

Endorsement:

Provisions from Bylaws pertinent to Endorsement Recommendations:

Article X. Section 1. Nomination Endorsement Convention No earlier than the beginning of the period fixed by law for circulating nomination petitions and no later than one week after the period fixed by law for circulating nomination petitions prior to each Primary the County Chair shall call for a meeting of the County Committee for the purpose of selecting candidates to be endorsed by CCDC for each public office for which endorsements are to be made.

Article II. Definitions e) Proxy shall mean authorizing another person to vote in one's absence at meetings of the County Committee, the County Executive Committee and Zone Leader Caucus, in accordance with the following proxy rules: the proxy must be in writing and signed by the person entitled to vote and witnessed and dated [to be added]; the person acting as proxy must be a registered Democrat residing in the same Zone as the person entitled to vote and may not be an elected or appointed Committeeperson or otherwise entitled to vote at the meeting for which the proxy is being given. The form of proxy shall be as set forth as in Schedule C to these Bylaws. The proxy must be presented at the commencement of the meeting during which it will be used and must be presented to those designated to receive proxies at such meeting.

- **Nominating Convention:**

- The timing of the Nomination Convention to within the last 10 days of the end of the petition signing period. [this is consistent with Bylaws]
- CCDC may for endorse state wide races in which the State Committee does not endorse.
- Candidate forums be arranged by individual zones or groups of zones prior to the Nominating Convention.

- **One Vote:**

- One person, one vote.
- A person may not carry more than one proxy.
- The proxyholder may not give their proxy to another and leave the meeting; departure cancels the proxy.
- It is the responsibility of the zone leaders to ensure the number of votes cast from a zone and per round does not exceed the number of people from the zone present at the convention.

- **Voting Process:**

- **Proxies:**
  - Proxies are permitted for meetings of the County Committee including the Nomination Endorsement Convention, the Executive Committee and the Zone Leader Caucus
  - Proxy form must be approved by CCDC as contained in Schedule C of the Bylaws.
  - Those giving a proxy should give instructions to the proxy holder on up to two rounds of voting.
- **Rounds of voting at Nomination Endorsement Convention:**
  - Guarantee a minimum of two rounds of voting for each office.

- Eliminate the candidate receiving the least number of votes in the round until there are twice the number of candidates as open seats not endorsed for that race.
- Announce the numerical results after every round of voting.

- **Local Process:**

- Zone endorsement voting must adhere to CCDC Bylaws.
- Zones may endorse for local races within the Zone and any open seat not endorsed by CCDC.
- All Committee People and Executive Committee members residing within a Zone must support the candidates endorsed by their Zone and CCDC, PaDems and DNC; in event of the inability to do so, the Committee Person needs to comply with Article IV, Section 3, Personal Conflicts. A non-Committee Person Executive Committee Persons is bound by CCDC by-laws to support endorsed candidates.