

**37<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats Endorsement Meeting**  
**Monday, May 23, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.**

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**Land Acknowledgment** (Hunter Brown)

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**AAPI Acknowledgment** (Carrie Barnes)  
Poem: *The Three Sparrows*, by Joseph Legaspi (read by Mary Scanlon)

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**Adopt Meeting Minutes**  
April 11, 2022 Minutes: <https://bit.ly/38EnWqd>

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(Discussion of general meeting procedures)

**Voting Tutorial and Q&A** (Michael Wolfe)

Email [info@37dems.org](mailto:info@37dems.org) with issues during the voting period. Team members will be available to assist. Feedback will also be helpful, for unanticipated issues.

Overview of new endorsement rules:

Voting eligibility is unchanged from previous rules.

The Endorsement and Tally Committee has been created for the first time.

This group prepares the ballot.

It also determines which candidates are eligible for endorsement.

The group provides technical assistance.

The group tabulates results.

The group distributes available information about candidates.

For contested races, we will not conduct voting during the meeting itself. Instead, a 2-day voting period will open directly after the meeting, using a digital ballot to be emailed to members who are eligible voters.

Unopposed races are eligible to be endorsed by acclamation during the meeting itself.

(Description of digital ballot and ranked choice voting process.)

Reference: New endorsement rules

<http://37dems.org/endorsement-rules/>

Question:

Will “no endorsement” be a choice?

Answer (Michael Wolfe):

“No endorsement” must be moved and seconded by a member.

Question:

Parliamentary question: The KCD rules state the KCD questionnaire must be completed. If they are not available, how does that affect our process?

Answer (Gwen Rench):

We have our own rule, which is simply for a candidate to state they are a Democrat.

Question:

In case of an unopposed candidate, can we move for unanimous acclamation?

Answer (Michael Wolfe):

The Chair will call for a motion for unanimous acclamation.

(Additional discussion regarding the specifics of the ranked-choice voting process, candidate questionnaire posting.)

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### **Candidate endorsement nominations**

Note: Other than offices endorsed by acclamation (or those in which no motions are made), the following races are to be endorsed by ballot vote in a 2-day voting period after the meeting concludes.

Reference: <http://37dems.org/2022-candidates-eligible-for-endorsement/>

#### **U.S. Senate**

Lem Howell moves to endorse Senator Patty Murray. Seconded.

Brenton Clark moves for no endorsement. Seconded.

(Comments.)

#### **U.S. Congress, CD 7**

Lem Howell moves to endorse Pramilla Jayapal. Seconded.

Motion for no endorsement. (Not seconded.) Motion for no endorsement fails.

(Comments.)

Pramilla Jayapal moved for endorsement by acclamation.

57 vote yes. 3 vote no.

The motion for endorsement by acclamation passes.

### **U.S. Congress, CD 9**

Julia Bobbadilla-Melby moves to endorse Stephanie Gallardo. Seconded.

Alec Stephens moves to endorse Adam Smith. Seconded.

Dianne Ramsey moves for no endorsement. Seconded.

(Comments.)

### **WA Secretary of State**

Senator Saldaña moves to endorse Steve Hobbs for Secretary of State. Seconded.

Joanna Cullen moves for no endorsement. Seconded.

(Comments.)

### **LD 37 Senate**

Alec Stephens moves to endorse Rebecca Saldaña. Seconded.

Dianne Ramsey moves for no endorsement. Seconded.

(Comments.)

### **LD 37 Representative, Position 1**

Tandy Williams moves to endorse Sharon Tomiko Santos. Seconded.

Dianne Ramsey moves for no endorsement. Seconded.

(Comments.)

### **LD 37 Representative, Position 2**

Mary Scanlon nominates Andrew Ashiofu. Seconded.

Mohamed Bulale nominates Nimco Bulale. Seconded.

Joanna Cullen moves for no endorsement. Seconded.

Tammy Morales nominates Emijah Smith. Seconded.

Tandy Williams nominates Chipalo Street. Seconded.

(Comments.)

### **WA State Supreme Court, Pos. 1**

Lem Howell nominates Mary Yu. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

### **WA State Supreme Court, Pos. 5**

Lem Howell nominates Barbara Madsen. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

### **WA State Supreme Court, Pos. 6**

Michael Wolfe moves to endorse Justice Helen Whitener. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

**King County Prosecuting Attorney**

Motion for no endorsement. Seconded.

Rebecca Saldaña moves to endorse Leesa Manion. Seconded.

Bob Rosenberg moves to endorse Jim Ferrell. Seconded.

(Comments.)

**WA Court of Appeals, Division 1, Position 1**

Lem Howell speaks for Ken Schubert. Seconded.

Comment that Ken Schubert has withdrawn.

Bob Rosenberg moves for Ian Birk. Seconded.

Joanna Cullen moves for no endorsement. Seconded.

(Comments.)

**WA Court of Appeals, Division 1, Position 7**

No motions.

**King County Superior Court Position 2**

Mary Scanlon moves Kirstin Ballinger for endorsement. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT POS. 3**

No motions.

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT POS. 8**

No motions.

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT POS. 12**

No motions.

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT POS. 18**

Lem Howell moves to endorse Jason C. Poydras. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT POS. 44**

No motions.

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT POS. 54**

No motions.

**KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 1**

No motions.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 2

No motions.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 3

No motions.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 4

No motions.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 5

No motions.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SOUTHEAST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 6

No motions.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT WEST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 1

Jennifer Slemp moves to endorse Lisa A. Paglisotti. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT WEST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 2

Jennifer Slemp moves to endorse Kuljinder Dhillon. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT WEST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 3

No motions.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT WEST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 4

No motions.

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT WEST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 5

No motions.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT POS. 1

No motions.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT POS. 2

No motions.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT POS. 3

Rebecca Robertson moves to endorse Adam Eisenberg. Seconded.

Julie Van Arken moves to endorse Pooja Vaddadi. Seconded..

Joanna Cullen moves for no endorsement. Seconded.

(Comments.)

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Rebecca Robertson was absent for original endorsement all for her office. A decision was made to take up her office again, as follows:

KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT WEST ELECTORAL DISTRICT POS. 3

Michael Wolfe moves to endorse Rebecca C. Robertson. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT POS. 4

Lem Howell moves to endorse Anita Crawford-Willis. Seconded.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT POS. 5

Bob Rosenberger moves to endorse Willie Gregory. Lem Howell seconds.

Motion for endorsement by acclamation. Motion passes.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT POS. 6

No motions.

SEATTLE MUNICIPAL COURT POS. 7

Sunil Aggarwal moves to endorse Damon Shadid. Seconded.

Jeanne Legault moves to endorse Nyjat Rose-Akins. Seconded.

**Good of the Order**

Thank you comments from Michael Wolfe.

There will be a Seattle redistricting Town Hall tomorrow, per Yuan Tao.

Thank you comments from Robert Stephens.

Thank you comments from Joanna Cullen.

Endorsement voting process update from Keith Garner.

Thank you comments from Lem Howell.

Thank you comments from Kevin Allen.

Also from Kevin Allen: June 18 Washington State Poor People's Campaign will be in Washington D.C. to raise up low-wage issues. Their Facebook page has more details.

Thank you comments from Mary Williams.

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**Adjournment: 10:25pm.**