

37th District Democrats: November 9 2020 Monthly Meeting
(Conference Call, Prepared by John Stafford)

1. Meeting Opening (7:06 – Stephen Reed)

- Adoption of October Meeting Minutes – They Pass
- Land Acknowledgment – To Acknowledge History and Recognize Current/Future Obligations
- Congratulations on Biden/Harris Victory
- Recognition of Beth Brunton’s Birthday

2. Election Results (7:14 – Tina Podlodowski)

- 86% of Registered Voters Vote, the Highest in State History for any Election
- We made many calls and sent many texts
 - 18-25 year olds and the Native American Community had much higher voter turnout figures in this election cycle
 - Turnout in the 37th LD was extremely high
 - We increased Democratic turnout in every district in the state
 - We did not have access to door knocking and events
 - Direct voter contact is critical
- We have a number of individuals joining the State Legislature
- Tina expresses gratitude for the outstanding work in the 37th Legislative District
- We are waiting for final certified results
- We have redistricting opportunities
 - It is imperative to ensure that tribal lands are joined (not split)
 - We will maintain our number of Congressional Districts in the next redistricting process
- We believe that there are perhaps 1 million unregistered voters in Washington State and that there is an opportunity to focus efforts in this area
- Questions and comments from members

3. State Committee Meeting Incident (7:55 – Alec Stephens)

- The meeting took place during the time of the George Floyd/Black Lives Matter protests
- A stronger and more specific resolution on the event was being discussed at the State Committee Meeting
- The individual in question (not a member of the 37th LD) made a motion to keep the original resolution rather than the second a more stronger resolution. She suggested that reference to George Floyd should be eliminated and that George Floyd was not a good person, unlike the Civil Rights icons

- The room erupted, because many people were outraged by the individual in questions comment
- A motion was made to censure the individual in question. There was much discussion regarding this and other options for proceeding. The censure resolution passed overwhelmingly
- Next, there was another motion to state that individuals who did not vote in favor of the censure resolution are racist
- Justin discussed training opportunities via Erin Jones
- Tina Podlodowski discussed upcoming efforts at the State Level
- Comments and questions from members

4. The City Budget and the Green New Deal (8:51 – Emily Knudsen)

- There are important positions related to climate change that are not being funded in the proposed budget
- Teresa Mosqueda is intending to release her budget proposals that do include these positions
- Emily urges that we contact the mayor the city council and others to urge support for the GND and its related positions as well as sidewalk funding
- Stephen will contact the mayor and city council
- Teresa Mosqueda is having a meeting tomorrow

5. The Holiday Party (8:56 – Carrie Barnes)

- Memberships expire on January 31, 2021
- Elected PCOs are not required to purchase membership, but it is appreciated if they do so
- Carrie Barnes discusses the Holiday Party:
 - This will be a Virtual Party
 - We will be celebrating our work, and the titans of our district that have led this progress
 - Business owners should send in a video clip
 - There will be Breakout Rooms
 - We have volunteers, but would welcome additional volunteers

6. Washington Can't Wait (9:06 – Serene Chen and Jamie Ptacek)

- The Growth Management Act has many shortcomings, from perpetuating racist policies to not adequately impacting climate change
- Members can get involved in developing and advocating for changes to the Growth Management Act
- Questions and comments from members

7. Good of the Order (9:37 – Stephen Reed)

- Miscellaneous announcements.

8. Adjournment (9:53 – Stephen Reed)