

Endorsement Policy



RPSC CRITERIA FOR COSIDERING A CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

A candidate seeking the endorsement of the RPSC ideally:

- Is a registered Republican in good standing;
- Possesses personal qualities that exemplify the traits of an ideal Republican leader, such as: personal integrity; moral uprightness; good social standing in the community; professional credibility; and, adherence to long-standing Republican values and principles.
- Possesses abilities, skills, and experience that demonstrate the candidate's suitability for the elective position sought.
- Convincingly demonstrates the ability to conduct a winnable campaign for the elective position sought.

Article I. CANDIDATE REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT:

- A. Only registered Republicans may seek the endorsement of the Republican Party of Stanislaus County (RPSC), with the exception of No Party Preference candidates for judge.
- B. Republicans seeking the endorsement of the RPSC must ask for endorsement from the RPSC, with the exception of statewide and federal candidates, or when consideration for endorsement is requested by the California Republican Party.
- C. The RPSC shall vote by 3/4 of Members present to take up endorsement before the filing period.
- D. Notice of consideration for endorsements for public office shall be announced at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

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Article II. RPSC ENDORSEMENT PROCEEDURE:

A. Primary Elections

1. The RPSC shall endorse no more than two candidates per seat in an election.
2. Endorsement shall require a 3/4 vote of the Members present.

B. General Election

1. The RPSC shall endorse no more than one candidate per seat in an election.
2. Endorsement shall require a 3/4 vote of the Members present.

Article III. PRIVILEGES OF RPSC-ENDORSED CANDIDATES

A. When a candidate is endorsed for an office, non-endorsed candidates for the same office lose access to official RPSC support. No others shall be recognized to speak in favor of a candidate challenging the RPSC endorsed candidate(s) for office.

1. Anyone may be recognized to speak at RPSC events in favor of the RPSC endorsed candidate(s)
2. The RPSC shall support only the endorsed candidate(s) in print, video, and social media.
3. No one shall be recognized at an RPSC meeting or event to speak in favor of another candidate challenging the officially endorsed candidate(s).

Article IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF RPSC-ENDORSED CANDIDATES

A. Endorsed candidate responsibilities.

1. A candidate or incumbent [2] seeking endorsement shall not:
 - i. Register as a member of another party.
 - ii. Publicly advocate **against** the election of **any** candidate(s) endorsed by the RPSC or California Republican Party.

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- iii. Not give support to a non-Republican candidate who's opposing a candidate endorsed by the RPSC or the California Republican Party.
- B. A candidate or incumbent acknowledges these rules and accepts their responsibilities of this policy upon submitting an endorsement request to the RPSC.

Article V. COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEEDURE

- A. When an official or candidate violates Article V, comparable to a CC Member violating the bylaws (III.D.1)[3], they shall be subject to:
 - 1. Loss of early endorsement consideration
 - 2. Loss of primary endorsement consideration
 - 3. Loss of all endorsement privileges
 - 4. Loss of CC donation support
 - 5. Loss of CC volunteer support
 - 6. Revocation of endorsement
 - 7. Can not be invited to publicly speak at RPSC meetings.
- B. A member of the RPSC may file charges against an endorsed candidate who has violated section (Article V A) by filing a candidate complaint form and submitting it to the Executive Committee.
 - 1. If the Executive Committee votes by a three-quarters (3/4) majority, of the members present, to uphold the charges then:
 - 2. The charges will be presented to the full RPSC, which must then vote by a three-quarters (3/4) majority, of the members present, to uphold the decision.
 - 3. If upheld, section 7.b will apply.

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Article VI. CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RPSC ENDORSEMENT POLICY

A candidate or incumbent seeking the endorsement of the RPSC shall acknowledge and accept these rules and their requisite responsibilities, upon submitting a request for endorsement to the RPSC.

Article VII. AMENDMENTS

The endorsement policy may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the RPSC by a 2/3 vote of the Members present, provided that written or email notification of any proposed amendments shall be given to the entire RPSC at least seven (7) days prior to the vote on the amendment.