

Fellow Democrats,

It is important that you [register early for the May 24th meeting](#) and come early to avoid the crowd. We will all be moving through the endorsement process on our May 24th and June 2nd meetings in an auditable, user-friendly, electronic way.

The 45thLD has a robust, fact-checking, democratic, and diverse Endorsements Committee that takes their volunteer job very seriously. That job is to interview the candidates and bring their recommendation to the membership.

The members of the 45th will have the opportunity, on each specific position, to vote for:

- The candidate recommended by the Endorsements Committee.
- Any Democratic candidate from the floor for the same position nominated and seconded by members.*
- Any number of candidates, meaning you can vote for more than one candidate.
- Not voting for any candidate (i.e., voting for “no endorsement”).
- Dual/triple/quadruple endorsements are not permitted under approval voting rules.

*Provided the candidate has first made a timely request for consideration by the Endorsements Committee.

Nominated candidates will each get two minutes to speak once nominations are closed by the chair. After the speeches, all candidates will be moved into the Zoom waiting room. All guests will also be moved into the waiting room, leaving only 45thLD members present in the main room for voting. No tardy members admitted. The members are counted and confirmed, and the chat function is closed.

A member of the Endorsements Committee will introduce the Committee’s candidate selection. A member can speak in support of a floor-nominated candidate, and there may be a member speech in support of no endorsement (2 minutes each).

After the speeches are completed any members who are themselves candidates can then re-enter the main room to participate in voting.

A member may temporarily leave the room if they do not want to participate in the endorsement vote. Once the vote has been concluded they will be messaged to return.

Each member can vote for none, one, or more candidates via Zoom voting (provisions will be made for voting by text, phone, or chat if a member has technical limitations). The candidate that gets 2/3rds votes of members present will be the endorsed candidate. If the 2/3rd threshold is not reached for any candidate, there will be no endorsement. There will be no dual endorsements; in the event that more than one candidate reaches the 2/3rd threshold, the candidate with the most votes will be the endorsed candidate.

A bell will sound (instead of gavel) after voting is closed, signaling a move to the next endorsement. All guests, tardy members, and candidates will be brought back in from the waiting room to the main room, and the process starts again. Tardy members will be credentialed for the next endorsement vote.