

Article VIII. Endorsements

Section 1. ~~The~~ **On behalf of the** Caucus, the **Executive Board** may endorse candidates and issues in any election submitted to the electorate **and/or convention delegates** for a vote except that **the Caucus shall not endorse candidates in a contested Democratic Primary or Primary Runoff race.**

Section 2. Only ~~candidates of the Democratic Party~~ **Democrats** are eligible for endorsements of the Caucus in **both** partisan **and nonpartisan** elections.

Section 3. The ~~Executive Board~~ **Endorsement Committee** shall prepare a list of candidates and/or issues to be submitted to the ~~membership~~ **Executive Board** for endorsement consideration. The Executive Board is not obligated to select every item or race on a ballot, but may choose only those items it justly deems viable and appropriate for consideration.

Section 4. The Executive Board ~~shall~~ **may** adopt the rules of procedure ~~prior to submitting the endorsements to the Caucus Members for approval~~ **to guide its endorsement process.**

Section 5. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, require candidates for endorsement to complete a questionnaire, appear before a screening committee, or to produce any such documents as a prerequisite for endorsement. The Executive Board must approve the contents of any questionnaire.

Section 6. Endorsements must be approved by the ~~membership either~~ **Executive Board** at a properly called meeting, ~~by mail-in ballot or e-mail ballot~~. Candidates or issues for endorsement must receive a majority vote of the **members** present at the Executive Board meeting ~~or responding by mail or e-mail~~ to gain the endorsement of the Caucus. A situation of no endorsement is permitted. Recommendations to vote against a ballot issue or to withhold a vote for a candidate are permitted.

Section 7. **The Caucus may not make campaign contributions to candidates or issues it has not first endorsed.**