

**2013 Spokane County Republican Party Endorsement Process
Final**

Endorsement Procedure:

The Spokane County Republican Party's Rules and Procedures Manual shall be amended with the following language in order to establish the official endorsement procedure of the Spokane County Republican Party. **Section 1** shall go into effect on November 6th, 2013 and **Section 2** shall go into effect immediately upon adoption.

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Section 1: Process

- 1.) Any candidate or candidate's representative for any office, at any level of government seeking the endorsement of the Spokane County Republican Party (SCRCP) shall complete a candidate questionnaire and submit the name of one duly elected or legally appointed Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) residing in the candidate's district as the sponsor of their endorsement¹.

Access to the questionnaire shall be available electronically to any candidate seeking elective office by a set date no later than the May Meeting of the SCRCP Executive Board. All submissions shall be due by a set date prior to that of the June SCRCP Executive Board Meeting. This timeline may be adjusted at the discretion of the SCRCP Executive Board for special elections occurring outside of August and/or November.

- a. The following questions are examples of basic information that may be requested as part of the candidate questionnaire. Other questions can be added as necessary.

Name
Position/District Sought
Phone
Campaign Mailing Address
Campaign Website
Campaign Facebook/Twitter Handles
Campaign Email
Current Employer/Position

- b. The following questions shall require a response for consideration of an endorsement by the party.²

Who is your sponsoring Precinct Committee Officer?

What is your stand concerning policies that would restrict or limit individual American's right to privacy? Please explain and give examples.

What restrictions, if any, do you favor placing on the right to bear arms?

How would you balance protecting property rights vs protecting the environment?

How do you define the proper role of government in today's society?

When do you consider tax or fee increases to be a proper policy choice?

Define your views on social policy as they apply to the position you are seeking.

¹ See Voting Rules 1-2

² See Voting Rule 1-2

Describe the role you envision for parents and government in education.

Do you favor a market-based healthcare system or one more centrally organized by the state or federal government? Why or why not?

How would you balance infrastructure maintenance and improvements vs implementing cost efficiencies and oversight?

Why do you want the endorsement of the Spokane County Republican Party?

- c. Each questionnaire submission shall be available to all Board Members by the June meeting of the SCRCP Executive Board.
 - d. The SCRCP Executive Board may choose to display questionnaire submissions on the www.spokanegop.com website and/or any applicable social media sites for use as public voter guide. A disclaimer to this effect shall be displayed on the candidate questionnaire.
- 2.) Following receipt of the candidate questionnaire submissions, the SCRCP Executive Board may opt to defer any action on specific endorsements until a later date, request an in-person/telephonic/online video interview with a candidate if needed, or vote on an endorsement.³
 - a. At the discretion of the SCRCP Executive Board, endorsements may be revisited following the Primary election in those races where an endorsed candidate fails to make it into the General election or where no primary endorsement occurred.
 - 3.) By default, any endorsement approved by the Spokane County Republican Executive Board shall include a contribution to the endorsed candidate's campaign of \$100.⁴ This does not apply to candidates for Federal office.
 - a. Contributions shall only be allocated to campaigns endorsed by the Spokane County Republican Executive Board.
 - 4.) Any resolution declaring support or opposition to a ballot measure that has been legally placed on the ballot either locally or statewide may be brought forward by any elected member of the SCRCP Executive Board, but shall require sponsorship in writing by a duly elected or legally appointed Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) residing in Spokane County.⁵
 - 5.) When the SCRCP Executive Board endorses a candidate or ballot measure, a statement shall be issued to the press and posted to the Spokane GOP website and any other applicable social media applications notifying the public of the endorsement. Any endorsed candidate, campaign, or ballot measure shall be authorized to use the endorsement in campaign materials.

³ See Voting Rules 1-5

⁴ See Voting Rule 7

⁵ See Voting Rule 8

Section 2: Voting Rules

VOTING RULE 1

Proxies shall not be allowed to vote on motions to endorse or oppose a candidate or ballot measure. Any absent SCRP Executive Board member shall have no more than forty-eight hours to cast their vote via e-mail, phone, or other Board approved methods on a motion to endorse or oppose a candidate or ballot measure. Any member failing to cast their vote during the allotted time shall be considered as abstaining for purposes of the vote count and official record.

VOTING RULE 2

Any endorsement vote that bypasses the approved endorsement process and/or occurs before the legally established filing deadline shall require unanimous consent by all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board.

VOTING RULE 3

Any endorsement vote occurring after the legally established filing deadline, but before the Primary election shall require a 75% vote in the affirmative of all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board.

VOTING RULE 4

Any endorsement vote occurring after the Primary election for candidates listed on the ballot as 'Republican' or 'GOP' shall require only a simple majority vote (50% +1) in the affirmative of all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board. However, if the top two candidates following the Primary election both list 'Republican' or 'GOP' as their party preference then a 75% vote in the affirmative is required of all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board.

VOTING RULE 5

Any endorsement vote occurring anytime after the legally established filing date(s) for any candidate that does not establish their party as 'GOP' or 'Republican' on the ballot—including non-partisan candidates, shall require an affirmative vote of 75% of all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board.

VOTING RULE 6

To strip an endorsement from a candidate for any reason shall require an affirmative vote of 75% of all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board.

VOTING RULE 7

Any additional contributions or access to additional party resources to any endorsed candidate shall only require a simple majority vote (50% +1) in the affirmative by all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board.

VOTING RULE 8

Any resolution declaring support and/or opposition to a ballot measure either locally or statewide that bypasses the approved process and/or occurs before the measure has been legally placed on the ballot shall require unanimous consent by all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board. Any resolution declaring support and/or opposition to a ballot measure that follows the specified process shall only require a simple majority (50% +1) vote in the affirmative by all elected members of the Spokane County Republican Executive Board.