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Vote Run Lead RUN/51 Minnesota Endorsement Questionnaire

Land Stewardship Action Fund

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Organization Website: We don't have it publicly on our website, but it can be learned about through conversation with staff.

What month does the endorsement process begin: February

Other key dates for the endorsement process: N/A

Organizational endorsement process includes: An individual interview, questionnaire, member nomination and continued relationship with the membership in the district.

Resources provided once endorsement is received: The right to include our logo and declare in their materials that they are endorsed by us. Volunteers to assist with field activities. Independent expenditures by organizational affiliates (uncoordinated).

Candidate promotion by your organization: Social media, phone calls, correspondence to members, and meet and greets or other organization sponsored events.

Issues most important to the organization: Soil health, healthcare, regional food systems, and supporting small and mid-size farms.

Specific policy stances, qualities, and experiences your organization is looking for: We are looking for candidates who have shown a demonstrated interest in and passion for sustainable agriculture and creating a just food and farm system.

Advice you'd like to share: In this coming year we will be trying to focus our endorsements more than we have in the past so we can put more weight behind them. This means we'll be more selective about who we endorse and only endorse candidates who are fully with us on all our issues.



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Maiv PAC

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Organization Website: N/A

What month does the endorsement process begin: May

Other key dates for the endorsement process: It depends but we usually have big events in August and October.

Organizational endorsement process includes: An individual interview, panel/committee interview, and a questionnaire.

Resources provided once endorsement is received:

Candidate promotion by your organization:

Issues most important to the organization: Gender Equity

Specific policy stances, qualities, and experiences your organization is looking for: We look for candidates who have a large number of Asian constituents or serve on key committees or leadership positions and those who have demonstrated commitment to Asians.

Advice you'd like to share: This is the beginning of how you build a relationship with candidates so be thoughtful and careful.



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Women Winning

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Organization Website: <https://www.womenwinning.org/run-for-office/endorsement/>

What month does the endorsement process begin: January

Other key dates for the endorsement process: Endorsements are on a rolling basis, so they will vary greatly between candidates - more contested races will likely be earlier, while uncontested races may be summer of the election year.

Organizational endorsement process includes: A panel/committee interview and a questionnaire.

Resources provided once endorsement is received: The right to include our logo and declare in their materials that they are endorsed by us. Financial assistance toward their campaign. Volunteers to assist with field activities. Connections to additional organizations that may endorse them or provide other campaign assistance. Access to campaign experts (communication, field, volunteer coordination, etc.)

Candidate promotion by your organization: Social media and correspondence to members.

Issues most important to the organization: N/A

Specific policy stances, qualities, and experiences your organization is looking for: Supporting comprehensive, age-appropriate, inclusive, and medically accurate sexuality education, including information about abstinence, contraception, and consent.

Supporting initiatives to prevent unintended pregnancies, such as government subsidized family planning programs and ensuring that emergency contraception is available to all women who want it.

Supporting a woman's constitutionally protected right to obtain medically safe, legal, and accessible abortion under standards set forth by the U.S. Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade.

Opposing any legislation restricting access to abortion.

Advice you'd like to share: The endorsement process is ultimately based on whether a candidate is a pro-choice woman and their path to victory. The path to victory is judged on - 1. How is their campaign structure set up, and is a competent team around them? 2. How is voter outreach going, and what is the plan to talk to as many voters as possible? 3. Is fundraising going well, and is there a plan to aggressively fundraise? 4. What community, organizational, and influencer support has the candidate earned?



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Minnesota Nurses Association

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Organization Website: <https://mnnurses.org/issues-advocacy/elections/get-involved/endorsement-process/>

What month does the endorsement process begin: May

Other key dates for the endorsement process: It depends on the decision made by our member-run MNA Political Committee; the traditional timeline is May-August, but some early endorsements can happen in key, targeted races.

Organizational endorsement process includes: A panel/committee interview. A questionnaire. We provide the candidates a backgrounder on MNA and our key legislative issues

Resources provided once endorsement is received: Candidate will receive logo and use of logo, we may provide a contribution, will communicate the endorsement to our members via our many publications and channels, and we may conduct an IE campaign in support of the candidate (field and comms)

Candidate promotion by your organization: Social media and correspondence to members, maybe mailers, calls and texts.

Issues most important to the organization: Protecting the nursing profession, safe staffing levels inside hospitals, preventing workplace violence prevention, healthcare reform, protecting collective bargaining rights and the right to organize.

Specific policy stances, qualities, and experiences your organization is looking for: We look for candidates who will advocate and co-govern with nurses on issues important to nurses and their patients, including safe staffing and healthcare reform. We have an expansive legislative platform.

Advice you'd like to share: Don't accept an endorsement where you cannot uphold the commitments you make during the process, especially to a member-run union. Getting endorsed the first time around does not guarantee an endorsement the second time around. Do your research before the candidate screening by looking up news articles and reading their websites. If you are screening with a union, make sure you understand the fundamentals. Do the organizing work and communicate with nurses in your community, hear their stories, and bring that to the screening - that little effort goes a long way for nurses believing you care about their fight.



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Minnesota Association of Professional Employees

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What month does the endorsement process begin: January

Other key dates for the endorsement process: N/A

Organizational endorsement process includes: A panel/committee interview and a questionnaire

Resources provided once endorsement is received: We allow endorsees to use our logo and we consider financial and other resource support

Candidate promotion by your organization: Historically, we do promotion to our members in many ways. This cannot be coordinated with candidates.

Issues most important to the organization: Labor issues, fully funding state government to make Minnesota a better state. Find out more here: <https://mape.org/committees/mape-pac>

Specific policy stances, qualities, and experiences your organization is looking for: We share this in our endorsement questionnaire.

Advice you'd like to share: Feel free to reach out



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Star Tribune

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What month does the endorsement process begin: August

Other key dates for the endorsement process: It depends on the election, the number of candidates and races and other factors.

Organizational endorsement process includes: A questionnaire. Some interviews are individual, and some are with several Editorial Board members and sometimes more than one candidate.

Resources provided once endorsement is received: The right to include our logo and declare in their materials that they are endorsed by us.

Candidate promotion by your organization: I don't think of it as "promoting" a candidate. We do share our endorsements over social media and on our website.

Issues most important to the organization: Too broad a question. Sorry.

Specific policy stances, qualities, and experiences your organization is looking for: Again, a broad question. It depends on the race. Candidates should read our editorials and look at past endorsements to get an idea for what we value.

Advice you'd like to share: Candidates choose to seek our endorsement. We try to respect the time of the candidate, but we do expect that if they want our endorsement, they will complete a bio form and questionnaire and often an interview with one or more Editorial Board members. We try to make the process easy to navigate. We also take our choices seriously and do additional background research and reporting on most candidates.



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Duluth News Tribune

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What month does the endorsement process begin: June

Other key dates for the endorsement process: It depends when the filing period opens and closes and when the primary and Election Day are. We try to offer our endorsements early, in an attempt to help lead the community conversation about who our elected representatives will be, rather than trying to have the final say. We don't see our role as heavy handed as much as urging dialogue.

Organizational endorsement process includes: We will either do one-on-editorial board screening interviews or we will host public candidate forums. We partner with our local chamber on some candidate forums.

Resources provided once endorsement is received: It's up to the candidate to promote our endorsement however they want. About all we ask is that they do so accurately.

Candidate promotion by your organization: That is NOT the role of a newspaper/media outlet.

Issues most important to the organization: Knowledge of the most pressing issues, the right reasons for seeking office, clear and good ideas for solving community problems.