

## Coronado Democratic Club Endorsement Process

1. The club endorsement policy is posted on our website for candidates to review. It is recommended that when a request for endorsement is received, the President sends the candidate a copy of the policy and a questionnaire.
2. **Questionnaire:** There may be standard questionnaires provided by the County party for all candidates to fill out; if so, request a copy of the requesting candidate.
  - Board to determine if an additional questionnaire that is Coronado Specific is advisable.
  - Board to determine whether or not to post the questionnaire on the club website.
  - Club bylaws are silent on whether or not a questionnaire is required.
3. **Club roster:** requests are made from candidates for our mailing list- it is the current club policy not to grant these requests. Note: if a request from a candidate is granted, then we have to treat all candidates equally and grant all requests. Our roster has not been shared to date. In 2020, the Board restated its position that the list should not be shared or used for non-club business.
4. Endorsement considerations:
  - **Has the candidate in a non-partisan race requested endorsement in writing? This is a requirement in our bylaws.**
  - Registered Democrat?
  - Other Democrats in the race?
  - Have we previously endorsed?
  - Has the candidate voted in line with the party platform?
  - Has the candidate maintained a good relationship with the club?
  - Is the seat in our geographic area?
  - How many races do we have time to hold endorsement meetings for?

## 5. Endorsement Procedure

- Copy notice of endorsement meeting to Council of Clubs/SDCDP
- Timely notice and invite all candidates for that office
- If the club had not taken a position on endorsement, then the club rep may not vote on endorsement at the South Area caucus.
- After the endorsement vote, file the club endorsement form at least 48 hours prior to South Area Caucus vote.
- File form plus a copy of minutes of endorsement meeting with SDCDP.

## 6. Endorsement Outcomes

- **Endorse** if the applicable threshold is reached.
- **No Endorsement:** if the club votes ‘no endorsement’ that is a final position- may not reconsider.
- **“No position”** – this means threshold not reached for endorsement or no endorsement; this vote may be revisited at a future meeting.
- **Ratings:** can rate candidate qualified/acceptable, not recommend/unacceptable.