

GALLAN Endorsement Policy
Ratified at June 20, 2002 Members Meeting
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In order to be considered for endorsement, a candidate or campaign must:

- 1) Contact the GALLAN steering committee directly (617-422-1561) and make the request, or be nominated for endorsement by a dues paying GALLAN member, and
- 2) Be willing to publicize GALLAN's endorsement in their literature.

The nominating GALLAN member, the candidate or the campaign may be asked to provide:

- 1) The names of any other LGBT, union, or labor council endorsements the candidate or campaign has received.
- 2) Copies of campaign literature, and/or a letter outlining the candidate's or campaign's reasons for seeking GALLAN's endorsement.
- 3) The names of any opponents.

Additionally, candidates for statewide office must either:

- 1) Be an incumbent with a 70% or better Mass AFL/CIO voting record, or
- 2) Provide copies of their responses to the Mass AFL/CIO candidates' questionnaire.

In order to endorse a candidate or campaign, GALLAN must:

- 1) Send notice, by mail or e-mail, to all dues paying members at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the endorsement vote will take place.
- 2) Endorse by affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the eligible GALLAN voters* attending the meeting.

*** To be eligible to vote, GALLAN members must be current on their dues and have attended two or more GALLAN meetings in the previous 12 months.**

Finally, GALLAN will announce its endorsements to the membership by mail and e-mail, and publicize them to the LGBT and labor communities.