

8/12/24 37th LD Membership Meeting

On Zoom. Nimco as chair (Mary Scanlon on vacation)

Minutes approved for July.

1. **Appointments for PCOs:**

SEA 37-3796 Dan Moore
SEA 37-1917 Sophia Orlando
SEA 37-1643 Brian Faker
SEA 37-1600 Melissa Chaudhry
SEA 37-1624 Charon Stewart-Silvano
(?)Langston Shaunie Wheeler

Nominations for vacant executive board:

2nd vice-chair for business operations. No nominations.

King County Democrats non-binary position: Rob Foxcurran nominated. He accepted the position.

2. Discussion of Saturday's 37th **LD fundraiser** at Tom Poulos' and how the Othello Festival went.
3. Discussion of the **recent primary** (with 38% tallied votes) results.

Bob Ferguson is ahead

Denny Heck is ahead

Nick Brown has 48%

Commissioner of Public Lands, Dave UptheGrove is in top 2 but it is still very close.

Sharon Tomiko Santos and Chipalo Street are ahead

Alexis Mercedes Rinck is ahead and spoke briefly at our meeting.

New PCO and candidate, Melissa Chaudhry: she's in 2nd place, so it will not go to a Republican

4. **Comprehensive Plan:** equity questions discussed before in a rushed conversation. Betty Lau spoke about her attendance at the meeting; concerns about density and property taxes were expressed. She talked about 4th Ave asking that we sign the petition. It seems to be a done deal with Dow saying not to give false hopes to the last remaining substantial community of color, Chinatown. Rob felt it was a disappointing turn of events. Lois Martin felt the upzoning caused an increase in property taxes which is hard for people wanting to age in place. Ruby Holland expressed concern that property lots may be converted to corner stores. She is concerned that everyone will be priced out by increasing property taxes. There are several versions of anti-displacement plans of the Central Area Neighborhood District Council (CANDC).
Jamie asked if we know the next stages of the plan. Look at <https://www.seattle.gov/opcd/one-seattle-plan>. James Lucking echoed a fear of people being forced out and said we may need to change taxation structure. Rob Foxcurran said the taxation structure is determined by the WA state law for taxation purposes.

5. **Good of the Order:**

- Jamie talked about a joint pancake breakfast with the 43rd LD.
- Happy Birthday, Alec!
- Gwen Rensch: Leschi is having an art walk on Sept 14th. She will be there registering voters.
- Kevin Allen wanted to do a shout out for Nimco for the Othello Festival. Also, Sept 17th is National Voter Registration Day and Oct 7-11 is National Voter Education Week which are supposedly non-partisan events.
- Dianne Ramsey wondered if there was concern about local elections results being certified. No one responded except in Chat.
- Mary Williams said the DEI doing great.

8:00 adjourned

Carla McLean, Secretary