

## **NDFA Endorsement Policy and Procedures Governed by the By-Laws of NDFA**

There are two levels of endorsement by Northside Democracy for America. The first is ADOPTION. With this level, we will appoint a liaison to the campaign and organize campaign events for our members. The second level is ENDORSEMENT. At this level, candidates may note NDFA's endorsement, and members may volunteer on their own. However, NDFA does not commit to organizing activities. In both levels, any work done by our members counts towards voting membership, and candidates may note our endorsement. All endorsements are made by a vote of the voting membership of NDFA.

- 1) To be either adopted or endorsed, a voting member of NDFA must propose the candidate to the group.
- 2) To be either adopted or endorsed, the Steering Committee must invite the candidate (or their representative) to speak at a general meeting.
- 3) Except under extraordinary circumstances, endorsement votes take place at least one month after the candidate speaks to members.
- 4) To earn an endorsement, candidates must receive support from at least 75 percent of those participating in the vote.
- 5) To earn adoption, candidates must first be endorsed, and on a second vote must receive at least 90 percent of those participating in the vote.

No more than 4 candidates will be adopted in any given election cycle. However, NDFA may endorse any number of candidates.

FAQ:

### **How does a candidate contact NDFA regarding an endorsement?**

Candidates may contact any member of the Steering Committee or the Candidates Committee to indicate an interest in receiving an NDFA endorsement. Candidates may attend a membership meeting and may announce their candidacy during "Group Announcements." However, the candidate may not make a presentation to members until invited in advance to do so. Candidates may contact committee members through DFALink, in person at meetings, or via email at [northsidedfa@gmail.com](mailto:northsidedfa@gmail.com).

### **How are the decisions made about who will speak?**

The Steering Committee, in consultation with the membership, decides who to invite to speak for each meeting. Given our limited resources, we must make tough decisions about where we will focus our time and members during each cycle.

### **Who are the voting members of NDFA?**

Voting members are those who have attended at least three NDFA meetings in the last 12 months and volunteered for three campaign activities for NDFA endorsed or adopted candidates within the last 12 months. Voting members are often polled as to which races and candidates interest them. However, decisions about specific invitations are thereafter the responsibility of the Steering Committee. Voting members who are not present at the meeting at which an endorsement/adoption vote is taken have the right to vote by proxy. We do not sell, lend, rent or give a list of our voting members to anyone.