

VERBAGE FOR RELEASES AND SUSTAININGS

When presenting a person for a sustaining vote, an authorized priesthood officer asks him or her to stand. The officer may say:

“ _____ has been called as _____, and we propose that he (or she) be sustained. Those in favor may manifest it by the uplifted hand. (Pause briefly for the sustaining vote.) Those opposed, if any, may manifest it. (Pause briefly to allow for a dissenting vote, if any.)”

The person who is being presented should participate in the sustaining vote. If more than one person is being presented, they usually may be sustained as a group.

If a member in good standing gives a dissenting vote when someone is presented to be sustained, the presiding officer or another assigned priesthood officer confers with the dissenting member in private after the meeting. The officer determines whether the dissenting vote was based on knowledge that the person who was presented is guilty of conduct that should disqualify him or her from serving in the position. Dissenting votes from nonmembers need not be considered.

The same congregation that sustained a person gives a vote of thanks when the person is released. An authorized priesthood officer may say:

“ _____ has been released as _____, and we propose that he (or she) be given a vote of thanks for his (or her) service. Those who wish to express their appreciation may manifest it by the uplifted hand.” No dissenting vote is called for.