

Hanover Township Candidate Endorsement Procedures

- HTRO membership involvement in elections begins BEFORE election day, starting with selecting, or endorsing, the right candidate.
- The endorsement is an official statement of support, or “good seal of approval” for the candidate. It means the candidate’s record, performance in public office and/or community, support of the GOP platform, and future relations in public office, are up to the conservative standards for governance and principles set forth by the HTRO.
- An endorsement for a candidate means he can tell voters he has the support and backing of the HTRO and likely other GOP organizations.
- An HTRO endorsement also makes the candidate eligible for campaign support and resources.

The Process

- 1) Identify the offices up for election.
- 2) The Call for candidates.
 - a. *Candidates seeking the endorsement of the HTRO should be prepared to complete a questionnaire and return it to the HTRO Committeeman no later than September 15, 2017.*
- 3) Investigate the record of candidates: political philosophy, past political performance, voting record, interest in the HTRO.
- 4) Investigate the capability and readiness of the candidate to wage a serious campaign:
 - a. *Is she prepared? Does she have the time and commitment? Does she have the support of her family?*
 - b. *Does he have any pending legal, financial or personal issues that could hurt his campaign?*
 - c. *Does the candidate really know the district and the issues affecting it and its’ people?*
 - d. *Does she have relationships with other Republican organizations, community organizations and local leaders?*
 - e. *Does he already have advisory and volunteer support? Is his fundraising plan in place?*
- 5) On September 25th, candidates should be prepared to address the HTRO membership to state their case for election readiness and endorsement. The membership will be provided with pertinent information about each candidate including research and answers to questionnaires.
- 6) Bona fide members of HTRO* will conduct a straw poll on September 25th with a simple majority determining the membership recommendation. The recommendation is then forwarded to the Executive Committee for review and final approval no later than the October 2017 meeting when endorsements are formally announced.

**HTRO Members must have their applications and dues submitted no later than September 20th, 2017.*