

Amend title of article Article XI. Endorsement as follows:

Article XI. Endorsement Process for Ballot Measures, Judicial and for Non-Partisan, Non-Statewide Offices

A. General Provisions

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6. Only One Form of Endorsement

This Committee shall make no form of endorsement other than an official endorsement for judicial or non-partisan, non-statewide public office or state and local ballot measures as expressly described in ~~these~~ this Article XI or for partisan, statewide nonpartisan office (other than a judicial office, which is governed by this Article XI) and Democratic Party office as described in Article XII of these Constitution and By-Laws. Any other form of endorsement for any office of any kind or nature whatsoever is expressly prohibited.

Add new Article XII and renumber subsequent sections accordingly.

Article XII. Other Endorsements

A. Offices As To Which This Committee May Make an Endorsement

In addition to non-partisan, non-statewide offices, judicial office and state and local ballot measures expressly described in Article XI of these Constitution and Bylaws, This Committee may make endorsements for partisan, statewide nonpartisan (other than judicial offices, which are governed by Article XI of these Constitution and Bylaws) and Democratic Party office as set forth in this Article XII of these Constitution and Bylaws.

B . Initiation of Process

Any member of This Committee may initiate the endorsement process for partisan, statewide nonpartisan and Democratic Party office by submitting a request to the Chair of This Committee. Once initiated, the endorsement process shall proceed as set forth in this Article XII.

C. Endorsements for Partisan and Statewide Nonpartisan Office

1. Once the endorsement process has been initiated, the request that This Committee consider making endorsements for partisan and nonpartisan statewide office (other than judicial office) shall be referred to the Policy Committee of This Committee. Except as set forth in Section C.3, below, the Policy Committee shall ascertain the endorsement(s) of the California State Democratic Central Committee for such office(s) and whether voting for the office(s) in question include(s) any voters living in the County of Los Angeles. Once the Policy Committee has verified that voting

for the office(s) in question will include voters living in the County of Los Angeles and has also verified that the California Democratic State Central Committee has made an endorsement in the race, the Policy Committee shall cause such qualifying endorsement(s) to be noticed for consideration at the next meeting of This Committee as the recommended endorsement(s) of This Committee. Where necessary to allow This Committee to make expenditures in connection with a special election, if desired, the Policy Committee of This Committee shall cause the Chair to call a special meeting to be conducted to consider such endorsement(s). Where the 7-day notice requirements for a special meeting make such a determination appropriate, the Policy Committee shall have the authority to make a determination to call, and cause the Chair to call, a special meeting to consider such endorsement(s) before an endorsement of the California State Democratic Central Committee has been made or finalized.

2. The endorsement for each such office shall be submitted to a vote of This Committee, which shall either, by a majority vote, ratify the endorsement of the California State Democratic Central Committee as the endorsement of This Committee or, if there is no such majority vote of ratification, not make an endorsement in that race.
3. The nominees of the Democratic National Convention Committee (or other appropriate national nominating body in the event of a vacancy during the pendency of the general election campaign) for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States shall be the endorsed candidates of This Committee for those offices.

D. Democratic Party Office

1. Once the endorsement process has been initiated, the request that This Committee consider making endorsements for Democratic Party office shall be referred to the Policy Committee of This Committee. The Policy Committee shall ascertain whether the geographic area from which the office(s) in question is elected include(s) any area within the County of Los Angeles. Once the Policy Committee has ascertained the geographic area from which the office(s) in question is elected include(s) any area within the County of Los Angeles, the Policy Committee shall determine whether, in its judgment, it is prudent to wait for close of filing before This Committee makes an endorsement or whether, given the proximity of the filing cutoff date, such a delay would constitute an unwarranted impediment to This Committee weighing in on a matter of importance to the Democratic Party. Once the appropriate determinations have been made, the Policy Committee shall cause such qualifying endorsement(s) to be noticed for consideration at the next meeting of This Committee as. Where reasonably necessary to allow This Committee to make an endorsement before voting for the office(s) begin(s), the Policy Committee of This Committee shall cause the Chair to call a special meeting to be conducted to consider such endorsement(s).

2. The process for endorsement for each such office shall include a presentation of reasonable duration, as determined by This Committee, upon recommendation of the Policy Committee by each candidate or her/his designee(s). Thereafter, the question whether to endorse a candidate shall be submitted to a vote of This Committee. The endorsement shall require a [60% (sixty percent)] majority vote. Where the office in question only involves the election of a single person to that office, no matter the number of candidates, there shall be only one ballot.
3. The Policy Committee shall devise and cause to be published with the notice of the endorsement vote an appropriate procedure for the casting of ballots for endorsement for any office which involve the election of more a single person to that office.

E. Determination of a Majority

In determining whether a majority of ballots have been cast for a candidate's endorsement, blank ballots, void ballots, and abstentions shall be excluded. [Include cross reference to Article XI sixty percent requirement if that's the option chosen for party office]

F. Other Procedures

1. Promptly after the referral of an initiation of the endorsement process to the Policy Committee, the Chair of This Committee or her/his designee shall be responsible for sending to all known candidates for the office(s) in question who are registered as Democrats notification in writing of:
 - (a) The date, time and place of all relevant meetings;
 - (b) Their right to consideration, if applicable;
 - (c) If they have a right to be considered for endorsement, the requirement that, in order to be considered for endorsement by This Committee, they must be registered Democrats as of the date of the Policy Committee's consideration of endorsement in the race.
2. The procedure for challenges of any proceedings or votes under this Article XII shall be the procedure set forth in Article XI.E.
3. The procedure for reconsideration, rescission or revocation of an endorsement under this Article XII shall be the procedure set forth in Article XI.J.