

37th LD Democrats Membership Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024
7:00pm, on Zoom

7:00 pm
Call to Order
Land Acknowledgement
Adopt November 2023 Meeting Minutes

7:05 pm
Precinct committee officer (PCO) appointments:

John Godfrey SEA 37-1941
Eddie (Edward) Lin SEA 37-1607 acting
Seraphie Allen SEA 37-1940
Emijah Smith SEA 37-1620
Jamie Fackler SEA 37-1579 acting
Ryan Krumbholz SEA 37-3980
Kathy (Kathleen) Colombo SEA 37-3639

- All approved without objection.

Note: We have numerous PCO vacancies! Contact Meredith Means at meredith.means.palmer@gmail.com to identify an open precinct, whether your own or another nearby. Precincts may be changing soon. Meredith will contact PCOs to let them know if their precinct changes.

7:15 pm
Election to fill First Vice Chair vacancy
All members in good standing are eligible to run for this office. The position will be filled by a vote of the PCOs in attendance (both elected and appointed). For a description of the position and the voting process see our bylaws, Articles V and VI.

- Nimco Bulale nominated by Jeanne Legault. Accepted the nomination and was appointed without objection.

7:25 pm
Proposed environmental resolutions: Beth Brunton & Arvia Morris
(The 37th LD Democrats executive board supports DO PASS for both resolutions)
Support Compost, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Legislation in Washington State
Support Expanding Access to Community Solar in Washington State

- Re-WRAP: House Bill 2049
- Introduced in last session and reintroduced.
- Would create a system funded and managed by producers of waste to reduce packaging, fund recycling services, and ensure items are recycled.
- Resolution passed: 23 in favor, 0 opposed

Additional reference:

Broad coalition launched in support of Washington community solar | Coalition for Community Solar Access

- Makes solar power accessible to people who live in apartments and townhomes.
- Resolution passed: 23 in favor, 0 opposed

7:40 pm

Hybrid meeting poll results & discussion

- 38 responses
- 32 in favor of hybrid, 2 opposed, 4 unsure.
- [Hybrid-survey-responses-comments.pdf \(37dems.org\)](#)

7:55 pm

King Conservation District (KCD) Supervisor Candidate introductions:

Erik Goheen

Brittney Bush Bollay

Aaron Ellig

2024 KCD election info kingcd.org/about

[Board of Supervisors Position 1 Candidate Statements : King Conservation District \(kingcd.org\)](#)

8:25 pm

Washington State Democrats committee report (Alec Stephens)

- Little happened at the last state meeting, other than giving reports.
- The state meeting on January 28th will include trainings for the presidential cycle. Alec will plan to come to the February meeting with a timeline of what is going on.

8:35 pm

Notes from the November, 2023 King County Monthly Meeting (Mary Scanlon)

The meeting was highlighted by a 2024 General Election Report from State Chair Shasti Conrad. Chair Conrad had a lot of good news statewide, including:

SPOKANE ELECTION

State party had received a grant from the DNC and use it to put a lot of resources into the Spokane mayor & city council races.

Spokane went for Biden in the presidential election, but until this election had been under Republican leadership for many years.

Democrat Lisa Brown, who had been the state senate majority leader, won the race for mayor with 51.8% of the votes for mayor, compared to incumbent Nadine Woodward, who earned 47.7% of the votes.

Betsy Wilkerson was elected as Spokane city council president with 53.1% of the vote, making her the first black woman to serve in this capacity.

Liberals maintained control of the Spokane city council.

CITY OF SUNNYSIDE (OUTSIDE YAKIMA)

70% Latino

City Council had not been diverse previously. The 3 incumbents were all white men who had won by less than 100 votes. But in 2023 two Latino candidates ran and won!

STATEWIDE: SCHOOL BOARD RACES

MOMS FOR LIBERTY

Moms for Liberty, a national right-wing advocacy group, started in Florida as a response to Covid-19 school closures and mask mandates. It became just as well known for pushing anti-L.G.B.T.Q policies.

Only 9 of 68 candidates endorsed by that group won.

Less than 20% of their endorsed candidates won nationally.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Incumbent County Sheriff Adam Fortney, white supremacist cop, was defeated by Susanna Johnson, a 3-decade veteran of the sheriff's office. Chair Conrad specially noted Ann Udalo's of the 1st LD for her efforts in this race.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Elected its first Black sheriff, Chief Donnell "Tank" Tanksley.

That area will have 2024 legislative priorities:

42nd LD protect state senate seat

10th LD: hope to flip the state senate seat

KING COUNTY

State lawmakers are preparing to push for moving city and school board races to even years, to increase turnout.

Data shows that when turnout is greater, more progressives win.

The projection is that 80-90% of people will vote in 2024.

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ELECTION-RELATED LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Conversations around:

- Ranked choice voting
- Even year elections
- Moving King Conservation District to a regular ballot

8:45 pm

FairVote Washington Ranked-Choice Voting Lobby Day

January 17, Olympia

fairvotewa.org

- Will be having a lobby day on January 17, 2024. Meeting with legislatures, rallies, and educational rallies related to ranked choice voting. Will have carpool opportunities, email info@37dems.org if you would like to carpool.

8:50 pm

Good of the Order

- Raise the Wage Renton - [Raise the Wage Renton](#). Accepting donations and volunteers to send out mailers to people in Renton
- Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 AM at Hing Hay Park in Chinatown—"Walk to the Harbor" remembrance of the Chinese Exclusion Act
- Sat, Feb. 10, Lunar New Year and Vietnamese New Year (Tet)
- Tet celebration Feb. 3-4 at the Armory [Tet in Seattle \(seattlecenter.com\)](http://seattlecenter.com)
- Monday, Jan. 5, MLK Event at NAAM: [King Day 2024 at NAAM Seattle - Honoring the Legacy | Commission on African American Affairs - Washington State](#)

9:00 pm

Adjourn