

34Dems Endorsement Process Survey Aug '09

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34th District Democrats Feedback Survey - June and July 2009 Meetings

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Dear 34th District member,
Thank you for attending the July Endorsement Meeting. As a credentialed voting member at that meeting, the Executive Board would like your feedback on our endorsement process.
This year, the district took a different approach to securing endorsements. First, we held off on making any endorsements until our July meeting with the exception of our endorsement of Dow Constantine and second, we adopted a new set of rules at our May 13 34th District Business Meeting. In sum, this process provided each candidate an opportunity to come before the membership to give a brief presentation during our spring meetings, to attend the candidate forum in June and to seek a vote of endorsement at our July meeting.
Please take a moment and fill out this survey. Your responses will be anonymous.
Your feedback is important to us and will help shape how the district handles our endorsement meetings in 2010. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Page 1 - Question 1 - Yes or No

[Mandatory]

The District did a good job this year of providing opportunities to the membership to get to know the candidate's background, positions and skills.

- Yes
 No

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With the exception of the Dow Constantine endorsement, the district did not endorse any candidates until all candidates could be considered at once at the July meeting.

Page 1 - Question 2 - Yes or No

[Mandatory]

In your opinion, was this the correct approach to take?

- Yes
 No

Page 1 - Question 3 - Yes or No

[Mandatory]

Would you have preferred the ability to move the endorsement of candidates or initiatives before the scheduled July Endorsement Meeting?

- Yes
 No

Please check the endorsement process you would prefer the district to use when selecting candidates for district endorsement.

- At an endorsement meeting, the District should allow motions and votes for endorsement of candidates one-by-one as opposed to all candidates at once even when there are multiple candidates running for a race. (To put this another way: we would allow nominations from the floor for any candidate and then vote to endorse or not endorse that candidate. This generally means a serial process of considering each candidate for a race without first trying to narrow the pool, as we did this year.)
- The District should maintain the intent of the current rules, which allows for: nomination of all possible candidates before any vote on that race, voting to narrow the field to two candidates, an effort to secure a sole endorsement for one of those candidates and if that fails, the opportunity to vote for or against a dual endorsement.

At the endorsement meeting, several candidates came very close to getting our sole endorsement, missing the 2/3 threshold by just a few votes. In all cases, they went on to secure a dual endorsement.

Should we lower the threshold?

- Yes
- No

Would you support lowering the threshold from 66.67% to 60%?

- Yes
- No

Please tell us your level of agreement with the following statement using a 1 to 5 scale.

	Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied or D
Please rate your overall satisfaction with the June Candidate Forum.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please tell us your level of agreement with the following statement using a 1 to 5 scale.

	Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied
Please rate your overall satisfaction with the July endorsement meeting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The June Candidate forum could be improved by:

- Making it two meetings on two different nights
 - Soliciting questions from the floor during the meeting
 - Making it an event separate from the regular monthly meeting.
 - Other, please specify
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The July endorsements meeting could be improved by:

- Shortening the time speakers have for and against candidates
 - Lengthening the time speakers have for and against nominations
 - Changing the rules to provide more opportunities for votes to be cast by hand count
 - Other, please specify
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If you have been a member in the previous year(s) and were familiar with the endorsement process, please answer the following two questions.

I prefer the process we had in the past to the process we used this year.

- Yes
- No

Given your response to the previous question, what suggestions can you provide to improve upon the current endorsement rules?

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If you have any additional comments, please provide them here.

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Thank You - 34th District Democrats Board

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