**SFWPC Endorsements – Process and Key Information**

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**Endorsements Primary Contact:**

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**To be considered for endorsement by SFWPC:**

1. **Complete endorsement questionnaire or info sheet - due Aug 25th 5:00pm**

*For candidates:* Fill out the questionnaire (emailed to you and available on our website) and return it to me via email by 6pm on 8/25. If you do not return a questionnaire, you will not be eligible for an interview.

*For ballot measure campaigns:* Fill out the ballot measure information request (emailed to you and available on our website) and return it to Kate Ijams at kate@sfwpc.org by 6pm on 8/25. If you do not return an info sheet, you will not be eligible for an interview.

1. **Complete endorsement interview on Aug 29th. Sign up by Aug. 25th.**

Meet with our endorsements committee on August 29th. Sign up for a time slot [here](http://doodle.com/pn5dhwc72gn3tfe2) no later than 8/25. Time slots may be expanded beyond currently available times depending on demand. Time slots are first come, first served.

1. **For previously recommended candidates**If our endorsements committee has recommended you for endorsement in a previous cycle for the same office you currently seek, you may request to waive the endorsement interview. You must still complete the questionnaire. Please make this request to Kate Ijams via email by August 25th when you submit your questionnaire.

**The SFWPC endorsement process**

1. **Endorsement committee recommendations.**The endorsements committee is made up of board members and club members. The committee will vote to recommend candidates or positions on measures based on questionnaires and interview responses. Committee members affiliated with or employed by a certain campaign may participate in discussions but must abstain from the vote on that race. Committee recommendations are determined by simple majority of those present and eligible to vote for a particular race. Committee recommendations will be determined on Aug 29th after interviews and will be communicated to candidates the next day. The committee's recommended candidates and positions will be noted as such on the ballot provided to the general membership at the endorsement vote event on Sep. 9th (see sfwpc.com/events for details).
2. **General membership vote**The general membership vote determines which candidates and positions on measures will be endorsed by SFWPC. The ballot includes all candidates vying for a particular race; SFWPC Endorsement Committee vote recommendations are indicated in bold.
3. **Counting ballots and vote thresholds**

For all RCV, two-candidate, and ballot measure races, a simple majority of the votes cast (50%+1) for that particular race is necessary to secure endorsement.

For single-choice, multiple-candidate races (College Board, School Board), the number of choices on the ballot will match the number of seats available. The highest vote-getter will receive the endorsement.

All ballots will be hand counted. Ballots will include one race per page to minimize chance of human error.

We will use RCV for mayoral and supervisorial races. RCV races will be hand-counted using [these procedures](http://www.cfer.org/learn/orgprocs.html).

If the total number of votes cast in any particular race is less than 60% of the total number of votes cast overall, that race will not be eligible to receive the SFWPC endorsement.

1. **Results**

We will notify campaigns of the results within 24 hours of the vote using the contact information provided on the questionnaire or info sheet. We will notify membership via email, social media, and on our website.

Results announced will be the list of final endorsements only. Vote tallies are never released.