspended by a unanimous vote of the General Members in attendance.

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APPENDIX A

10th LD DEMOCRATS ENDORSEMENT REQUEST QUESTIONNAIRE

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10th LD DEMOCRATS ENDORSEMENT REQUEST QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate's Name _____

Office sought: _____

1. Why are you running for this office?
2. What is your work/volunteer history in regard to public and community service (to include membership in community/charity/service organizations)?
3. What qualifications/experience would you bring to this office?
4. Please list any Democratic clubs and/or organizations that you are a member of, including the length of time you have been a member and any leadership positions you have held in those clubs/organizations.
5. Who do you believe will be your main opponent(s) in the election?
6. Please list your five most significant organizational endorsements to date, and your five most significant personal endorsements to date.
7. How much money has your campaign raised so far? Of that, how much is your own money (dollars, not percentage)?
8. How much money do you expect your campaign will spend? How do you plan to raise the amount above and beyond what you have raised so far?
9. Do you plan to have any paid campaign staff or use paid consultants, and have you included paid staff and consultants in your overall costs?
10. We live in a very diverse community. Our minority citizens are not fairly represented in employment and are far behind in prosperity. What are your accomplishments regarding diversity and economic equity and what are your goals regarding diversity, economic equity, and civil rights? How will you achieve those goals?
11. Opioid use and addiction is a significant and serious problem in our community. Describe what you will do to address the problem of opioid addiction and other drug

- 158 abuse related issues (addiction, violence, crimes motivated by the use of drugs,
159 treatment, safe injection sites).
- 160 12. Crime, gang activity and violent crime are significant issues in our district. Describe
161 how you view current crime problems and what steps, if any, you will take in the next
162 two years to address those problems. If this requires additional funding, from where
163 should that funding come?
- 164 13. What should we do, if anything, to improve firearm safety and reduce firearm violence,
165 particularly in regards to school shootings and mass shootings?
- 166 14. How should we respond to Republican efforts to eliminate the Affordable Care Act and
167 reduce or eliminate access to medical insurance coverage for many?
- 168 15. What are your thoughts about the mass enforcement of immigration violations?
169 Sanctuary cities?
- 170 16. Finally, is there anything else you would like to tell us that you think we should consider
171 in evaluation your candidacy?