

## 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats Non-Judicial Endorsement Questionnaire

Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate qualities and conduct:** The 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats (26<sup>th</sup> LD Dems) endorses and supports qualified Democrats seeking elected office, whether elected on a partisan or non-partisan basis. When deciding whether to recommend endorsement, the Elections Committee may consider the candidate's dedication to Democratic Party values and principles, the viability of the campaign, and the candidate's qualifications for office. When determining whether a candidate demonstrates Democratic Party values, the Committee may consider any facts and circumstances, including the candidate's Democratic Party activity, community activities, reputation among Democrats, and statements supporting the Democratic Party and fellow Democrats.

The 26<sup>th</sup> LD Dems discourages endorsed candidates from supporting non-Democratic candidates in partisan races or from supporting candidates who don't represent Democratic values in any race. Endorsed candidates are encouraged to distinguish themselves from any Democratic opponents in an objectively fair, informational, and non-confrontational fashion. **By submitting this endorsement questionnaire, I publicly affirm Democratic Party values and commit to abide by these principles of conduct. I also understand and agree that the 26<sup>th</sup> LD Dems may withdraw any endorsement if it determines that I failed to do so or that I acted in conflict with the answers provided during the screening process.**

**Please do not change or delete questions.** Instead, respond N/A (not applicable) to questions that aren't relevant to position sought. As this form is a Word document, you can use more or less space to answer each question – choose wisely.

### Questions

What are your qualifications for seeking elected office generally and this office in particular?

What are your reasons for seeking this office; why do you want this job?

What are the most important issues for the jurisdiction you would represent or for the elected body/office you seek?

What are your campaign's most important themes, issues, or priorities (no more than five)?

When elected, how would you make yourself accessible to constituents and the public, and how would you obtain their input on issues and decision?

Why should the 26<sup>th</sup> LD Dems support you for this position, and how have you demonstrated Democratic values?

Please list any key endorsements.

What is your overall campaign budget?

How many votes do you need to win this election?

IF ELECTED TO THIS POSITION (*some questions may not be applicable*):

What would you do to encourage economic development?

What would you do to address any transportation/transit challenges?

What would you do to address any social justice issues?

What policies would you support or actions would you take related to unions?

What would you do to address any environmental issues?

How do you plan to approach any fiscal or budget issues?

What would you do to address income inequality?

What changes, if any, would you make regarding taxes?

What would you do to address any safety, law, or justice issues?

How would you address school funding issues?

What would be your policy on student and teacher assessments?

What would you do to address any student achievement or graduation issues?

How would you make the quality of education more equitable for all students?

Finally, any additional comments you would like to share with the Committee: