

The Broad Room

Endorsement Process

Picking Races

The Broad Room's endorsement process begins with the Organizing Committee (OC) and Board Members nominating races to endorse in. Endorsements will remain centered in local NYC politics and the greater NYC area.

An **Endorsement Task Force** (ETF) led by the Training and Policy Work Group and made up of volunteer OC members and Board members will review nominated races, consult Broad Collective members for input in their communities, and ensure that the Broad Room slate is geographically diverse and represents the diversity of NYC.

Nominated races will then be voted on by the full Organizing Committee and Board for approximately 15 races to endorse in. **This number is subject to change by the ETF at each election cycle.*

Voting Process:

- Eligible voters are Board members, OC members, and staff with no conflicts of interest.
- Voting will occur via a google form.

Guidance (*things to consider when voting for a race*):

- **Our Mission and Vision:** Does this race have relevance to the year's core theme and training syllabus? Does this race have important policy implications that fit into the greater ethos of the Broad Room?
- **Our Potential Impact:** Does the Broad Room have the ability to have an impact in this race? What difference might a Broad Room endorsement make in the race?
- **The Landscape:** Is there a truly progressive candidate running? Is it worth our time and bandwidth? How much attention has the race gained? Is it a race between two progressive women? Is this a vital race that we must weigh in on because it deeply impacts New Yorkers?

Conflict of Interest Policy:

- Members cannot nominate or vote for a race in which they have a financial, personal or other special interests in.
- Members are obligated to self report any conflicts of interest to the ETF before the endorsement process begins. Failure to self report will lead to nullification of your voting privileges for the electoral cycle.
- The ETF will adjudicate all conflict of interest claims.

PICKING CANDIDATES

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The Endorsement Task Force will create short candidate briefs to provide the OC, Board, and due-paying Broad Collective Members. Qualified voters will vote based of the following criteria:

- Candidate is pro-immigrant, pro-LGBTQ+, pro-womxn, pro-worker, pro-choice, and pro-POC.
- Candidate is serious about tackling economic, gender, and racial inequality.
- Candidate puts forward bold, progressive ideas that actually energize constituents.
- Candidate's level of civic engagement and connection to the community they serve.
- Candidate's voting history, when applicable.

Guidance on male identifying candidates:

- Our mission is to build a collective of progressive broad-identifying activists to take political action. While a goal of the Broad Room is to elect more womxn to office, it is equally as important to support candidates whose positions align with our values. To ensure the ability to endorse candidates who will carry out our vision for the city and the world, the Broad Room can endorse men.
- The Broad Room will be strategic in picking races so that we're only endorsing men in instances when race is very important (i.e. Mayor or President) or male candidate is a huge standout.
- Endorsements do not change our commitment to womxn/broads only spaces. Male identifying candidates should not and will not be invited to attend trainings and events.

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Voting Process:

- Eligible voters are OC, Board, and due-paying Broad Collective Members.
- We will vote by ranked choice for who the Broad Room will endorse in each race.
- Voters will rank candidates in each race by preference on their ballots. If a candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, they are declared the winner. If no candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated. First-preference votes cast for the failed candidate are eliminated, lifting the second-preference choices indicated on those ballots. A new tally is conducted to determine whether any candidate has won a majority of the adjusted votes. The process is repeated until a candidate wins an outright majority.