

37th DISTRICT DEMOCRATS: MAY 20, 2019 ENDORSEMENT MEETING MINUTES

(Very Roughly 250 People in Attendance; Minutes Prepared by John Stafford)

I. Meeting Opening (7:00 pm)

- Stephen Reed (Chair) calls meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Flag Salute
- Friendly Amendment to Agenda
 - King County Parks Levy will be placed at top of King County Agenda
 - Seattle Library Levy will be placed at top of City of Seattle Agenda
- Election of Jeanne Legault to 37th LD Treasurer
 - Voice vote is unanimous in favor of Jeanne Legault
- Recommendation from chair to pay \$100/month to the person filing the 37th District Democrats' PDC forms and other forms
 - Voice vote is unanimous in favor of proposal
- Tally Committee formed from audience (5 members)

II. Judicial – Court of Appeals and Superior Court

- Motion to endorse all candidates as a block:
 - John H. Shun; Lori K. Smith; David A. Steiner; Maureen McKee; Melinda J. Young; Averil Rothrock; Josephine Wiggs-Martin; Marshall Ferguson; Mafe Rajul; Annette Messitt; Michael Ryan; Aimee Sutton; Ketu Shah
 - A voice vote is taken and passed to endorse all candidates as a block

III. King County

- Proposition 1: King County Parks Levy (which will be on August Primary)
 - Voice vote to support the levy passes
- King County Assessor
 - John Arthur Wilson is nominated
 - A voice vote is taken and passed to endorse John Arthur Wilson
- King County Director of Elections
 - No motions to endorse
 - Movement to table this endorsement until the General Election
 - Voice vote to table the endorsement passes
- King County Council Position Number 2
 - Nominations for Larry Gossett and Girmay Zahilay
 - Larry speaks for one minute (then: speaker in favor; speaker against; speaker in favor)
 - Girmay speaks for one minute (then: speaker in favor)
 - Speaker in favor of Larry; speaker in favor of Girmay; speaker against Girmay

- A ballot vote is taken and Girmay Zahilay is endorsed by 108 to 45 with 1 spoiled
- King County Council Position Number 8
 - Nomination for Joe McDermott
 - Joe McDermott speaks for one minute
 - A voice vote is taken and Joe McDermott is endorsed

IV. Port of Seattle

- Position Two
 - Preeti Shridhar and Sam Cho and Ali are nominated for endorsement
 - Preeti speaks for one minute; Sam Cho speaks for one minute; Speaker in favor of Sam Cho speaks; Ali Scego speaks for one minute
 - A ballot vote was taken: Preeti = 29 votes; Sam = 53 votes; Ali = 43 votes; No Vote/Spoiled = 3 votes. This is inconclusive and will lead to a second round
 - Speaker in favor of Preeti; speaker in favor of Sam; speaker in favor of no-endorsement (but this does not progress)
 - A Round Two ballot vote is taken: Preeti = 30; Sam = 53; Ali = 45; No Endorsement = 6 votes. Preeti will be dropped and a third round of voting will occur
 - A Round Three ballot vote is taken: Sam = 57; Ali = 44; No Endorsement = 13. This is inconclusive and a fourth round of voting will follow
 - Motion for Dual Endorsement. Seconded. A voice vote is taken and Dual Endorsement is passed. Both Sam and Ali are endorsed
- Position Five
 - Fred Felleman is nominated
 - Fred speaks for one minute
 - A voice vote is taken and Fred Felleman is endorsed

V. City of Renton

- Mayor
 - Marcie Maxwell is nominated; Ruth Perez is nominated
 - Nominating speaker speaks for Marcie; speaker in favor of Marcie; speaker in favor of Ruth
 - A ballot vote is taken: Marcie = 54; Ruth = 51; No = 5 Votes. This is not conclusive, and another vote is required
 - Speaker in favor of Marcie; speaker in favor of Ruth; speaker opposed to Ruth; speaker in favor of Ruth
 - A Round Two Vote is Taken: Marcie = 64; Ruth = 40; No Endorsement 2. Marcie Maxwell is endorsed.
- Renton City Council Position Three
 - Nomination for Valerie O'Halleran
 - Valerie speaks for one minute;

- A voice vote was taken and Valerie O’Halloran is endorsed
- Renton City Council Position Seven
 - Nomination for Kim-Khanh Van
 - Speaker for Kim
 - A voice vote is taken and Kim-Khanh is endorsed unanimously
- Renton School Board, Position 4
 - Nomination for Suzette Espinoza Cruz
 - Suzette speaks for one minute
 - A voice is taken and Suzette is endorsed unanimously

VI. City of Seattle

- City of Seattle Library Levy (Proposition 1)
 - Nomination for “Yes on Levy”; Nomination for “No on Levy”
 - Speaker against; speaker for; speaker against; speaker; speaker against
 - A ballot vote is taken: 85 Yes; 25 No; 1 Spoiled. Proposition 1 is endorsed.
- City Council District 2
 - Nominations for Omari Tahir-Garrett; Mark Soloman; Chris Peguero; Phyllis Porter; Tammy Morales; Nomination for No Endorsement (but this is later withdrawn)
 - Omari speaks; Mark speaks; speaker for Mark; speaker against Mark; speaker for Mark; Chris speaks; speaker for Chris; Phyllis speaks; speaker in favor of Phyllis; Tammy speaks; speaker for Tammy
 - A ballot vote is taken: Tammy = 75; Phyllis = 26; Chris = 6; Omari = 0; Mark = 10; No Endorsement = 4
 - Tammy is endorsed
- City Council District 3
 - Nominations for Egan Orion, Ami Nguyen, Pat Murakami, Zachary DeWolf
 - Pat speaks; speaker for Pat; speaker for Pat; Pat speaks; speaker against Pat; Egan speaks; speaker against Egan; Amy speaks; speaker for Amy; speaker against Amy; speaker for Amy; speaker against Amy; Zachary speaks; speaker for Zachary; speaker against Zachary; speaker for Zachary; speaker against Zachary; speaker on No-Nomination cedes time to Kshama Sawant who speaks; speaker in favor of no-endorsement; speaker against no-endorsement; speaker in favor of no-endorsement; speaker against no-endorsement.
 - A ballot vote is taken: Egan = 2; Ami = 12; Pat = 17; Zachary = 43; No Endorsement = 40. This is inconclusive. Egan is dropped from the ballot for the next round
 - Speaker for Pat; speaker for Zach; speaker against Zach; speaker for Zach; speaker against Zach; speaker in favor of no endorsement; speaker against no-endorsement; speaker in favor of no-endorsement; speaker against no-endorsement

- A Round Two ballot vote is taken: Ami = 7; Pat = 15; Zachary = 41; No Endorsement = 35; Zach = 41. This is inconclusive. Ami is dropped from the ballot for the next round
- A Round Three ballot vote is taken: Pat =14; Zach = 39; No Endorsement = 33. This is inconclusive.
- A Final Round ballot vote for Dual Endorsement is taken: Yes = 41; No = 42. No Consensus is Achieved.
- City Council District 7
 - Nominations for Andrew Lewis; Jason Williams; No Endorsement; Isabel Turner
 - Andrew speaks; speaker for Andrew; Jason speaks; speaker for Jason; Isabel speaks; speaker for Isabel; speaker in favor of no endorsement
 - Ballot: Isabel = 2; No-Endorsement = 17; Andrew = 40; Jason = 27. This is inconclusive. There will be a second round.
 - Speaker for Andrew; speaker for Jason
 - A Round Two ballot is taken: Isabel = 1; No-Endorsement = 7; Jason = 22; Andrew = 46.
 - Andrew is endorsed.

VII. Good of the Order Announcements

- Announcements: Vietnam Veterans Event at Museum of Flight; Workers and Unions Announcement; Announcement on Support for I-1000 and Opposition to I-85; Announcement on Jacquie Jones-Walsh Memorial; Comments on View that Human Race is the Only Race; Comments on the Anniversary of Brown Versus Board of Education.