

DNC Officer Endorsement Policy

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Endorsements in the Presidential Nominating Process Pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Democratic National Committee's (DNC) Charter, "the Chair shall be responsible for ensuring that the national officers and staff of the Democratic National Committee maintain impartiality and evenhandedness during the Democratic Party Presidential nominating process."

In order to ensure compliance with this requirement, Officers will take steps to uphold the spirit and intent of this provision and affirm their commitment to ensuring impartiality and evenhandedness until a nominee or presumptive nominee is determined. The following guidelines are established:

- Officers will not endorse Presidential primary candidates in the primary election.
- Officers will not contribute funds to Presidential primary candidates.
- Officers will not attend presidential campaign fundraising events where their attendance would create the appearance of endorsing a particular Presidential primary candidate.
- Officers will not fundraise on behalf of Presidential primary candidates outside of DNC sanctioned activities.
- Officers will confer with the DNC Chair prior to participating in non-DNC events with Presidential primary candidates.

While it is critical to maintain impartiality and evenhandedness, neither the Charter nor this policy is intended to prevent DNC Officers from engaging in the presidential election. However, Officers should always conduct themselves in a manner to avoid the appearance of endorsing candidates in the presidential nominating process to ensure the DNC's evenhandedness is not called into question.