

37th LD Democrats Membership Meeting (On Zoom)
Monday, August 14, 2023, 7:00 pm

7:00pm
Call to Order
Land Acknowledgment

Recommended amendment to the July 10, 2023 meeting minutes provided by 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.”

The amendment was approved and the July 10, 2023 minutes will be updated with this edit.

Precinct Committee Officer Appointment
Adrina Gipson, Precinct SEA 37-1584
Appointment approved

Rep. Chipalo Street

- Offered to go door-belling with people. Email him at chipalo.street@gmail.com.
- Spoke about the Traffic Safety for All Act
(<https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/street/2023/02/17/traffic-safety-for-all-act-passes-house-community-safety-justice-reentry-committee/>)
- \$60 million going to Seattle for drug treatment purposes.

Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos

- Redistricting coming to 15th district in Yakima after previous one was found unconstitutional.
- Will be working on insurance for national disasters in next session.

Officer Mark Solomon
Seattle Crime Prevention Coordinator, mark.solomon@seattle.gov

- The 2023 Seattle Public Safety Survey will start in October. Link to 2022 survey results:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f63989af47e751ee6b288d3/t/642137b9d2795a15aeb3b974/1679898559012/2022+Seattle+Public+Safety+Survey+Report.pdf>
- Spoke about crime happenings in South Seattle including shootings and auto thefts.
- Distributing steering wheel locks giveaways at police precincts.
(spdblotter.gov/2023/08/09/2nd-round-kia-and-hyundai-steering-wheel-lock-give-away/)
 - Tuesday, August 29th 2:30-6:30pm
 - Saturday, September 2nd 9:30am-11:30am

Chirag Vedullapalli

Political Director for Rep. Adam Smith, chirag@electadamsmith.com

- \$32 million announced for electric buses through Low or No Emissions grant program.
- Rep. Smith's legislation, the Protecting Airport Communities from Particle Emissions Act, was attached to the recently passed Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization act. It will enhance community engagement between FAA and residents in aviation-impacted communities. The FAA reauthorization act also includes Rep Smith's provision to permanently protect North SeaTac Park.
- New "Ask Adam" online series on social media answering popular questions about happenings in Congress. Email Chirag at chirag@electadamsmith.com with questions for Rep. Smith.
- Taste of the Night is tomorrow at 6:30pm in Des Moines at Laborer's Hall. Free event.
 - RSVP for the Taste of the Ninth
here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tasteofthe9th2023>

Tanya Woo

Seattle City Council District 2 Candidate

- Only 30% turnout for primaries, reach out to your friends to vote in the general election.

King County Democrats Committee Meeting Report

- This was an endorsement meeting. The 11th LD tried to initiate a motion to rescind the endorsement of the candidate KCD previously endorsed for Renton City Council Position 3, who is the current incumbent, but the rescind vote failed. However another motion to issue a dual endorsement in that race did succeed.
- There were additional endorsements, not as controversial.
- Tabled endorsement of MASA act. Disagreement in caucus and Iranian community about whether to support it.
- Speech from candidate for sheriff Susana Johnson in Snohomish County.
- Information about general election events will be coming soon.

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- New Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion
website: <https://www.democratsfordiversityandinclusion.org/2023-ddi-candidate-endorsements/>
- Big Day of Play: <https://www.bigdayofplay.org/>
- Metropolitan Democratic Club: 5pm Optimism Brewing. Speaker Paul Elliot speaking about Seattle City Council Races. <https://www.metrodems.org/>
- Black Legacy Homeowner Project. Giving homeowners tools to stay in home. <https://blacklegacyhomeowners.org/>
- August 24, Sound Transit board meeting at 1:30pm at Union Station.

Adjourn