

37th LD Democrats
General Membership Meeting, January 12, 2026

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

The following people were appointed as PCOs:

Rick Harwood • Precinct SEA 37-1582

Eva Hudak • Precinct SEA 37-1572*

*(Update: precinct SEA 37-1572 was already filled;
offer provided to serve as an acting PCO elsewhere)*

Sibyl James • Precinct SEA 37-1853

Paul Nelson • Precinct SEA-1557

Justin Roll • Precinct SEA 37-1629

Nathan Wall • Precinct SEA 37-1638

Ethan Zinck • Precinct SEA 37-1619

Eva Hudak • Precinct SEA 37-1572

Sibyl James • Precinct SEA 37-1853

Paul Nelson • Precinct SEA-1557

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Adam Smith spoke about current situations with the federal government in Washington DC. Also about what the Democrats needs to do to fix all the things Trump is doing that cause negative impacts to US citizens and get us into trouble in the wider world. He answered many questions from 37th District members and PCOs. If you have more questions contact chirag@electadamsmith.

Betty Lau reported on the newest idea at Sound Transit to deal with the current budget shortfall. The idea is to postpone the second tunnel, make-do with the existing tunnel, and concentrate on finishing the current line from Tacoma to Everett. This plan would probably include “stub” lines to connect to West Seattle and/or Ballard.

A year ago Betty was appointed to the Sound Transit Citizens’ Advisory committee and found the group to be basically a rubber-stamp group, but now some action is happening to fix some of the identified problems, such as better emergency options for the disabled.

Ingrid Clair gave the Treasurer’s report; we are actually collecting more money than last year. We have almost \$13,000 in the bank.

Roger Lippman presented 2 resolutions opposing pro-nuclear power bills being proposed in the legislature. (see the Addenda for the original versions). The links below go to the slightly revised versions. The motion to defer the consideration of these resolutions till February after consideration by the Executive Board passed 28 to 16.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w0xfMRsLHkCyzV4CzI6bCepB2KdNtP8D-0XnrSbjXwI/edit?tab=t.0>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sx83mFURQq5YiaqQyDwwN6uAm8wJ7DIze5j3tICF5eA/edit?tab=t.0>

2026 Delegate Selection Overview

Mary described the State Convention and the nomination procedure to become a delegate. The 37th will send out a message with more information about the process soon. Links to the forms and training sessions are below.

<https://shorturl.at/WWOag>

<https://shorturl.at/Vondj>

Good of the Order

In response to Robert Stephens, our grant request for money to increase our outreach to under-represented groups. The grant was apparently refused because we are relatively rich compared to some other districts and Democratic organizations.

Lots of things are happening at Garfield H.S. on Monday in celebration of MLK's birthday. Seattlemlkcoalition.org

Nancy Truitt-Pierce talked about "safe house" signs to support our persecuted immigrant neighbors. nancy@woodscreek.com

Senate Bill 9865 to prevent ICE from masking up and other things I didn't catch. Talk to Rachel Snell

Lyn McKay had us take a moment of silence for the 100 people killed by ICE.

Toshiko Hasegawa announced her campaign for County Council.

Please participate in the various lobbying efforts in Olympia supporting the bills and causes we support.

Saturday, Oct 7th Walk to the Harbor, 10:00 at Hing Hay Park to remember the expulsion and deportation of the Chinese and all the other groups expelled in the past and present.

Robert Foxcurran announced his candidacy for Assessor. Voterobfoxcurran.com

Christopher Roberts also announced his candidacy for Assessor.
www.electroberts.com, 206-552-9160, chris@chrisrobertswa.com

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Addenda

Resolution in Opposition to Legislative Bills HB 2090 and SB 5821, which promote nuclear power

WHEREAS in the 2026 legislature, HB 2090 and SB 5821, whose primary sponsors are Republicans, would require the Washington State Department of Commerce “to seek nonstate funds to develop a nuclear power strategic framework to assess strategies, benefits, and costs, including recommendations for implementation, for ways that advanced nuclear deployment may add incremental value to the state energy strategy in pursuit of its policy and market goals”; and the bills would dictate that the department “must supplement the state energy strategy by developing and publishing a nuclear power strategic framework by December 15, 2026”; and

WHEREAS much or all of the nuclear power to be generated would be distributed to out-of-state computer data centers, located in Oregon, where nuclear power plants are not allowed; and

WHEREAS the bills conflict with the explicit positions of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation;

WHEREAS nuclear power is one of the most expensive known forms of electrical generation, taking money away from clean, renewable forms of energy, especially solar and wind energy, that are widely available in Washington State, at a cost far less than nuclear power; and the rapid advances in battery storage technology, and significant decreases in its cost, have made it possible for renewable energy to be available around the clock, not only when the wind is blowing or the sun is shining; and

WHEREAS nuclear waste, which will remain hazardous for longer than human civilization has existed, is still stored on site at nuclear power stations because no other permanent storage or disposal system has been created, or even designed;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the 37 th Legislative District Democrats, call upon our Representatives Street and Tomiko Santos, and Senator Saldaña, to vote against these bills in committee and in floor votes and to encourage other legislators to do the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon other Democratic groups to pass similar resolutions.

Submitted by Roger Lippman, Beth Brunton

37th LD Democrats Resolution in opposition to HB 2103, which promotes nuclear power

WHEREAS HB 2103 (Sections 2 through 5) in the 2026 legislature would change authorization for municipalities purchasing electric power, to allow acquisition of power by any municipality or operating agency from “projects using a renewable resource or

non-emitting electric generation as defined in RCW 19.405.020" (which means that municipalities are allowed to purchase nuclear power, from any public or private source); and

WHEREAS, HB 2103 (Sections 2 through 5) would change authorization for municipalities purchasing electric power, to allow acquisition of power by any municipality or operating agency from "projects using a renewable resource or non-emitting electric generation as defined in RCW 19.405.020" (which means that municipalities are allowed to purchase nuclear power, from any public or private source – "non-emitting" is a code word for nuclear power); and

WHEREAS HB 2103 (Sections 7-10) applies current law to nuclear power purchases: the contract for such power purchases "may provide that the city must make the payments required by the contract whether or not a project is completed, operable, or operating and notwithstanding the suspension, interruption, interference, reduction, or curtailment of the output of a project or the power and energy contracted for.

The contract may also provide that payments under the contract are not subject to reduction, whether by offset or otherwise, and shall not be conditioned upon the performance or nonperformance of the joint operating agency or a city, town, or public utility district under the contract or other instrument";

WHEREAS history is littered with instances of nuclear power developments unable to provide the promised or predicted power supplies on the price or schedule predicted, most prominently having occurred here in the State of Washington, under the authority of the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS, now called Energy Northwest) in the early 1980s. As a result of the WPPSS failure, customers of utilities served by the Bonneville Power Administration are still, to this day, paying off the costs of the built and unbuilt reactors from that project (as well as bond-holders on two of the projects that declared bankruptcy and defaulted on their investors); and

WHEREAS a recent attempt to start a project of small modular nuclear reactors for the Utah Association of Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS), with reactors to be built in Idaho, was abandoned in November 2023, after expenditure of millions of dollars, because not enough member utilities would subscribe to it due to delays and rising costs, thus leaving many utilities facing substantial financial losses and uncertainty regarding future energy supplies; and

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