

At the July 27th Central Committee meeting, the Rules Committee will be recommending the following rules changes:

Motion 1:

Rules Committee moves to modify Standing Rule #7 section 4:

1. For each election that can have an endorsement made, the Endorsement Committee shall, if applicable, provide the Endorsement Questionnaire for all eligible candidates that have been vetted to date for that endorsement at least 6 days before the meeting in which the endorsement recommendations are considered.
2. For each election that can have an endorsement made the Endorsement Committee shall provide a written report including the recommended action, a rationale for that action, a minority report, (if applicable), ~~and the~~ and any updates to the Endorsement Questionnaire for all eligible candidates that have been vetted ~~to date~~ for that endorsement ~~at least 6 days before the meeting in which the endorsement recommendations are considered~~ on the day of meeting in which the endorsement recommendations are considered.;

Justification:

We have received a lot of feedback from the endorsements committee about the timeline around final endorsements decisions and the writing of the committee recommendation report, so we are cleaning up the timeline on the release of the recommendation report. The Rules Committee wanted to preserve the early release of the Endorsement Questionnaire but chose to extend the deadline for the release of the committee's report to the day of the meeting. So, we are changing the timeline for Endorsement Committee reporting to be 6 days in advance for the Questionnaire and Day Of the meeting for the final recommendation report.

We hope that a day-of report release allows members who are passionate about endorsements to be fully prepared for the endorsements meeting, while also giving the endorsement committee the maximum amount of time possible in such a tight time frame to make their decisions. We are trying to get this right, respecting both the Central Committee's desire to be prepared in advance and the Endorsement's Committee's volunteer nature and the tight timeline involved. It is a careful needle to thread, and I expect that the Rules Committee will further revise this in the future based on both CC and Endorsement committee feedback.

Motion 2:

Rules Committee moves to modify Standing Rule #7 section 2 to add

1. Committee members that are elected officials, associated with a campaign, or have any association with a county or city board or commission must recuse themselves from the endorsement process for any election where there may appear to be a conflict of interest. All recusals must be noted in the committee report.

## Justification:

The Endorsements Committee rules do not contain any restrictions for elected officials to take part in the committee recommendation process, and we have had elected officials serve on the Endorsement Committee in the past. A few members brought up some conflict of interest concerns and we wanted to include some language in the endorsement rules to help reduce or eliminate those concerns. This does not prohibit elected officials from serving on the endorsement committee, only requires that they recuse themselves from participating in any part of the endorsement process if there is even an appearance of a conflict of interest.