

37th LD Democrats 2023 General Election Endorsement Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023,

7:00pm, on Zoom

Call to Order

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Duwamish, the first people of Seattle, past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

Adopt [August 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)

- Correction: Tanya Woo is listed as a candidate in District 3 instead of District 2.

7:05 pm U.S. Congressman Adam Smith, Remarks and Q&A

- Wages: Formerly supported \$15 an hour, happy to support further increases. Need stronger unions. Would commit to endorsing a campaign for higher wages.
- Shutdown: Are close to having a shutdown because of republican demands on what will need to be included in resolution.

7:15 pm Appointment of Acting Precinct Committee Officer Fernando Medina Corey, Precinct SEA 37-3731

- Moved by Meredith Means
- Approved for appointment without objection

7:20 pm

Endorsement Voting Process Overview

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

7:30 pm

Candidate Endorsement Nominations The following offices are eligible to be nominated for endorsement by the 37th LD Democrats.

Seattle School District Board of Directors District #1

Liza Rankin

- Moved by Joanna Cullen
- Seconded by Jim Fox
- Statement of support by Joanna Cullen
- Statement of support by Nancy Truitt Pierce

Debbie Carlsen

- Moved by Vallerie Fisher
- Seconded by Jeanne Legault
- Statement of support by Vallerie Fisher
- Statement of support by Jeanne Legault

This race will proceed to a virtual ballot vote.

Seattle School District Board of Directors District #2

Lisa Rivera Smith

(Unopposed for endorsement; endorsed during the meeting by a vote of 22 to 0)

- Moved by Joanna Cullen
- Seconded by Jeanne Legault

Seattle School District Board of Directors District #3

Ben Gitenstein

(Unopposed for endorsement; endorsed during the meeting by a vote of 17 to 1)

- Moved by Jeanne Legault
- Seconded by Joanna Cullen

Seattle School District Board of Directors District #6

Gina Topp

(Unopposed for endorsement; endorsed during the meeting by a vote of 22 to 0)

- Moved by Carrie Barnes
- Seconded by Robert Stephens

8:00 pm

Ballot Measure Endorsement Nomination The following ballot measure is eligible to be moved for endorsement by the 37th LD Democrats.

2023 Seattle Housing Levy Renewal Campaign

[Introductory document](#)

[Ballotpedia](#) overview

- Endorsed by mayor and unanimously by city council.
- Motion in favor by Jamie Fackler
- Seconded by Jim Hutchins
- Statement in favor by Nimco Bulale
- Statement in favor by Jamie Fackler
- No motions against
- Motion for no position Dianne Ramsey
- Seconded by Joanna Cullen
- Statement in favor by Dianne Ramsey
- Statement in favor by Joanna Cullen

This race will proceed to a virtual ballot vote.

8:15 pm, Mike Acord & Betty Lau, Mid-Autumn Festival presentation

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- Sharon Tomiko Santos taking charge seriously on how to get more PCOs for the district.
- Other volunteer opportunities: need new members, tech support, communication support, social media support, work at booths
- Chukundi Salisbury: Service is a Lifestyle funded to do Black homeowner stabilization with Black Legacy Homeowner Network. Also are doing estate planning and setting up wills. ([Home - Black Legacy Homeowners](#))
Chukundi@blacklegacyhomeowners.org
- Meredith Means: County hosting events to fire people up to go out into the precincts. Will be hearing this month about when those events are.
- Mary Williams: Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion looking for new members. ([DEMOCRATS FOR DIVERSITY – DEMOCRATS FOR DIVERSITY \(democratsfordiversityandinclusion.org\)](#)) Domestic violence awareness month, partnering with King County women, will have event in October-looking for assistance.

8:45 pm, Adjourn