

37th LD Democrats Membership Meeting (On Zoom)  
Monday, July 10, 2023

7:00 pm  
Call to Order  
Land Acknowledgement  
Adopt [June 12, 2023 minutes](#)

7:05 pm  
Comments from State Senator Rebecca Saldaña & State Representative Chipalo Street  
Recap of 2023 WA State Legislative Session highlights.

Senator Saldaña's new assistant is: Raman Khanna • Email: [raman.khanna@leg.wa.gov](mailto:raman.khanna@leg.wa.gov)  
Raman's Senate cell phone is: 360-628-4909. Raman should be copied on official requests regarding legislation, policies and Senate-related matters.

7:20 pm  
Proposed endorsement of King County Proposition 1  
[Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy](#)  
Special guest: King County Council Chair Dave Upthegrove  
This levy will be on August 1, 2023 primary ballot.

- Motion to endorse: Alec Stephens
- Seconded
- Comment in favor: Alec Stephens
- Comment against: (none)
- Votes in favor: 21
- Votes against: 0

The endorsement passed unanimously.

7:35 pm  
A Discussion of Diversity and Equity  
Special guest: Satin-Deseree Arnett  
Co-Chair, WA Democrats State Affirmative Action Committee  
Regarding the Washington Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan (DSAAP): This plan concerns the allocation of delegates to the biennial state convention.

The Democratic National Committee Rules & Bylaws Committee met on June 16 to review DSAAPs from around the country. In total, 19 plans were reviewed, among them the Washington plan. Washington's 2024 DSAAP was approved at that meeting, pending some minor clean-up. The so-called "Compromise" delegate selection plan starts with a flat allocation of 20 delegates and 10 alternates per legislative district, for a delegation size of 30. Five additional delegates are granted to the district if certain Democratic performance benchmarks are met. Beyond the initial pool of either 30 or 35, a district can be awarded either 5 or 10 additional delegates depending on its achievement of affirmative action goals set to reflect the demographic diversity of the district.

7:50 pm

Sound Transit Expansion Plans Update

Special guests: Betty Lau & Brien Chow, Transit Equity for All

According to Betty Lau: *"The current situation is the ST board voted to build two new light rail stations north and south of the CID, disconnecting the regional system, forcing extra transfers and longer walks. This plan leaves Seattle's largest BIPOC community (including 1200+ seniors) without convenient access to light rail and deprives the CID of economic benefits."*

Betty Lau and Brien Chow asked for an official endorsement of the 4th Avenue location at Union Station. Citizens are invited to join the lobbying effort. More info: <https://transitequityforall.org/>

8:25 pm

King County Democrats Committee Meeting Report

Alexander Erickson & Seraphie Allen

The KCD meeting on June 27 was the candidate endorsement meeting. Slates of recommended candidates were presented for voting; nearly all were approved by the voting membership in attendance. One exception was the recommended endorsement of Joy Hollingsworth for Seattle City Council District 3, which did not proceed. The Renton School Board election discussion was contentious. There was a motion for a dual endorsement in the King County Council District 4 race, with Jorge Baron as the candidate moved to add for dual endorsement. The motion was narrowly voted down (55% "For" to 45% "Against").

8:35 pm

Introduction of the [2023 Seattle Housing Levy Renewal Campaign](#)

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The Seattle Housing Levy renewal would be \$970 Million. This renewal will create more than 3,000 homes affordable to our lowest income neighbors. The majority of funds are dedicated to extremely low-income households, such as people with disabilities, older adults, and people exiting homelessness. (This levy renewal will be eligible for endorsement consideration after the primary election.)

8:45 pm

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- Rory O'Sullivan will host an event Sunday, 7/16 at 2pm for ranked choice voting at his house in Columbia City. Contact him at [rorybo@gmail.com](mailto:rorybo@gmail.com) for more information.
- Beth Brunton: Seattle City Council candidate event Thursday, 7/13 at 5pm at Bradner Gardens at 29th S and S. Grand. Meet candidates for Districts 2 and 3.
- Devin Glaser will host a Tammy Morales event morning of 7/16: [devinglaser@gmail.com](mailto:devinglaser@gmail.com)
- Alexander Erickson: Will be starting primary election field plan, first event is 7/15 at 10am at Greenwood Park and another location in City Council District 4 at 12pm.

9:00 pm

Adjourn