

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT POLICY

A Bylaws

1. Article V, Section 4 of the Farmington/ Farmington Hills Club Bylaws states:

If endorsements of candidates are to be made at a meeting, written notice of such intention shall be mailed to the membership and to all candidates deemed eligible for endorsement by the Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the regular meeting. A resolution for endorsement shall be passed by majority of votes cast at the meeting by members in good standing at least thirty days prior to the election meeting, present and voting.”

B. General

1. Any candidate for election to office may request that the Executive Committee consider eligibility for endorsement. A copy of this policy will be provided to candidates requesting endorsement.
2. The Executive Committee may consider a candidate’s eligibility for endorsement without a specific request from the candidate.
3. A candidate running in a primary against a Democratic incumbent may not be deemed eligible for endorsement unless the incumbent has deviated significantly from Democratic values and policies.
4. The Executive Committee shall encourage women and minority candidates and endeavor to develop a strong farm team of good viable local candidates reflective of the diverse character of the community.

C. Guidelines.

When considering eligibility for endorsement, the Executive Committee shall take into account the following guidelines:

1. Commitment to Democratic values as demonstrated by the Candidate’s platform, proposed ideas, statements and actions;
2. Commitment to the Democratic Party as demonstrated by length of membership in the MDP, active involvement and support of other local Democratic candidates;
3. The candidate’s record in office;
4. The candidate’s willingness to work with the Club leadership in furtherance of his/ her campaign and in support of other endorsed candidates;

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5. The candidate's effectiveness in running prior campaigns and the viability of this campaign;
6. Prior public service;
7. Other relevant experience and qualifications.

D Process

1. The Executive Committee, or a sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee, may, when appropriate or desirable, interview candidates and/or request a brief written submission addressing the stated guidelines for endorsement.
2. The Executive Committee will declare each candidate considered to be one of the following:
 - a. Eligible and Endorsement Recommended
 - b. Eligible, no Recommendation
 - c. Not Eligible.
3. The designation of a candidate as eligible or not eligible and a decision to endorse a candidate applies only to the particular office and election year being considered. A designation of a candidate as not eligible does not preclude a designation as eligible in a subsequent campaign. Nor does an endorsement guarantee future endorsement in a subsequent campaign.
4. A decision by the Executive Committee to recommend endorsement of a candidate must be ratified by the Club membership at a general membership meeting in accordance with the Club bylaws.
5. A resolution from the floor at a general membership meeting to endorse a candidate not previously considered for endorsement by the Executive Committee will be treated as a motion to refer the candidate to the Executive Committee for consideration of eligibility.

Approved by a vote of the Executive Committee on June 14, 2013