

Vashon Progressive Alliance

Endorsement Procedure

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Assumptions:

Endorsements will use a two step process with the group (at one meeting) deciding to put an endorsement on the agenda for the next monthly meeting, giving VPA a heads-up, and actually voting "YES" or "No" to endorse on the second meeting.

Endorsements include candidates, legislative bills, initiatives, other organization's activities and events, and anything the VPA decides to endorse.

We want a reasonable balance between having our endorsement process be representative of the group, fairly easy to achieve, and not overly complex.

The VPA Endorsement Agreement:

- 1) Anyone who attends a VPA meeting in person can vote.
- 2) There is no quorum requirement for our meetings, but there is a quorum of 10 voters for endorsement votes. Before each endorsement vote, we will ask how many people will be voting, and that will determine if we have a quorum for endorsement votes.
- 3) Abstentions will not be counted as votes, nor will the people abstaining be counted in the quorum of voters.
- 4) A simple majority of those voting is required to put an endorsement (or a reconsideration of a previous endorsement) on the next month's agenda.
- 5) A super majority of 80% of those voting, but no less than 10 'yes' votes, is required to make an endorsement.
- 6) If the number of people willing to vote is less than 10 or attendees want more discussion, a simple majority can decide to continue discussion and delay voting to a future meeting.
- 7) If the VPA wants to make an emergency endorsement, because the issue is time sensitive, there are three requirements:
 - a) There must be at least 12 attendees present who are willing to vote.
 - b) A super majority (80%) of those voting must agree that the endorsement qualifies as an emergency endorsement.
 - c) A super majority (80%) of those voting must agree to endorse.
- 8) Reconsideration of a previous endorsement uses the same process as endorsements.
- 9) Amending this Endorsement Procedure uses the same two-step process as an endorsement.