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For context, I had not allowed endorsements due to the online nature of the elections. By-law-wise, candidates can endorse each other, yes but the wording is confusing, to say the least.  
-Bylaw: Bylaw 2300 22 (1) Any member with the exception of the C.R.O, the D.R.O.s, and incumbent members of the Executive Committee who are not also candidates shall be free to endorse any candidate.

However, all the endorsements are via shared posters and not verbally, given the online nature of the election which violates. So unless a candidate wants to do an Instagram live or give a speech in the Quad, posters/graphics with other candidate's information/picture will be considered as shared resources.  
-Bylaw: 21. No Joint Use of Resources  
No two (2) or more candidates shall jointly use any resources, including tables, posters, banners, and budgets.

Please note the following points:  
- Since there are no speeches or forums, it is not possible for candidates to endorse each other without sharing a resource (graphic, text) and advertising it on social media.  
- The Elections Office does not enjoy fining or disqualifying candidates. Keeping in mind shared resources not being allowed, the Elections Office took a decision to not allow endorsements for the candidates' own good. Sure they can go ahead and post endorsements with the other candidates' pictures/names and testimonials but we will have to fine/disqualify due to it being a shared resource.  
-Historically when by-laws contradict each other, the CRO's decision is respected.

Anticipated Witnesses (if any):

Robyn Jenkins - DRO  
Tessa Monaghan - DRO

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