**DRAFT MINUTES**

32nd LD Democrats Monthly Meeting

August 7, 2024, 6:30 pm

[32democrats.org](https://32democrats.org/)

**Facebook LIVE ZOOM VIDEO**

https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/356041180881178

 *~ Thanks* ***Rosamaria Graziani****for your live
English-Spanish translation of this meeting. ~*

**6:30pm WELCOME Chris Roberts, Chair** *(video at 0:06-2:30)*

Welcome to our August meeting. This has been an exciting couple of weeks. I think Kamala Harris will be elected and it will be an exciting 90 days working to make that happen! And, it will happen because of all of you will be knocking on doors reminding people to vote!

**ENDORSEMENTS** (PCO and member vote)

**•** [**Alexis Mercedes Rinck**](https://www.alexisforseattle.com/)**, Candidate for Seattle City Council, Position 8 (at-large)** *(2:37-19:20)***:**

I am a renter, light-rail commuter, went from being a waitress by the space needle to working on policy at the UW. I’m running for the Seattle City Council to fight to make it a city for all of us, not for just the wealthy few. Throughout my work in public policy. I have gained a reputation for bringing people together around solutions and making them happen. This position is to represent all of Seattle.

**Moved, seconded (by Endorsement Committee), endorsed by acclamation.

•** [**Paul Crisalli,**](https://judgepaulcrisalli.com/) **Candidate for King County Superior Court Judge, Position 41:** *(19:33-31:15)***:**

I’m running to retain my seat, KC Superior Court, Position 41. I have devoted my career to public service. In addition to clerking for the State Supreme Court as well as the Court of Appeals, I worked for the State Attorney General’s Office for over a decade. I became a judge because I want to protect and defend the rule of law as the courts are dealing with difficult issues about truth and facts. **Moved, seconded (by Endorsement Committee), endorsed by acclamation.**

**CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS** (PCO only vote) *(31:43-36:24)*To comply with [WA State law](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=42.12.040) and WA State Democratic Party procedure for filling vacancies in partisan elective offices.

**• 32nd LD State Representative Cindy Ryu, Position 1**

**• 32nd LD State Representative Lauren Davis, Position 2**

**Moved, seconded, nominated by acclamation.**

**ENDORSEMENTS** (PCO and member vote) (36:52-1:17:36)

**• Calvin Jones, Outreach Director, Defend Washington,** [**FUSE Washington**](https://fusewashington.org/news/blog/republican-initiative-slate-your-ballot)

I am here to talk about the slate of four regressive initiatives that will be on the General Election ballot, Nov. 5. These 4 initiatives represent fundamental attacks on progress that the Democratic Legislature has achieved over the past 10 years. Brian Heywood, a hedge fund manager has spent $6 million to get these initiatives on the ballot. This is big money in politics.

- **Initiative 2117** would repeal the state’s Climate Commitment Act. Large polluters would no longer be forced to pay for the pollution they create.

**Moved, seconded, endorsed opposition to this Initiative by ballot vote.**

**- Initiative 2124** would dismantle Washington State’s long-term care program and strip benefits from 3.9 million Washingtonians. It would disproportionately harm women.

**Moved, seconded, endorsed opposition to this Initiative by ballot vote.**

**- Initiative 2109** would repeal the state’s capital gains tax. This tax is paid by only the ultra-wealthy .2% and is expected to raise over $2.2 billion over the next 5 years which will fund child care, early learning and school construction.

**Moved, seconded, endorsed opposition to this Initiative by ballot vote.**

**- Initiative 2066** would repeal long term investment plans regarding natural gas for Puget Sound energy.
**Moved, seconded, endorsed opposition to this Initiative by ballot vote.**

**BREAK** *(1:17:47-1:28:10)*

**[RESOLUTION](https://32democrats.org/2024-adopted/)** *(1:28:18-1:35:40)*

**Level the Medicare Playing field to Save Our Medicare from Total Privatization, submitted by France Giddings**

**Moved, seconded, resolution passes unanimously by voice vote.**

**PCO APPOINTMENTS** *(1:28:18-1:34:02)* **• Vivian Korneliussen – precinct SHL 32-0462
• Kathryn Ozog – precinct SHL 32-1197**

**Moved, seconded, both PCO candidates appointed unanimously by voice vote.**

**APPROVAL OF** [**JUNE 5 MINUTES**](https://32democrats.org/2024-minutes/)*(1:35:41-1:36:10)*

**Moved, seconded, approved by unanimously by voice vote.**

**EVERGREEN STATE FAIR** *(1:36:24-1:39:44)*

**• Deborah Viertel:** The Evergreen State Fair is coming up in Monroe, August 22-September 2. The Snohomish County Democrats will again have their booth so, please sign-up for a shift [**here**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FAEA62EA3F85-49688819-snoco#/)**.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** *(1:39:45-1:40:08)*
**Snohomish Dems Picnic, Seaview Park, Edmonds**Saturday, Aug. 17 - 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Map to Seaview Park - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/eZXXhGTwKEqxqs1V9>

**7:43pm ADJOURNED**

**Next Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 4, 6:30pm on Zoom**[**32democrats.org**](https://32democrats.org/)

**Join us at a 32nd LD Dems Meet-up—**

**Thursday, September 5**
Monthly King County meet-up: First Thursday of each month at [Jerseys](https://jerseysgreatfoodandspirits.com/), Shoreline, 6:30pm (1125 N 152nd St off Aurora)

**Thursday, September 19**

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)

Respectfully submitted,

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