**DRAFT MINUTES**

32nd LD Democrats Monthly Meeting

January 3, 2024, 6:30 pm

[Facebook LIVE Zoom Video](https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/354804770626551)

**1. 6:30pm WELCOME Chris Roberts, Chair (video at 0:53-13:33)**

**Chris:** It is good to see you online today and I will say that we are planning to be able to spend more in-person time together over this next year. We are going to re-start “drinking liberally” again. The schedule will be: the third Thursday of the month, we will get together in Montlake Terrace at the Diamond Knot. Then, the first Thursday of the month we’ll meet at Jersey’s, in Shoreline. And, we’ll continue to have picnics. We are going to need everyone for GOTV with the upcoming elections: presidential primary in March, general primary in August, and the general election in November. We’re going to be doing a lot of door-knocking this year!

• We are excited to recognize all of the elected officials, and the newly elected officials, here tonight**. (video at 2:55-6:03)**

• As we all know, 2024 is a presidential election year so we will be having our legislative district caucus, congressional district caucus, state convention, and national convention in Chicago. If you would like to serve on the 32nd LD platform committee please send me an email – chris.roberts@32democrats.org. IMPORTANT: To be able to vote at the 32nd LD caucus, you must have paid your 32nd LD membership dues, or be a PCO, by March 31, 5pm. Contact chris.roberts@32democrats.org for a waiver of your dues. **(video at 6:03-10:05)**

**2024 Caucus & Convention Calendar**
• Tues., March 12 – Presidential Preference Primary
• Sun., March 31, 5:00 pm – Deadline to become a 32nd caucus voting member and deadline for filing to be a state delegate candidate
• Sat., April 6 – 32nd LD Caucus 10:00 am (Zoom)
• Sat., May 18 – Congressional District Caucus (Zoom)
• Sat., June 22 – State Democratic Party Convention (In-person)
• Mon.-Thurs., August 19-22 – Democratic Party Convention, Chicago

**2. EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT PROP 1 & 2 – Election: Feb. 13**

**School Construction Bond and Replacement Levy** **(video at 10:57-44:11)**
Presentation by: [**Yes for ESD Kids!**](https://www.yesforesdkids.org/) -- **Adel Sefriou and Heather Damron**

**Adel:** We are a parent and community group that advocates on behalf of the school district for elections.

**1) Prop. 1** is a **school construction bond** that will**:**

**• replace outdated buildings**-- 4 schools will be rebuilt and one new middle school will be built

**• improve safety and security**-- it will update the building codes and there will be fewer exterior doors in these new buildings

**• maintain current buildings and athletic fields**—plumbing, window and door replacements, etc.

**• allow for future increased capacity**-- this last year, the Edmonds School District student population increased. There is a direct correlation between new schools and an increase in student population. Also, three-year middle schools are important as they provide more continuity and a higher quality of education for students.

**2) Prop. 2** is a capital **replacement levy that will fund technology**:

• student technology; professional learning; infrastructure tools for organizational support— so that students will have the equipment and infrastructure to remain competitive for the jobs of tomorrow.

**also, small works projects**—new roofs, new turfs, HVAC systems, etc.

**3) There will be minimal impact on your pocketbook
• Prop. 2:** replaces an expiring levy, therefore no addition taxes for homeowners

**• Prop. 1:** this $500 million construction bond replaces 4 schools and builds a middle school. It does not increase your property taxes because there is a capital levy from 2021 that will sunset if this bond passes.

**4) It is imperative that our schools are strong** **and the physical health of our schools is part of that strength**. Our middle class is supported by our strong public schools. There are many ways to get involved to help pass Prop. 1 and Prop. 2 – phone banking, doorbelling, social media, etc.

**Carin Chase, Edmonds School Board Member:** There will be a motion at our 32nd LD February 7 meeting to endorse Prop. 1 and Prop. 2.

**3.** [**RESOLUTIONS**](https://32democrats.org/resolutions-passed/?orderby=publish_date&order=desc) **(video at 44:12-1:48:30)**

**• Negotiations to End the War in Ukraine** (from Sally Soriano and Brent McFarlane)

**Sally:** We are **withdrawing this resolution,** as it was written last September and there are sections that are no longer relevant.

**• In Support of an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza** (from Carin Chase)

**Carin:** As we all know, there has been an on-going war in Gaza, impacting the entire region. One whereas reads: “We are calling on members of the Congressional delegation in Washington to support and sign-on to the “Ceasefire Now” resolution, HR 786, co-sponsored by Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, and to advocate more broadly for an immediate, long-term ceasefire, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people.”

**Resolution adopted.**

**• Opposing Six ‘Let’s Go Washington’ Initiatives** (from Carin Chase)

**Chris:** I’m ruling this **resolution out of order** because we have specific rules on endorsements. We will have a speaker at a future meeting about these initiatives.

**•** **Support Lower Snake River Rail Development** (from Lael White)

**Lael:** This resolution is about Southeastern Washington from where we get so much of our grain. If the lower Snake River dams are breached, in order to save our salmon species, this resolution will support farmers with shipping alternatives. It also addresses temporary alternatives to barging on the river by using rail transportation. We need to act quickly on the issue of endangered salmon.

**Resolution adopted.**

**• Support for a Fircrest Historical Museum** (from Janet Way)

**Janet:** I am going to **withdraw this resolution** because I don’t think it is ready. I want to rewrite it and then come back to you for discussion and approval.

**Resolution is withdrawn.**

**4. PCO APPOINTMENTS (video at 1:48:38-1:58:05)**

**• Delia Veschi** – SHL-1178

**• Tom Fitzpatrick** – SHL-0232

**• Sarah León** – SEA 2539

**• Carl Larson** – MLT-15

**All candidates approved by acclamation.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS (video at: 1:58:31-2:03:40)**

**• Proposing an Ad Hoc Education Committee, Elizabeth Lundsford --** to gather information on state public school fundingPlease email the Chair, Chris Roberts, to join this ad hoc committee: chris.roberts@32democrats.org

**• Proposing an Ad Hoc Cybersecurity Committee, Stephanie Harris** – to research what other states are doing about cybersecurity so we can protect ourselves

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**6. GOOD OF THE ORDER (video at 2:03:40-2:09:18)**

**• France Giddings:** [Kirkland Meaningful Movies](https://www.facebook.com/MeaningfulMoviesinKirkland/) on Zoom – “Disturbing the Peace” – a Palestinian-Israeli discussion.

**• Maralyn Chase:** I suggest we put the issue of cybersecurity on the agenda for next month and so we can look what our state and other states are doing. We can then propose how to move forward.

**• Adrienne Fraley Monillas**: Maralyn and I recently attended an event with Bob Ferguson. He talked about getting his office involved when seniors are being scammed. I think we can use his website as a good resource on the issues of scamming and cybersecurity.

**• Chris Roberts:** We will have our first “drinking liberally” meeting at Diamond Knot, in Mountlake Terrace, on the third Thursday of the month, where were can have good discussions about current issues. And, it is just good to socialize! Please look for 32nd emails, because 2024 is going to be a busy year, and I know that our LD is ready to tackle this important work!

We’ll now officially close the meeting but will stay online for people who want to chat.

**• 8:40 pm ADJOURNED**

**Next 32nd LD Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 7**, **6:30 pm on Zoom**

**• Drinking Liberally**

**Thursday, February 15**

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

**• Drinking Liberally**

**Thursday, March 7**
Monthly King County meet-up: First Thursday of each month at [Jerseys](https://jerseysgreatfoodandspirits.com/), Shoreline 6:30 pm (1125 N 152nd St off Aurora)

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Soriano, 32nd LD Secretary

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