United Faculty of Evergreen Endorsement Protocol

Over the years, the UFE has received requests for local political endorsements. Without a formal protocol in place, the Coordinating Committee and Stewards Council (SC) previously addressed these requests informally. However, with the need for broader union solidarity and participation, the SC has established the following protocol to respond to local and county endorsement requests with our UFE members in a more inclusive way. If you are interested in requesting an endorsement, please read the following guidelines. An endorsement application is provided below for you to submit to SC.

What does an endorsement mean for the UFE? Politically, UFE local and county endorsements offer solidarity with other unions and candidates who support union-related issues, particular those relevant to education. We offer our name, mostly. Federal endorsements (i.e. presidential) are addressed by our state and national affiliates, the WEA, AFT and the NEA. Regarding contributions, the UFE does not make monetary contributions to candidates because this could result in a public disclosure commission fine. That said, we feel it is important that we articulate our endorsement process. Here is the framework for requesting a UFE endorsement:

1. During the academic year (F,W Spr), candidates and/or a representative may request a meeting before the Stewards Council (SC) to discuss the possible endorsement. Stewards meetings generally take place during weeks 2, 4 & 8 of each quarter. The candidate or/and representative provides to the SC electronic informational documents relevant to the endorsement request for review by the Stewards Council at least 1 week prior to the meeting.
2. The candidate or representative attends our regularly scheduled Stewards Council meeting to discuss and provide a rationale for the endorsement request. Topics to be addressed include how the endorsement relates to the UFE and how the endorsement establishes solidarity with other union-related positions and education initiatives, particularly those held by our affiliates, the NEA, WEA and AFT.
3. Following the candidate or representative visit, the SC will vote (up or down) on a recommendation to the UFE membership regarding the endorsement.
4. By the end of the quarter (week 10) when the candidate or representative visited the UFE, the SC Coordinator and UFE Chair will prepare an OPA electronic ballot for the UFE membership . The ballot will consist of the SC’s recommendation regarding the endorsement. The announcement of the ballot and invitation for all members to participate in the vote will be completed by the UFE Communications Coordinator. The vote will be completed no later than week 11 of this quarter. The cost of the OPA electronic vote app will be added to the annual UFE budget.
5. The vote is affirmed by a majority of those members who voted. The outcome of the vote will be shared with the members, the candidate or representative by the UFE chair, Stewards Council Coordinator or Communications Coordinator. The endorsement cycle is now completed and resumes during week 1 of the subsequent quarter (as needed).

UFE Coordinating Committee & Stewards Council

(March, 2020)

# United Faculty of Evergreen Endorsement Application

## Requester Information: Type Your Responses Below

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| Name of Organization: |  |

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| Deadline for this endorsement: |  |

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| Reason for your request: |  |
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## Questions

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| Question #1: | How does this endorsement request relate to the United Faculty of Evergreen & the students we teach?  |
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| Question #2: | How does this endorsement request reflect broader union solidarity regarding such issues as, working conditions and collective bargaining? |
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| Question #3: | What other comments would you like to share with the UFE? |
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## Contact Information (return to gracehue@gmail.com)

Your email address & phone number: