

## Conducting a PTA Endorsement Vote

**Where:** A PTA can use school property if the PTA has signed a facilities use agreement with the school or school district

**Who:** A board and/or the general membership can take an endorsement vote. It is recommended that a general meeting be held.

**When:** A regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting with published date of meeting 10 days in advance

### **How To:**

1. Present the Pros and Cons:
  - Provide and/or present the pros/cons of Simple Majority for Levies only (attached document)
2. Ask for the Motion to Endorse:
  - Recommend preparing someone in the room who is amenable.
  - Give them the actual motion and ask them to “make the motion for endorsement”. This saves time trying to work from scratch word-smithing the endorsement
3. Suggested Motion:
  - *The (Put your PTA name here) endorses the November 2007 Simple Majority for Levies Only, EHJR 4204, ballot issue.*
4. Ask for Discussion:
  - Refer to resource materials provided by WSPTA, Simply Better Schools
5. Take the Vote:
  - If the room is generally in agreement conduct a vote by a show of hands, voice yeah or nay, or by ballot.
  - If the membership appears to be split and this is controversial, you do not have to take the vote. The motion can be withdrawn, or tabled for another meeting when it can be revisited.
6. Email or phone the Simple Majority campaign and tell them you have endorsed.
  - [info@simplybetterschools.org](mailto:info@simplybetterschools.org)
  - (206) 658-5211
7. Your unit/council may also vote to donate money. Please send donations directly to:  
People for our Public Schools, PO Box 21252, Seattle, WA 98111-3852

**Washington State PTA Simple Majority Campaign – YES on EHJR 4204!**