**DRAFT MINUTES**

32nd LD Democrats Monthly Meeting

April 3, 2024, 6:30 pm

[**Facebook LIVE ZOOM VIDEO**](https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/946546693349382)

*~ Thanks* ***Council Member Annette Ademasu*** *and****Rosamaria Graziani****for your live English-Spanish translation of this meeting. ~*

 **• 6:30pm WELCOME Chris Roberts, Chair** *(video at 0:16-5:17)*

**• Chris Roberts:** Thanks to the 51 candidates who signed up to run for delegate. This is the highest number in the state! Usually, we are a little behind the Seattle districts, but this time we are ahead of them.

Everyone should receive a ballot from the State Party by 10:00 am, on Saturday. You will then be able to vote for 25 of the 51 candidates. The top 25 will be elected and then the next 10 with the highest votes will become alternates. It appears we are short on some of our affirmative action goals so this is impetus for us to do better at recruitment next time.

Tonight, we will hear from some of the candidates running for delegate and we will hear from some candidates running for statewide office. Also, we have a recommendation from the Executive Board to suspend Endorsement Rule 7A to allow the consideration of an endorsement for Bob Ferguson for Governor.

**• March 6 Meeting Minutes - Moved, Seconded, Approved**

Thank you to all of the elected officials who are attending our meeting tonight!

**• ENDORSEMENTS** *(5:18-18:31)*

**• Carin Chase, State Committee Person: I move we suspend the Endorsement Rules, 7A, so we may consider the endorsement of Bob Ferguson for Governor. Second.**

**Speech in favor, Carin Chase:** Our Endorsement Committee has highly recommended Bob Ferguson for endorsement for Governor. As we know, Bob has been a steadfast champion of all of our democratic values and has been a supporter of the 32nd Legislative District. Now, it is more important than ever that we send him to the Governor’s position.

**Speech in opposition:** none

**Without objection, we have unanimously passed the motion suspend rule 7A to consider endorsing Bob Ferguson for Governor.**

**• Bayley Burgess, Campaign Manager, Attorney General Bob Ferguson for Governor:** As Attorney General, Bob Ferguson has been leading on those issues that we all care about. He has been a national leader on safeguarding abortion access. He ha won $1.2 billion dollars from opioid distributors and that money is going to treatment programs. And, he has led the effort to pass common sense gun safety prevention programs, leading with the ban on assault weapons.

• Consideration to endorse Bob Ferguson for Governor.

**• Speech in favor, CM Adrienne Fraley-Monillas:** I just want to say that Bob Ferguson has the total support of every labor organization. He has been a stalwart advocate for working peoples’ issues and I can’t say enough about how important it is that we support him, just as we supported Jay Inslee and prior to that, Christine Gregorie. We need to get behind him and donate to his campaign!

**Speech in opposition**: none

**Ballot vote: Bob Ferguson is unanimously endorsed by the 32nd LD Democrats.**

**• 2024 CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO REPRESENT THE 32ND LD DEMOCRATS ORGANIZATION AS A DELEGATE AT THE STATE CONVENTION** *(20:27-1:37:34)*

**• Chris Roberts:** Each of our candidates will have 90 seconds to introduce themselves and talk about why they should be elected from the 32nd LD Democrats Organization. I am now going to turn this virtual gavel over to Alan Charnley to conduct the meeting.

**• Alan Charnley, Chair, ProTem**

**Candidates for 32nd LD Delegate**

-Hammad Hashmi, 7th Congressional District (CD)

-David Parshall, 2nd CD

-Marguerite Dekker, 1st CD

-Josh Binda, 2nd CD

-Forrest Taylor, 7th CD

-William Paige, Jr., 1st CD

-Pat Weber, 7th CD

-Sarah Leon, 7th CD

-Steph Harris, 7th CD

-Dave Wilder, 2nd CD

-Deborah Viertel, 2nd CD

-Maria Moreno (Rosamaria Graziani speaks on her behalf), 2nd CD

-Julie Kang, 7th CD

-Eric Scheir, 7th CD

-Gary McCaig, 2nd CD

-Laura Mork, 7th CD

-Maralyn Chase, 2nd CD

-Ted Hikel, 2nd CD

-Robin McClelland, 7th CD

-Lillian Hawkins, 7th CD

-Marylyn Hawkins, 7th CD

-France Giddings, 2nd CD

-Rosamaria Graziani, 2nd CD

-Lael White, 1st CD

-Thomas White, 1st CD

-Raul Bringas (Rosamaria Graziani speaks on his behalf), 2nd CD

-Mike Eckart, 2nd CD

-Marylou Eckart, 2nd CD

-Otonye Robert (Rosamaria Graziani speaks on his behalf), 1st CD

-Michael Brunson, 7th CD

-Shirley Sutton, 2nd CD

**•2024 CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS** *(1:37:43-2:00:18)*

**• Candidate for Washington State Insurance Commissioner—** [**State Senator Patty Kuderer**](https://www.pattykuderer.com/)**:** I have been in the Legislature since 2015. I am seeking this position because I care very deeply about that office’s mission— to really be a consumer advocate. As a legislator, I have been the prime sponsor of progressive legislation that has been enacted into law, including, first in the country, the right to counsel in statewide evictions; same day voter registration; and the elimination of Tim Eyman’s advisory votes.

**• Stephanie Harris, Chair, 32nd LD Endorsement Committee:** Judge Martinez has been recommended to the Exec. Board for endorsement.

**• Candidate for King County District Court West, Shoreline—** [**Judge Raul Martinez**](https://judgeraulmartinez.org/)**:** I was honored a year and a half ago when the King County Council, unanimously, appointed me to be a King County District Judge. I have presided over thousands of civil and criminal cases and I have truly enjoyed the work because it has allowed me to connect with real people and their challenges on a daily basis. There are two primary reasons why the council appointment me: 1) I have a very diverse civil and criminal law experience with over two decades of practice. 2) This second reason is near and dear to me. Because of my personal experience, I am deeply committed to equality, fairness and justice. My parents were migrant farmworkers and we dealt with challenging experiences.

**• Ryan O’Connor, Campaign Manager,** [**State Senator Kevin VanDeWege for State Public Lands Commissioner**](https://www.kevinforlandscommissioner.org/)**:** The Lands Commissioner overseas the Dept. of Natural Resources and most of the public land in WA State. Senator VanDeWege has been a lawmaker for years, but he has been a firefighter for his entire adult life. He now works out of Sequim, as a firefighter captain, and is president of his local firefighter union. He has been a strong voice in the management of the state’s natural resources and parks.

*(video at 2:10:28-2:17:08)*

• [**Sal Mungia, Candidate for Washington State Supreme Court, Position 9:**](https://www.salforjustice.com/)

I am an attorney in Tacoma and I am running for an open seat on the State Supreme Court. I was born and raised in Tacoma/Lakewood, the son of immigrants, my dad from Mexico and my mom from Japan. I saw how they were mistreated as immigrants, and knew in second grade that I wanted to be a lawyer to put a stop to this mistreatment. I joined my law firm in 1986 and this is my 40th year of practice. One of the first things I did when I went into private practice was sign up as a cooperating attorney at the ACLU, because that was one of my core values. I have been endorsed by over 70 judges across the state and by 6 of the 9 current Justices on the State Supreme Court. I’m also endorsed by Jay Inslee, Bob Ferguson, Denny Heck, Mike Pellicciotti and by over 30 other state and federal elected officials.

**Stephanie Harris, Chair, 32nd Endorsement Committee:** Sal Mungia has been highly recommended to the Exec. Board for endorsement.

 **HOW TO VOTE FOR DELEGATES AND WHO IS ELIGIBLE** *(2:00:23-2:20:24*

**• Carin Chase, State Committee Person:** I’m thrilled that we have so many great people running for state delegate. The election will be held on Saturday, April 6. It will be a virtual ballot. It will be sent out to members and PCOs of the 32nd LD Democrats Organization for voting on which delegates they would like to have represent them at the state convention. They will have until 9:00 am the morning of Sunday, April 7, to complete the ballot. We will elect 25 delegates and 10 alternates.

**State Convention Schedule**

**• June 21-23 –** Virtually and In-Person

-Friday, June 21: Welcome reception

-Saturday, June 22: Trainings, Events

-Sunday, June 23: General Session

**• Business**

- Debating state Platform and adopting amendments

- Resolutions

- Statewide Candidate Nominations

**Delegations**

• Each LD organized by “Delegation”

• “Delegations” include:

-All automatic delegates who reside in your LD (Chair, Vice Chair, State Committee Members, Elected officials)

-Elected Delegates, Alternates, Bonus Delegates

• Delegation Chair is, by default, LD Chair

**• 8:50pm ADJOURNED**

**Next 32nd LD Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 1**, **6:30 pm on Zoom**[**32democrats.org**](https://32democrats.org/)

**• Drinking Liberally**

**Thursday, April 18**

Monthly Snohomish County meet-up: Third Thursday of each month, at [**Diamond Knot Brewpub**](https://diamondknot.com/brewbrewpubmlt)**@MLT**, 6:30pm (5602 232nd St SW)

**• Drinking Liberally**

**Thursday, May 4**
Monthly King County meet-up: First Thursday of each month at [Jerseys](https://jerseysgreatfoodandspirits.com/), Shoreline, 6:30pm (1125 N 152nd St off Aurora)

Respectfully submitted,

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