



Falmouth Democratic Town Committee

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Endorsement Guidelines

The Falmouth Democratic Town Committee (FDTC) will be asked during the course of a year to endorse:

1. Legislation
2. Town Warrant Articles
3. Petitions or Resolutions¹
4. Other Organization Public Events, Forums, Rallies, or Initiatives

The internal endorsement process must be fair, open, transparent, and inclusive. The following are guides the FDTC will use to endorse and establish the level of endorsement. The FDTC does not endorse Democratic Party candidates in a contested Democratic Primary. Endorsement of the Democratic Party nominee for an elected office is assumed and not necessary.

Endorsement Process

The final decision on endorsement will reside with the FDTC membership which will be voted on during a monthly meeting. The vote will take place after a presentation and a short period for debate from members. The presentation with debate may occur in a different scheduled meeting preceding the vote. Written drafts of legislation, warrant articles, petitions, resolutions, or initiatives should be provided and distributed to members prior to presentation and debate. If event, rally, or political gathering the time, date, location and sponsors should be included in presentation. If at any time a request to endorse comes to FDTC with an emergency timeline (decision needed before next scheduled monthly meeting) the Executive Committee will have the final decision.

Level of Endorsement

The FDTC endorsement levels from most effort to least effort are:

1. **Commitment:** FDTC works in coalition with other organizations. In order to make commitment a member must step up and lead the FDTC effort.
2. **Lobby:** FDTC drafts written testimony, letters to editor, or letters to elected officials
3. **Support:** FDTC lends name to be used in fundraisers, advertisements, promotional or educational materials

Any endorsement level may include financial contribution from FDTC.

¹ The FDTC preference is to draft our own "letter to the editor" or "testimony" rather than endorse another organization's or individual's "letter to editor" or "testimony."

