

General Membership Meeting, September 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the chair.

Kathryn Sharpe introduced the Yes for Seattle Kids – Proposition 1 levy which would renew & expand Seattle’s Family, Education, Preschool & Promise programs; then she answered questions. everychildreadyseattle.com

The chair reviewed the election endorsement procedures and rules for the General Election.

For Seattle City Council Position 2 Eddie Lin and Adonis Duckworth were nominated and spoke for their campaigns and 37th district members spoke in favor of each candidate.

For Seattle School District No. 1, Director District No. 2 Sarah Clark and Kathleen Smith were nominated; Sarah Clark spoke and Oliver Mishka spoke for Kathleen Smith. Members spoke in favor of each candidate.

For Seattle School District No. 1, Director District No. 4 Joe Mizrahi and Laura Marie Rivera were nominated and spoke; members spoke in favor of each candidate

For Seattle City Attorney Erika Evans was nominated, spoke and supported by members. The endorsement was approved by a vote of 55 to 0.

It was moved that we endorse Proposition 1 the Yes for Seattle Kids levy and approved by a vote of 51 to 1

The ballots for the contested races will be sent out after the end of the meeting. Results of voting below.

The August meeting minutes were approved with amendment to add more detail to the description of the resolution to censure Sen. Maria Cantwell.

Port of Seattle Commissioner Toshiko Hasegawa spoke with news from the Port of Seattle.

Thomas Kennedy was approved as Acting PCO for precinct SEA 37- 3818

Ingrid Clair was unable to attend so the Chair presented the summary financial report. It was moved that we add \$1000 to the budget to hire a facilitator for the executive board retreat. The motion passed 42 to 0.

Jamie Fackler and the chair reported that the King County Central Committee had a lot of discussion about candidate endorsements. In a very close vote Stephanie Fain was endorsed for a district outside of the 37th and candidates for positions that include the 37th district will occur after we have completed our endorsements.

The Resolution Denouncing ICE Detention of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry and Other American Residents was advanced to the membership for consideration on an emergency basis at the discretion of the Chair even though it was presented too late to be considered by the Executive Board because the urgency of the issue. We adopted this resolution 47 to 0, with the addition of a “whereas” to send copies of the resolution to our delegation. (See resolution #1 at the end of the minutes.)

Resolution censuring Senator Maria Cantwell, commending Senator Patty Murray, and demanding both senators take concrete action for Palestinian liberation. This was a revised version of the resolution the 37th district passed last month. The executive board recommended “do pass”. The motion to table this motion failed 12 to 25. The call for the question passed 25 to 6. The resolution then passed 32 to 4. (See Resolution #2. below)

Good of the Order

Rise Up NOW! 8th Annual Shero Award
Thursday, September 18, 2025

- 6:00 PM 8:30 PM
- Fremont Abbey Arts Center
- 4272 Fremont Ave N Seattle WA 98103

Fundraising lunch for State Treasurer this week., see the endorsement ballot for details

City council hearing tomorrow about ICE access to city data.

Adjourned a 9:14

Results of Online Voting

Seattle City Attorney: Erika Evans
Seattle City Council Position 2: Eddie Lin
Seattle School District 2: Sarah Clark
Seattle School District 4: Joe Mizrahi

Additional Proposition 1 websites:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTrrPD6JiM6WIpDCf0QIEAWcSCfmuz90cjr685FYC-goTb1w/viewform>

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Resolutions

1.
Resolution Denouncing ICE Detention of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry and Other American Residents

WHEREAS United States residents, many of whom have lived, worked, and paid taxes for decades, are being illegally detained by ICE, and Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry, an activist for peace and an honorable, decorated, disabled veteran in a wheelchair due to injuries sustained in US military training for service to our country, has been placed in ICE detention after a naturalization meeting under circumstances that raise significant concerns about the protection of civil liberties and the overreach of the executive branch; and

WHEREAS the arrest of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry sparked widespread concern among members of King County, who believe that these actions are intended to intimidate political opposition and activism into silence and inaction, and to unjustly infringe on the fundamental rights of individuals—particularly non-citizens—to peacefully assemble, speak out, and engage in activism without fear of retaliation or criminalization; and

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WHEREAS as Democrats, we must stand against any actions that disrespect the service of our veterans, undermine our democracy or create a chilling effect on activism, especially when it comes to protecting the rights of individuals who seek to make positive changes in their communities through lawful means;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 37th Legislative District Democrats call for the

immediate release of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry from solitary confinement and ICE custody, naturalization of him as a US citizen as is his right as a veteran, and that DHS act in accordance with due process guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution that protects democratic freedoms and rights, fosters open dialogue, and refrain from any actions that contribute to or support the unjust criminalization of activism or the targeting of individuals for their political beliefs or activism; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 37th Legislative District Democrats demand that all detained people who have not committed or been charged with crimes should be released immediately and allowed due process while free to live and contribute to their communities, and urge that those committing illegal acts pertaining to the detention of Zahid and others be brought to justice in accordance with the U.S. Constitution; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 37th Legislative District Democrats resoundingly condemn the arrest of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry as a blatant violation of the right to free speech, and reaffirm our commitment to defending democracy, human rights, and the fundamental freedoms that define our nation.

2.

Resolution censuring Senator Maria Cantwell, commending Senator Patty Murray, and demanding both senators take concrete action for Palestinian liberation

WHEREAS, many experts, including Israeli human rights organizations, academics, and politicians, have concluded that Israel is committing genocide and/or war crimes against the

Palestinian people and practicing apartheid;¹

WHEREAS, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is wanted by the International Criminal

Court to answer to charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, including the use of

starvation as a method of warfare;²

WHEREAS, in 2024, Washington Democrats overwhelmingly passed resolutions at our convention to halt military support for Israel and restore humanitarian aid to Gaza, and the

Washington State Democratic Central Committee passed a resolution with strong support condemning Israel's siege on Gaza and calling for the re-funding of UNRWA;³

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2025, Senator Maria Cantwell, along with a bipartisan group of US

senators, welcomed and posed for a picture with Netanyahu, but Senator Patty Murray did not;⁴

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2025, Sen. Cantwell voted to continue arming Israel with weapons,

breaking with a majority of Democrats in the US Senate (27-17 and 24-20), while Senator

Murray sided with the majority of Senate Democrats by voting against continuing to arm Israel

with weapons;⁵

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee hereby

censures Senator Maria Cantwell for voting to continue sending weapons to Israel while it is

carrying out a genocide against the Palestinian people, despite the overwhelming support for a

ceasefire and arms embargo throughout the Democratic Party statewide, and for welcoming and

posing for a picture with Benjamin Netanyahu;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee hereby

commends Senator Patty Murray for voting to stop sending weapons to Israel while it is carrying

out a genocide against the Palestinian people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee hereby

demands that Senator Cantwell and Senator Murray take concrete actions against the ongoing

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