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**32ND LD GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 6:30 pm

For those of you unable to attend our last meeting, here is a link to the video recording.

Video log time for each section is on the left margin of this recap.

https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/4167469450006123

*~ Thanks* ***Rosamaria Graziani*** *for your wonderful, live English-Spanish translation. ~*

• 6:30 PM - Welcome, **Chris Roberts**, Chair

• Land Acknowledgment, **Carin Chase**, State Committee Person

• Pledge of Allegiance, **Jenna Nand**, 1st Vice-Chair

• Approval of Agendawithout objection. Approval of [**June 2nd minutes**](https://32democrats.org/download/minutes-32nd-ld-meeting-wed-june-2-2021/)without objection.

1:40-5:50 - **CHAIR REPORT**

Chris: We are looking forward to our 32nd LD picnic, the second week of August, on Saturday the 14th, at Lynndale Park in Lynnwood. It will be an informal meeting celebrating fellowship and being Democrats together. Over the next two weeks we will be supporting our endorsed candidates by canvassing for the Primary, August 3rd.

5:50-17:06 - **CAMPAIGN UPDATES**

17:06-27:00 - **4TH OF JULY, SYMBOLS OF PATRIOTISM**

[**Jamie Mayerfeld, PhD**](https://www.polisci.washington.edu/people/jamie-mayerfeld)**, UW Political Science**

Jamie: Tonight I will defend the proposition that you don't have to be a patriot to be a good person...As progressives we can respond to conservatives by saying we are patriotic because we want to make our country better and this requires us to look unflinchingly at our country's past and present crimes...You can let go of the assumption that patriotism is the necessary container of virtuous citizenship and moral goodness. You can make justice your guiding principle.

28:38 -1:08 - **LYNNWOOD MAYORAL FORUM**

Chris: [**George Hurst**](https://www.hurst4lynnwood.com/) - Received a BA in History and Political Science. He was elected to the Lynnwood City Council in 2015, and was elected council president in 2019. He was chair of the committee that created the South Regional Fire Authority and he was on the board that combined two 911 call centers into one.

[**Christine Frizzell**](https://www.votefrizzell.com/) - Received a BS in Accounting. Has served the tax needs for small businesses and individuals for 30 years. She has been on the Lynnwood City Council for four years and has chaired the Finance Committee. She has held council leadership positions such as president and vice-president. She served on the Snohomish County Board of Health, 2020-21.

**Questions:**

1. The City of Lynnwood, like all cities in the region, is facing an affordable housing crisis. A couple of years ago the council voted against a comprehensive plan amendment for Whispering Pines, even though the two of you voted in favor. What would be your approach for creating more affordable housing in Lynnwood, especially for those at 0-30% median income level?

2. Lynnwood prides itself for being an equitable community. The council twice delayed the hiring of a race and social justice coordinator for the city. What actions will you take to increase minority participation and access to meetings, local government and recreation services?

3. Lynnwood, along with Mukilteo and Millcreek, has the highest sales tax rate in the state. What solutions do you have to reduce the tax rate on low-income residents?

4. What is your understanding about defunding the police and what is your position on it?

5. Across the nation, the rights of women to make their own healthcare decisions are under assault. Local representative voices are important. Do you support a woman's right to choose, and to have an abortion, regardless of age? Do you support the continuation of abortion funding for low-income women? Would you stand with the Federation of Democratic Women in support of Planned Parenthood at one of their Tuesday events?

6. AFSCME Local 3035 proudly represents the Lynnwood staff. What experiences will you bring to the council when working with members of labor? Do you support the PRO Act, which is now moving through Congress? Would you have supported an ordinance to raise pay for grocery store workers?

7. Why are you seeking support of the 32nd Democrats? If elected will you commit to regularly appear before the 32nd membership to answer their questions?

2:06 - **MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES TO ELIMINATE Q&A PERIOD FOR MAYORAL AND COUNCIL FORUMS**

-Carin Chase: I move to suspend the rules to move straight to the pro and con speeches for the mayoral and council forums because we have had plenty of questions that we solicited from membership and allies, seconded.

2:08 - **AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TO LIMIT THE QUESTION PERIOD TO TWO QUESTIONS PER POSITION WITH 30 SECOND ANSWERS**

-Jenna Nand: After listening the candidate's answers, I think we should be able to ask follow-up questions, seconded.

**-Vote: The amendment carries by a majority vote.**

2:41 **- MAYORAL CANDIDATES: Q&A, PRO/CON SPEECHES AND ENDORSEMENT VOTE**

Ted Hikel: I nominate George Hurst for endorsement, seconded.

David Parshall: I nominate Christine Frizzell for endorsement, seconded

Vote: George Hurst received 97%; Christine Frizzell received 21%

**George Hurst is endorsed by the 32nd LD.**

1:14-1:50 - **LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL FORUM**

[**Lisa Utter**](https://www.facebook.com/LisaUtter4Lynnwood/photos/?ref=page_internal)(Position 3)**:** I'm running for the council as this is an exciting time with the arrival of light rail and we are the hub of this area. I was on the council when the citizens and the council made plans for this center and I want to finish this job.

[**Naz Lashgari**](http://naz4lynnwood.com/)(Position 2)**:** Moving to Lynnwood has been the best thing I have ever done. I want to be proactive in managing Lynnwood's growth. For the last four years I have been honored to serve Lynnwood as the chair and vice-chair of the Diversity Committee.

[**Chris Eck**](https://www.electchriseck.com/)(Position 1)**:** I'm a first-time candidate running because I can no longer sit on the sidelines and I want to use my proven experience and skills. In addition, to being a wife and mother, I have had a long career in operations management and in leadership roles. I have been chair of the Lynnwood Planning Commission.

[**Shirley Sutton**](https://www.voteshirleysutton.org/)(Position 1)**:** I have a BA in Law & Justice and an MA in Education. Most recently, I've received the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Beloved Community award. I worked at Edmonds Community College and served four years on the Lynnwood City Council. For eight years, I was on the Governor's Task Force on Homelessness.

[**Josh Binda**](https://www.joshbinda.com/) (Position 3): The community of Lynnwood has given me the courage and hope for a better future. My goals are that all Lynnwood residents can live safely and securely. This includes all voices and proven solutions for helping our homeless neighbors and climate smart developments.

[**Nick Coehlo**](https://www.nick4lynnwood.com/) (Position 1) Written statement sent by Nick, read by Chris: I'm sorry I can't be at the forum. I would love to speak with people on my weekly Zoom call, Wednesdays, 5-6pm. Find the link on my website and check out my vision, how to build a Lynnwood for all, on the website as well: nick4lynnwood.com. I was elected as a Bernie delegate during the 2016 caucuses.

**Questions:**

1. What actions would you take to create more affordable housing in Lynnwood, especially for people at 0-30% median income level?

2. Yes-No questions:  
-Do you support a woman's right to choose and to have an abortion regardless of age?

-If elected, will you use your position to publically support the policies and initiatives of the Biden administration, whether on the dais or through your social media accounts?

-Are you willing to commit to regularly appearing before the membership of the 32nd to answer their questions?

3. AFSCME Local 3035 proudly represents the Lynnwood staff. What experiences will you bring to the council having worked with members of a labor union? While serving in public office, have you taken positions that have harmed workers on behalf of your employer?

2:27-3:44 **- CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES: Q&A, PRO/CON SPEECHES, ENDORSEMENT VOTE**

**POSITION 1**

Rosamaria Graziani: I nominate Shirley Sutton for endorsement, seconded.

Rep. Lauren Davis: I nominate Chris Eck for endorsement, seconded.

Vote: Shirley Sutton receives 82%; Chris Eck receives 41%

**Shirley Sutton is endorsed by the 32nd LD.**

**POSITION 2**

Rep. Cindy Ryu: I nominate Naz Lashgari for endorsement, seconded.

Ted Hikel: I nominate Don Gough for endorsement, seconded.

Vote: Naz Lashgari receives 57%; Don Gough receives 57%

**There is no 32nd LD endorsement for Position 2.**

**POSITION 3**

Deborah Viertel: I nominate Josh Binda for endorsement, seconded.

Carol McMahon: I nominate Lisa Utter for endorsement, seconded.

Vote: Josh Binda receives 58%; Lisa Utter receives 85%

**Lisa Utter is endorsed by the 32nd LD.**

1:51-2:03 - [**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE 'COMPASSION SEATTLE' CHARTER AMENDMENT 29**](https://32democrats.org/download/resolution-to-oppose-compassion-seattle-charter-amendment-29/)

Brent McFarlane: I am bringing this resolution to you because it has quickly gathered paid signatures (almost exclusively). It is mostly being promoted by wealthy real estate development companies. There is a coalition working to oppose this resolution, House Our Neighbors. They view it as dangerous because it would change Seattle's Charter, which is the basic document that defines city government, comparable to the US Constitution.

Jacob Schear: I am an organizer with Real Change and a member of House Our Neighbors. The folks behind 'Compassion Seattle' are the same people who tried to buy the Seattle City Council election in 2019. This time they are going through the backdoor, so to speak. 'Compassion Seattle' would lock-in inhumane sweeps in the city charter for six years; has no long-term solutions; and is unfunded.

Brent: This so-called 'Compassion Seattle' does not do what it claims it would do. It is an unfunded mandate but, worse than that, it interferes with our city government. So, it is really a Tim Eyman-style effort to be a shadow government that limits the capacity of the people we elect to do their job. We need elected to find more permanent housing. So, 'Compassion Seattle' does not show compassion, it blames the victim.

I move we adopt this resolution *to oppose* so called 'Compassion Seattle' Charter Amendment 29, seconded.

Charles Lewis, speech opposing: I live right behind Broadview Thompson K-8, where we have over 60 campers, and there are needles all over the lake. This program sounds like it would sweep them off and get them somewhere else. As a Seattle resident, I can't even go downtown without tripping over these tents. We are trying to bring in tourists on cruise ships and it looks like we are bringing them into a junkyard.

Rep. Cindy Ryu, speech supporting: 'Compassion Seattle' is the wrong approach. The real issue is the lack of affordable housing, especially for those with an income of less than 30% who cannot find market rate housing. I'm please to announce that [King County is buying a Holiday Inn Express on Hwy 99](https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/homeless/king-county-buys-third-hotel-homeless-housing/281-eb974570-6c16-452b-ac9c-9477ada70270) with 99 units. There will also be associated services in this facility. Please vote for this resolution.

Vote: 94% in support of resolution Opposing 'Compassion Seattle' Charter Amendment 29

**The 32nd LD endorses opposition to 'Compassion Seattle' Charter Amendment 29 and endorses the** [**House Our Neighbors**](https://www.houseourneighbors.org/) **campaign.**

4:15-4:24 **EDMONDS PORT COMMISSIONER, AT-LARGE, POSITION 5**

Gray Peterson: I nominate Scott Marshall, seconded.

[**Scott Marshall**:](https://www.facebook.com/Elect-Scott-Marshall-101448522162207/) I am the only Democratic PCO in the race. Climate change is what got me into this race so I will fight for solar panels throughout the port. I have a long activist record of environmental, anti-war and labor activism.

Vote: Scott Marshall receives 82%.

**Scott Marshall is endorsed by the 32nd LD.**

4:24-4:32 [**SHORELINE PROPOSITION 1 FOR PARKS, ON THE NOVEMBER 2021 BALLOT**](https://www.shorelinewa.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-services/projects-and-plans/proposition-1-general-obligation-bonds-for-park-improvements-and-park-land-acquisition)

Councilmember Betsy Robertson: I move we endorse Shoreline Proposition 1, for Parks Expansion and Improvements, seconded.

Betsy: This is the exact same bond measure that you endorsed in March for the April ballot. We had a 72% 'yes' vote but we were 100 ballots short of validation. We are now on the November ballot.

Sally Soriano: I move we endorse by acclamation, seconded.

Vote: one dissenting vote.

**Shoreline Proposition 1 is endorsed by the 32nd LD.**

4:32 - **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Michael Brunson: The 32nd LD has supported resolutions for the last 1/4 century involving strong ethical guardianships and conservatorships for people with disabilities. Currently there is a high profile case in the media that I hope you will follow and learn from, involving Britney Spears. The [ACLU Disability Rights Project](https://www.aclu.org/news/disability-rights/why-britney-cant-get-out-of-her-conservatorship/) is writing and speaking out on these important issues.

10:50 PM - **Adjourned**

**32nd LD Picnic**

**Saturday, August 14, 11-3pm**

**~ Bring-your-own-picnic-food, brown-bag it! Bottled drinks provided ~**

Lynndale Park Picnic Shelter

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Respectfully submitted,

Sally Soriano, 32nd LD Secretary

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