

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: ENDORSEMENTS
Submitted by ADP Bylaws Committee for consideration April 13, 2019

A bylaws statement regarding contested primaries is long overdue, particularly given this resolution:

“Message Regarding Party Neutrality” Email sent from info@azdem.org (Felecia Rotellini); July 30, 2018

Party Leaders,

On Saturday, July 28th the Executive Committee of the Arizona Democratic Party unanimously passed the following resolution:

"The Arizona Democratic Party remains neutral in contested primaries and requires all materials to remain neutral with respect to candidates in contested primaries."

The Arizona Democratic Party and all of its committees will not be advocating for any candidate who is involved in a contested primary. We take this matter seriously and will address any allegations brought to our attention.

Thus, we propose the new section “Contested Primaries.”

In addition, the existing section regarding Vote of No Candidate Support (to become Section 2) was altered for clarity.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Existing text. ~~Deleted text.~~ *Added text.*

ARTICLE XIII. ~~VOTE OF NO~~ ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES SUPPORT

Section 1. CONTESTED PRIMARIES.

The Arizona Democratic Party and all of its affiliated statewide entities shall remain neutral in contested primaries. They will neither endorse any candidate in a contested primary, nor take actions that could imply endorsement, nor otherwise give favor to or demonstrate bias toward a specific candidate.

Section ~~1~~2. VOTE OF NO CANDIDATE SUPPORT.

In the event serious concerns are raised about a candidate’s legitimacy or intent, the Executive Board may call for a vote of No Candidate Support by the Executive Committee ~~when there appears to be serious questions about a candidate’s legitimacy and intent.~~ To be approved, a vote of No Candidate Support must be agreed to by ~~no fewer than~~ at least 90% of ~~those~~ a quorum of Executive Committee members voting. Executive Committee members will be notified by ~~both~~ mail or telephone, and by email, of the scheduled vote. If the situation is deemed urgent ~~calls for action before the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting,~~ the State Chair may call for remote ~~telephonic~~ voting, in which case attendance or voting by proxy will not be permitted.