

37th LD Democrats Membership Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024
On Zoom, 7:00 pm

Call to Order
Land Acknowledgement
Adopt March 2024 Meeting Minutes

7:05 pm
Precinct Committee Officer Appointments

Vania Adasme (TBD – Acting)

Corinne Cosentino Precinct 37-1657

Maria Lindberg Precinct 37-1630

Amy Paige Precinct 37-1838 (Acting)

Alexis Rinck Precinct 37-1876

Apply for PCO Appointment

No objections, all appointed.

7:10 pm
2024 State Legislative Session Recap
Senator Rebecca Saldaña

- Short session; was going through chemotherapy while in session.
- Had over 6000 emails from constituents and another 3000 from across the state.
- Wrote about housing stability, environmental issues, and housing in general.
- Got the closest they've ever gotten to getting rent stabilization through the senate. Believes it will get through the session next year.
- Were able to get four of the bills she sponsored to the governor. One about getting Uber and Lyft drivers that provides death benefit in case of death of a driver. Another about making sure all families have access to paid sick days. Bill to extend work protections to those working in adult entertainment industry. Worked on protecting forest and sustainable agriculture.
- Got \$3 million in senate budget, which was matched by the house, to finish Garfield Project.

Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos

- Was her 26th legislative session.
- Have a democratic majority in the house and senate.
- Bills that passed related to creating efficiencies in the Working Family Tax Credit, only requiring college degrees for jobs that really need them, and asking the licensing bodies to reconsider whether citizenship should be required for certain licenses.
- Residents will be getting a newsletter that details policy wins in education.
- Expressed her concerns about the new Washington Saves program
- International - Chinatown District was named last year on America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places, was first time any place in the state had ended up on the list. Created preservation society that is just now getting permanent funding.

Representative Chipalo Street

- Capital Gains, Climate Commitment Act, and Long-Term care were sent back to the ballots for citizens to vote on.
- Small wins for housing like tax breaks for long-term housing providers.
- Keep Our Care Act was not passed. Premise of the bill is when healthcare providers merge they go through an AG review to ensure healthcare services in that area are maintained.

7:55 pm

Bob Ferguson for Governor Campaign Update

Bayley Burgess, Oksana Reva

bobferguson.com

- Contact oksana@bobferguson.com or bayley@bobferguson.com. If you want a yard sign, reach out to Oksana or email signs@bobferguson.com.

8:05 pm

Resolution to Establish a Public Bank in Washington

Marco Rossi

- Executive board did not take action on the resolution.
- Marco Rossi moved the resolution, seconded by Robert Stephens.
- Objective is to create a public bank at the state level.
- Motion to table by Joanna Cullen. 22 voted in favor, 10 voted against.

8:20 pm

Supporting Black-Owned Media

Robert Stephens

- Requesting more money to be spent on Black-owned media at a local, state, and national level.
- Will be discussed at upcoming Executive Board retreat.

8:30 pm

Councilmember Tanya Woo

- Transportation levy rough draft dropped last Friday, are accepting public comments.
- **Next open house is next week**
- Mayor continues to have his public safety meeting.
- Democracy Vouchers have been sent out, can be submitted online or by mail.

8:40 pm

Chirag Vedullapalli for Adam Smith

- Adam Smith introduced the Empowering Individuals to Succeed Through Education and Workforce Training Act, "which would establish a fund through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act dedicated to providing wrap-around support services and stipends for individuals in workforce training programs and two-year education programs."

8:55pm

State Delegate Election

- Results will be sometime this week.

8:50 pm

Good of the Order

- Telephone Town Hall on April 30 from 6:30pm-7:30pm (Senator Saldaña, Rep. Santos & Rep. Street)
- Fair Work Center: Working on the issue of defending minimum wage for gig workers. [Home - Fair Work Center](#).

9:00 pm

Adjourn