

2024 Primary Election Endorsement Results

WA 37th Legislative District Democrats • June, 2024

The 37th LD Democrats employ ranked-choice voting to select our endorsed candidates in races where multiple choices are moved for endorsement. This process involves winnowing down the field through progressive rounds of candidate elimination and vote reallocation. Within each individual race the first set of numbers reflects the initial vote count. This is followed by subsequent round(s) of elimination, as needed, and results after vote reallocation. The threshold for endorsement is 60%.

The complete process is described here: <https://37dems.org/endorsement-rules/>

Summary of Contested Races for Endorsement

Note: Candidates/choices within each race are listed in the order they were moved for endorsement.

U.S. Representative, Congressional District 9		
	First-Round Vote Allocation	Percentage
Adam Smith	66	53.23%
Melissa Chaudhry	46	37.10%
No Endorsement	12	9.68%
Total Votes	124	
Second-Round Vote Allocation		
Adam Smith	66 + 4 reallocated = 70	56.45%
Melissa Chaudhry	46 + 6 reallocated = 52	41.94%
	124	
Third-Round Vote Allocation		
Adam Smith	70 + 18 reallocated = 88	70.97%
	124	
Adam Smith is endorsed (final 70.97%)		

About Vote Reallocation

During the first-round vote allocation, the choice with the lowest number of votes is eliminated.

In the U.S. Representative, Congressional District 9 race above, for example, that was No Endorsement.

For the second-round vote allocation in that race, No Endorsement has been eliminated. The additional choices from those voters have been reallocated to the remaining two candidates. (Note that it was not required to vote for all options.) For purposes of the calculated vote percentage the voting universe is based on the first-round vote count, 124 in this case, and does not change.

For the third-round vote allocation, the choice with the lower number of votes (Melissa Chaudhry) has been eliminated. Of her voters, those who listed Adam Smith as an additional choice had those votes for him reallocated to him.

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Secretary of State		
	First-Round Vote Allocation	Percentage
Steve Hobbs	87	75.00%
No Endorsement	29	25.00%
Total Votes	116	
Steve Hobbs is endorsed (final 75.00%)		

State Attorney General		
	First-Round Vote Allocation	Percentage
Nick Brown	63	52.94%
Manka Dhingra	56	47.06%
Total Votes	119	
Second-Round Vote Allocation		
Nick Brown	63 + 32 reallocated = 95	79.83%
	119	
Nick Brown is endorsed (final 79.83%)		

Seattle City Council Position 8		
	First-Round Vote Allocation	Percentage
Tanya Woo	40	32.26%
Tarik Yusuf	12	9.68%
Saunatina Sanchez	10	8.06%
Alexis Mercedes-Rinck	62	50.00%
Total Votes	124	
Second-Round Vote Allocation		
Tanya Woo	40 + 0 reallocated = 40	32.26%
Tarik Yusuf	12 + 0 reallocated = 12	9.68%
Alexis Mercedes-Rinck	62 + 8 reallocated = 70	56.45%
	124	
Third-Round Vote Allocation		
Tanya Woo	40 + 1 reallocated = 41	33.06%
Alexis Mercedes-Rinck	70 + 11 reallocated = 81	65.32%
	124	
Alexis Mercedes-Rinck is endorsed (final 65.32%)		