**32nd Legislative District Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

**1. Thanks to Rosamaria Graziani and team for another delicious dinner** starting at 6 pm during our social time, then followed by open mic at 6:30 pm. Also, Rosamaria's instantaneous translation of our 32nd LD meetings into Spanish was so fantastic!

**2. Report from Rep. Pramila Jayapal delivered by Constance McBarron, Political Director:** constance@pramilaforcongress.com

Many people in the 32nd LD worked hard in the last election for Pramila and she received 83% of the vote. Pramila serves on the House Education and Labor Committee, on the House Budget Committee, where she advocates for as much spending for domestic needs as for military spending. She is also Co-Chair of the Progressive Congressional Caucus.

Last Saturday (4/6), Pramila held a "Medicare for All Speak Out" with over 200 people in attendance, all sharing their views. This included small business owners, labor union members, and other constituents. This progressive bill, [The Medicare for All Act of 2019](https://jayapal.house.gov/medicare-for-all/medicare-for-all-act-of-2019/), will improve Medicare for everyone in the United States and right now we need everybody's help to build momentum. **Mark Weiss**, **32nd LD Medicare for All activist,** **talked about this bill during open mic.** Please see him tonight to sign the petition or to take petitions to circulate.

It has been 100 days since the 2019 session began. The following are the bills [Jayapal is sponsoring](https://www.billtrack50.com/LegislatorDetail/19901), and also some of the important legislation that has been introduced or passed:

-[Background Check System for Firearm Purchases](https://www.npr.org/2019/02/27/698512397/house-passes-most-significant-gun-bill-in-2-decades)

-[HR 1, For the People Act](https://jayapal.house.gov/2019/03/08/h-r-1-the-for-the-people-act-passes-in-house-with-significant-amendments-by-jayapal/): reform package will end the culture of corruption in Washington D.C.

-A new [Dream and Promise Act](https://thehill.com/latino/433759-house-dems-reintroduce-the-dream-act) regarding immigration.

-[Equality Act](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/apr/02/pramila-jayapal-speech-equality-act-gender-nonconforming-child) which would provide non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ people across the country.

-Historic [War Powers Resolution](https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/02/13/historic-house-approves-war-powers-resolution-end-us-complicity-yemen) that would require President Trump to end U.S. military support for the on-going Saudi-led war in Yemen.

Sign-up for Pramila's email newsletter: <https://jayapal.house.gov>

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**3. Candidate Speed-Dating-Interviewing & Early-Endorsement Session (Ted Hickel, Alan Charnley, Stephanie Harris)**

**Ted Hikel, 32nd LD Endorsement Chair**:

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These 13 candidates have been all interviewed by the Endorsement Committee or/and previously endorsed by the 32nd LD. Because of this prior vetting, they were viewed as qualified for early endorsement by the 32nd Executive Board.

There is a 14th candidate who qualifies for this list, as well, because he was previously endorsed by the 32nd— Van AuBuchon, who is running for the Lynnwood City Council. The endorsement committee highly recommended him when they last endorsed him and I ask the body tonight for a 2/3rds vote to approve Van to be included on this list.

**M/S/C - Yes, with over a 2/3rds vote to include Van AuBuchon on the "consider for early endorsement" list.**

**Alan Charnley, 32nd LD Chair:**

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Here is the list of 14 candidates who qualify for "early endorsement." Candidates are sitting at various tables and we'll all do "speed-date interviewing" for an hour and 15 minutes.

Snohomish Council Member Stephanie Wright

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers

Snohomish County Sheriff Ty Trenary

King County Council Member Jeanne Kohl-Wells

Port of Seattle Commissioner Fred Felleman

Shoreline City Council Member Keith Scully

Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson

Edmonds City Council Laura Johnson

Edmonds City Council Alicia Crank

Lynnwood City Council Rosamaria Graziani

Lynnwood City Council Member Shirley Sutton

Lynnwood City Council Member George Hurst

Lynwood City Council Van AuBuchon

King County Judge Maureen McKee

**Alan Charnley, 32nd LD Chair:** I would like a motion from the floor to accept this slate of 14 candidates for "early endorsement."

**Dakota Solberg, 32nd LD Parliamentarian**:

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It is my reading of the endorsement rules that speed-date-interviewing can substitute for interviewing a candidate. However, the rules would have to be suspended by a 2/3 vote to suspend the Q&A period for that candidate. If anyone wants to remove a candidate from the list, a motion to amend the early endorsement slate can be made.

**Alan Charnley**: I would like a motion to suspend the Q&A period for candidates.

**M/S/C - Yes, the Q&A period for candidates is suspended with a majority vote (3 nay votes).**

**Alan Charnley**: I would like a motion to endorse these 14 candidates as a slate.

**M/S/C - Yes, the 14 candidates are endorsed as a slate with a majority vote (2 nay votes).**

**Alan Charnley:** These 14 candidates now have the endorsement of the 32nd LD, but not necessarily the sole endorsement. We will be endorsing more candidates at our next monthly meeting on May 8th.

**4. State Democratic Central Committee Votes for the Primary, Carin Chase, 32nd LD State Committee Person:** carin.chase@32democrats.org

Last weekend the State Democratic Central Committee voted to discontinue holding precinct caucuses and, instead, to hold a state primary. Chris Roberts voted for the primary and I voted for the caucus. I was pleased by the professionalism of the debate and discussion.

**Jenna Nand, Question:** Where was the division?

**Carin Chase:** People who favored the caucus felt that it was important to see your neighbors face to face. In a caucus vote, if your candidate loses, your neighbors might be able to persuade you to vote for their candidate. In the primary, you vote once and don't have a second chance to vote. In some of the rural areas, people said having a caucus was the only way you would be able to find out that there were Democrats in your neighborhood. There was definitely an urban rural split. Other people said they had to park 10 blocks away from the caucus meeting and they would never attend one again. People argued that it was a party activity, so why should the government have to pay for it? My perspective is that it generates a lot of passion for party-building and it's from this that our future leadership has always emerged. Going into 2020, we have to be able to disagree but continue to have unity.

**5. Resolutions**

**a.** [**2019 - Prioritize Development of Conventional Rail**](https://32democrats.org/download/resolution-prioritize-development-of-conventional-rail/)

**Alan Charnley, 32nd LD Chair:** Rail uses only 1/3rd of the energy that roadway vehicles require. This resolution speaks to utilizing our rail system to help us transition away from fossil fuel, to modernize the system, and to serve more sectors of our state.

**M/S/C - Yes, this resolution is endorsed with a majority vote (2 nay votes).**

**b. Supporting Collective Bargaining Rights for Educators**

**Carin Chase, 32nd LD State Committee Person:** This resolution is urgent and was passed by the Labor Caucus at the State Central Committee this past weekend. Two of our so called Democratic Senators (Palumbo and Mullet) are proposing to reduce teacher pay, restrict teachers' collective bargaining rights and give more public funds to charter schools. The Labor Caucus was horrified! I did not submit this resolution within the 10-day period. I therefore ask you to please suspend the rules to consider this urgent resolution.

**M/S/C - Yes, rules are suspended to consider this resolution with over a 2/3rds vote (unanimous)**

**Carin Chase:** The two "Therefore, Be It Resolved" read:

1) That the 32nd Legislative District Democratic Organization condemns the actions of Senator Guy Palumbo and Senator Mark Mullet for their support of this attack on the collective bargaining rights of public teachers and on full funding of our educational system, and for supporting charter school funding;"

2) "A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Senator Guy Palumbo and Senator Mark Mullet and posted on the website of the 32nd Legislative District Democratic Organization."

**M/S/C - Yes, this resolution is endorsed with a majority vote (unanimous).**

**6. Raffle & State Senate Bill 5178**

**Janet Way, 32nd LD Raffle Chair:**

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The Raffle has gone well tonight as we've made over $150. I also want to urge you to call your representatives and the Rules Committee as SB 5178 on Presidential Tax Release is stuck in Rules.

**7. Treasurer Report**

**Eric Valpey, 32nd LD Treasurer:** eric.valpey@32democrats.org

It's great that the raffle is doing so well. The Executive Board will be putting together a budget so if you are interested in contributing ideas, please contact a member of the E-Board. Historically we've budgeted for: campaign activity, paying for our picnic and paying our share of the Snohomish County Fair booth.

**8. New Business & Good of the Order**

**-Jenna Nand, 32nd LD Second Vice-President:** jenna.nand@32democrats.org

This past Monday I announced that I will be running for Edmonds City Council. As I start to put my campaign together I would like to discuss my vision with many of you in the 32nd LD because I've enjoyed working with this organization for many years and I want to hear views.

**-Michael Brunson, 32nd LD PCO:**

State Senate Bill 5782 should never have passed the Senate and must be stopped in the House. It is a bill which allows people to carry switchblade knives. Senator Frockt was the only Senate member who opposed the bill and I was the only person who testified against it.

**-Cena Conteh:** Thank you for being here tonight. I'm here because I'm standing with Shirley Sutton! She has led the way so that I feel comfortable talking with you here tonight. My name is Cena Conteh.

**9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

6:00 pm Dinner

6:30pm Open Mic

7:00pm Meeting

Richmond Beach Masonic Hall, 753 N. 185th St

(one block west of Fred Meyer @ 185th & Linden)