

TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION

BOARD STANDING RESOLUTIONS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

The following are resolutions, policies, and procedures adopted by the Tom Homann LGBT Law Association's Board of Directors. Unless otherwise noted, each resolution, policy, or procedure was adopted and can be amended by a majority of the Board.

2. Candidate Endorsement or Nomination

[Adopted February 6, 2014]

“THLA may endorse candidates only for judicial office or other non-partisan offices for which membership in the California State Bar is required. THLA may also nominate candidates for particular accolades or positions, such as awards or recognitions from third parties. The Board reserves the right under the *THLA Bylaws* to refer candidate endorsements or nominations to committee.

Ideally, candidates shall submit their curriculum vitae or resume, along with a cover letter and/or other supporting information relevant to an endorsement determination, to the Board for its consideration. The candidate shall attend a Board meeting so that the candidate can present himself or herself to the Board, and so that the Board can ask questions of the candidate. The Board reserves the right to except a candidate from any of these requirements.

In making endorsement or nomination decisions, the Board considers, in addition to other factors, the candidate's involvement in and support of the LGBT community, both present and historically; the candidate's position on LGBT related issues, including domestic partnership and/or same-sex marriage, and discrimination based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression; and the candidate's social or community work to help groups that are disadvantaged or suffer from discrimination.

A THLA endorsement, made by a majority of the Board, applies only to the particular candidate and for the particular election and office that the candidate seeks. Candidates who have been previously endorsed by THLA must seek reendorsement for a new election or office.”

THLA/Fox email to Keehn, February 10, 2014:

<http://www.weightiermatter.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Fox-Email.pdf>

“As you know, both Judge Rubin and Judge Rosenstein have expressed a concern coming from their colleagues on the Superior Court regarding your running against a sitting judge.”

“The underlying tension is that these supportive judges are concerned by a THLA Board member taking on one of their colleagues in an election.” “Although THLA supports LGBT issues and candidates, there is a growing concern and consensus that we cannot do so at the expense of the organization.” “I know you have been set on the June election for some time, and that circumstances changed at the last minute.” “because of these changed circumstances, I need to emphasize that the endorsement THLA provided to you back in October 2013 was for an election to a vacant seat on the bench. **[FALSE!!!!]** Now that you are running against a sitting judge and not for a vacant seat, THLA's prior endorsement is no longer in effect under Policy 2 of our Standing Policies and Procedures. Policy 2 states that an endorsement is only for a particular candidate and a particular office and election. Because the office and election have now changed from an open seat to a direct challenge to a sitting judge, our prior endorsement is no longer for the same office and same election. I hope you understand that we adopted this Policy well before you ever decided to run for judge. and this just happens to be the first application of the Policy (that I can think of).”

Date: 3 October 2013

- i. Board member Carla Bressler-Keehn sought the Board's endorsement for her **election as a judge of the San Diego County Superior Court.**
- ii. Manley (Visconti) **moved to endorse Carla Bressler-Keehn for election to the San Diego County Superior Court.** The motion carried by a **majority vote**