

Endorsement Meeting Rules of the Day

1. These Rules of the Day will be read and approved by a majority present at the meeting.
2. The election will follow the current Bylaws of DC for Democracy. Where the Bylaws are in question, these Rules of the Day will supersede.
3. The Operations Director shall certify whether the required quorum of 20 voting members present has been satisfied.
4. Rules for the Endorsement Discussion:
 - a. Anyone who has signed up to speak in advance via the Zoom registration will be able to participate in the endorsement discussion, with the exception of those defined in Section 4(b).
 - b. Candidates running for At-Large Council in the June Democratic primary and their immediate family members, paid campaign staff, and official volunteers (campaign chairs, treasurers) are not allowed to participate or listen, and will need to leave the meeting. They are allowed to vote if they are voting members.
 - c. Video/audio recording is not allowed in order to encourage open and honest discussion.
 - d. The Chair will identify all speakers before the discussion begins, and identify whether they will speak for a specific candidate, “No Endorsement” or offer candidate-neutral information. Speakers will be rotated so that speakers for all candidates can be heard. If the schedule does not allow all speakers to be accommodated, the Chair shall specify those who will be allowed to speak, with preference given to voting DC for Democracy members.
 - e. Speakers will be given one minute to speak, with the time limit strictly enforced.
 - f. Speakers who signed up to speak can decline to speak.
5. Voting
 - a. Eligibility to vote shall be limited to voting members of DC for Democracy. Per our bylaws, all members who joined DC for Democracy by attending a monthly meeting 30 days prior to the endorsement may vote in the endorsement. The last monthly meeting 30 days prior was January 19th, 2022. All members who attended that meeting or a prior monthly meeting are eligible to vote and would have received an email confirming voting eligibility on March 7th.

b. For each section of the ballot, members will be able to vote for the choices listed, vote for No Endorsement, vote for a write-in candidate (if relevant), or abstain (by checking the “Abstain” box). If you do not wish to affect the endorsement vote, abstain.

c. Since this race has more than two candidates, members may vote for a second choice if they wish, using the modified system of ranked choice voting specified in our bylaws. The second choice should be used only if a voter would actually prefer having DC for Democracy endorse that person to having no endorsement. Omitting a second choice, or duplicating the first choice as a second choice, is equivalent to giving “No Endorsement” as a second choice.

d. Electronic ballots will be sent to every voting member of DC for Democracy tonight (March 9th, 2021). Voting by electronic ballot will be allowed until Saturday, March 12th 6pm. No votes will be accepted after that time. This meeting will officially adjourn at that time.

6. Counting the votes

a. A committee of three Election Inspectors shall be appointed by the Chair to manage the proceedings and count and certify the ballots.

b. The Election Inspectors, and any interested parties, will supervise the counting of votes, which will be performed via a Zoom video conference.

c. The results of the endorsement votes shall be determined according to the Bylaws (Article 4, Section 5), which specify a 2/3 threshold for endorsement.

d. Votes will be calculated based on valid votes cast for a particular item. If a ballot does not contain a vote (i.e., an abstention), or if a ballot is spoiled, it will not be included in calculating the threshold.