

Press Release

Endorsement of TJ McDermott for Missoula County Sheriff

The Missoula County Democrats are pleased to announce our unanimous endorsement of TJ McDermott for Missoula County Sheriff during our May 13th Central Committee meeting. TJ has shown throughout his 18 years of service to Missoula County as a Deputy Sheriff that he will protect the rights of citizens in both the city and county and shares the values of the Missoula County Democrats.

Before and especially during our forum of Democratic candidates for Sheriff, we learned two of the candidates who filed as Democrats did not share our Party philosophies. It became apparent that just as Tea Party members were filing for Democratic legislative seats in Ravalli and Gallatin County, two people who have identified as Republicans for years filed as Democrats in the Missoula County Sheriff race.

To deal with this situation of false claims of political affiliation, the Central Committee unanimously approved an amendment to our bylaws to allow for endorsements during Democratic Party primaries when a candidate does not exhibit a persuasive history of support for Party platforms and issues.