

37th LD Democrats Membership Meeting  
Monday, March 11, 2024  
On Zoom

7:00 pm  
Call to Order  
Land Acknowledgement  
Adopt [February 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

7:05 pm  
Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti

- [Meet Mike | Office of the Washington State Treasurer](#)
- Rejected all corporate campaign donations.
- Job of the treasurer's office is to handle debt management, investments for state, cash flow in and out of Washington, policy matters.
- Proposals:
  - Band Bonds: All babies would receive \$1000 at birth with up to an additional \$2000 per year. Could be used for property, would be able to use the funds at 18 to pay for eligible uses like higher education or homeownership.
  - Proposal to require financial education for all students.
  - Washington Saves: Would require most employers to provide access to state-run individual retirement account. Passed legislature on Thursday. Have a two-year period to roll out, following getting the governor's signature.

7:20 pm  
Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud

- [Re-Elect Supreme Court Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud \(justicesherylmccloud.org\)](#)
- Justice on Washington Supreme Court
- Working on racism in jury discrimination. More work to do against discrimination against women — judicial education on things like parentification of Black girls.
- Wrote decision against Arlene's Flowers, a case against a flower company that discriminated against a gay couple.
- Liaison to Council on Public Defense. Helping them on standards as to how many cases a public defender can have and still do an adequate job.
- Rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by all 10 legal associations.

7:25 pm  
Judge David Keenan

- [David Keenan for Superior Court Judge \(judgekeenan.com\)](#)
- [judgethomaskeenan@gmail.com](mailto:judgethomaskeenan@gmail.com)
- Justice on Washington Supreme Court

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7:35 pm

Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos

- 2024 was a shortened legislative session, only 60 days long.
- Shared that Washington Saves, a state-run automatic retirement savings system, will have fines on employers who do not comply. Rep. Santos voted for the measure, but only after Legislature put "guardrails" on it.

7:45 pm

Councilmember Tanya Woo

- [Comprehensive Plan Open House](#) - March 19, 6pm at Cleveland High School. [April 14th at Garfield High School](#). [April 30th at 6pm at City Hall](#).
- Public Safety Forum: The forum, Creating a Safer Seattle. will be this Thursday, March 14, from 6 – 7:30 pm, at the Seattle Central Library (not Seattle Center). The Seattle Channel will also be airing the forum, live.
- ShotSpotter public comment period has been extended. Comments can be made [here](#).
- Democracy Vouchers to go out 3/12.

7:50 pm

[Senator Manka Dhingra for Attorney General](#)

Campaign Representatives Uma Yaga and Elias Gonzalez

- Seeking volunteers. Contact Coordinator Elias Gonzalez at [Elias@ElectManka.com](mailto:Elias@ElectManka.com).

7:55 pm

[Proposed Bylaws Edit](#)

This edit would allow for more latitude in scheduling our candidate endorsement meeting. Those who are currently elected and appointed PCOs are eligible to vote on this issue.

- 20 votes in favor. 1 vote against. Passed.

8:10 pm

[Reparations to Ukraine Resolution](#)

John Brooks

The Executive Board recommends "Do Pass" this resolution

- 28 votes in favor. 3 votes against. Passed.

8:20 pm

[House Our Neighbors Fund Social Housing Voter Initiative Resolution](#)

Suresh Chanmugam

The Executive Board recommends "Do Pass" this resolution

- 34 votes in favor. 1 vote against. Passed.

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8:25 pm

[Resolution in Support of Ceasefire in Gaza and Against Further Military Escalation](#)

Beth Brunton, Clara Prizont, Amy Hagopian, Aram Falsafi, Aisha Jumaan

The Executive Board recommends “Do Pass” this resolution

- Proposed amendment to add wording regarding humanitarian aid, Israel's right to exist, release of hostages and a two-state solution.
  - 6 votes in favor, 28 against. Amendment failed.
- Unamended resolution: 31 votes in favor, 3 votes against. Passed.

8:50 pm

Election to Fill Board Vacancy

Communications Vice-Chair (4th Vice Chair)\*

- Christopher Nutt is nominated by Gwen Rench. Seconded.
- Christopher Nutt is elected by acclamation.

8:50 pm

Delegate Selection Discussion

Special Guest Isabella Maffei

- Delegate filing is open until 3/31.
- Requirements are that you live in the 37th district and identify as a Democrat.
- The State Convention will be held on June 22 in Bellevue, WA.
- The 37<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats will be electing 35 people: 25 delegates plus 10 alternates.
- 8 candidates have filed so far.

8:58 pm

Chirag Vedelluapalli for Representative Adam Smith

- Passed the first half of the funding bill to fund Congress. Republicans have stalled the process for 5 months. Next half is set to expire on Friday.
- Obtained \$17 million from the appropriations process for programs and organizations in the 9th Congressional District.
- Town Hall March 17 at Sammamish High School.
- Rep. Smith will be participating for the first time in the Democracy Summer Internship.
- April 13: Build the Bench will host a virtual workshop on how to run for office.  
<https://democrats.org/buildthebenchfaqs/>

9:04 pm • Good of the Order

9:10 pm • Adjourn

\*Note: Candidate Chris Nutt was uncontested and elected by acclamation at our February 12 membership meeting. However as a procedural issue it was discovered his membership needed to be brought current, which has since been done. He was subsequently appointed to the position on a temporary basis at our February 26 executive board meeting. To be in accordance with our bylaws, the election for this office will be re-run at the March 11 membership meeting. This does re-open the election to possible additional candidates, if any. For complete reference please see our bylaws: <https://37dems.org/about/our-by-laws/>