

STANDING RULE 2013-01 Amendment 032217

- A. The Chair of the Endorsement and Candidate Development Committee (the Standing Committee) shall submit to the Central Committee Chair annually an endorsement timeline for elections for local office, to be approved by the full membership at a regularly scheduled meeting. This timeline will include the date(s) of the meeting(s) where endorsement will be considered by the full membership.
 - 1. Endorsements may take place prior to the deadline for filing for the particular office with the approval of the full YCDCC.
- B. The annual endorsement timeline may include dates for a candidate training to be offered to educate candidates on the Democratic Platform in advance of our endorsement process.
- C. All known viable Democratic candidates in the elections included in the adopted timeline will be invited to participate in the endorsement process.
- D. A motion for immediate action that waives the adopted timeline shall require advance notice of the full membership of at least ten (10) days before the Central Committee meeting where this motion will be considered.
 - 1. If there is less than ten (10) days notice, a vote of eighty (80) percent of the full membership would be required to waive the timeline.
- E. All candidates, including those being considered for immediate action, must submit a written questionnaire to the Endorsement and Candidate Development Committee prior to any interview or full committee action. These questionnaires will be for internal purposes only and will not be made public beyond the members of the interview committee and the Executive Committee of officers.
- F. No endorsement shall be given to any candidate who does not request recommendation from the Standing Committee.
- G. An interview committee of YCDCC members will be selected by the Endorsement and Candidate Development Committee with the concurrence of the YCDCC chair for each office under consideration. All candidates will be interviewed using identical questions developed by the committee. Interviews via telephone or other electronic medium, at the discretion of the Committee, may be included if a candidate cannot attend a scheduled interview.
- H. The interview committee shall operate on a consensus basis where possible.
 - 1. If there is not a consensus, only candidates who have the support of at least 65% of the interview committee members present and voting shall be forwarded for consideration by the full membership.

2. Only interview committee members who were present for all interviews conducted for a given race may vote on endorsement in that race that will be forwarded to the full YCDCC for concurrence.
- I. The chair of the Endorsement and Candidate Development Committee will report the interview committee recommendation(s) to the Executive Committee at the conclusion of the interviews.
 - J. The interview committee may recommend that no candidate be supported or that one or many candidates warrant the support of the Central Committee. The Standing Committee may not recommend more candidates than there are available seats.
 - K. Notice will be sent via email to all members and alternates of the full membership at least ten (10) days prior to the regularly scheduled full committee meeting at which the endorsement will be considered.
 - L. All recommendations of the interview committee for races in the geographic area of a particular supervisorial district may be considered for concurrence by a caucus of the Central Committee members from that supervisorial district.
 - M. All endorsements under consideration shall be presented to the full Central Committee as a consent calendar that will include the recommendation of the interview committee and the concurrence or non-concurrence of the supervisorial district caucus, if any. The Central Committee must then vote as follows:
 1. The consent calendar must be passed by a supermajority (2/3) of the members present and voting.
 2. A motion to pull a particular race from the consent calendar shall require a majority of the members present and voting.
 3. For any race that is pulled, members present will vote to affirm or reject the recommendation of the Endorsement and Candidate Development Committee.
 4. All voting will be by voice vote or roll call if called for by any voting member. There shall be no secret balloting.
 - N. For candidates being considered for immediate action, an opportunity to briefly address the full Central Committee may be offered in lieu of the interview with the Endorsement and Candidate Development Committee.
 1. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, a longer, more extensive interview may be conducted by the full Central Committee at the meeting, using the identical questions used previously by the interview team.

- O. To be officially endorsed by the Central Committee, a candidate must receive supermajority (2/3) of the votes cast for that office in the endorsement meeting.
 - 1. If the supermajority vote threshold is not met, the Central Committee may refer the race back to the Endorsement and Candidate Development Committee for a substitute recommendation.
 - 2. If there is no referral back to the Committee and no candidate receives the required supermajority vote, the official position of the Central Committee shall be neutral in that race.
- P. No member of the Central Committee may support any candidate not officially endorsed by the Central Committee in their capacity as an officer or member of the Central Committee.