**MINUTES**32nd LD General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 6:30pm

[**Facebook Zoom Video**](https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/347187004140792)

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

**WELCOME** (video at 0:04)

**• Chris Roberts, Chair**

Thank you for joining us. We just had our first meeting of delegates who were elected to the State Convention, to be held on Saturday, June 26th. We elected Maralyn Chase as our representative to the State Platform Committee; Carin Chase to serve as our member to the Credentials Committee; and Carol McMahon to serve as our member to the Rules Committee.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** (video at 0:49)

**FLAG SALUTE** (video at 1:30)

**EARLY ENDORSEMENTS OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES\*** (video at 2:28)

*Moved*, *seconded to endorse these* *eligible candidates as a slate.*

**• Stephanie Harris, Chair, Endorsement Committee:** All of these candidates are excellent. We have interviewed them recently and have interviewed them in the past. We have previously endorsed them, some more than once. Our 32nd LD Standing Rules allow our committee to make this recommendation.

*Without objection, these candidates are endorsed.*

**• Chris Roberts:** Each endorsed candidate will have a few minutes to speak. (video at 5:07)

* Justice [Mary Yu](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eKFrSFdN_nAX9MUSS3BXR_Op8n51w7f-3fajGe_PSeHvxTQU2W-VdrNafMWfNpZPqyk1DLjdWQYP1hkWX33A4CypYyDjiCjPsfEcOUXgpoXF04w8Xh2LVgrEbPKLeY4r1oRd3AKlFImdtl4CiTkTiA==&c=lWkxwOmfUr6J21od6XLdcZCMpibZZQlq53fKPuP0y9VVMBxZYZWwoA==&ch=lYK1IKK4ebgfoGjizxkLnuRr-WQj8DLHky0-lZVM20zMX9fWqlYbSw==) (video at 5:20)
* Justice Barbara Madsen (video at 5:59)
* Senator [Patty Murray](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eKFrSFdN_nAX9MUSS3BXR_Op8n51w7f-3fajGe_PSeHvxTQU2W-VdsYI09vXpOJhNNhIPDaXTPPa--ERFcGyDI_vGuSLG5ZSXbqGf8D25IGzts2oijdpMbi_EG62LHADVrWsE0ap3NV1P-czM-X03w==&c=lWkxwOmfUr6J21od6XLdcZCMpibZZQlq53fKPuP0y9VVMBxZYZWwoA==&ch=lYK1IKK4ebgfoGjizxkLnuRr-WQj8DLHky0-lZVM20zMX9fWqlYbSw==), representative (video at 11:17)
* Representative Pramila Jayapal
* Representative [Lauren Davis](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eKFrSFdN_nAX9MUSS3BXR_Op8n51w7f-3fajGe_PSeHvxTQU2W-VdiV5i7OANiwCPEKqb08bZOHLXaJYwSya9_ZTTluR-RdxqUiIVfwRF4RnQm_mjzRAch0AhApK5ELbNfLHzexd6PvLt0x3oXFL9dMKPDEnZwPk&c=lWkxwOmfUr6J21od6XLdcZCMpibZZQlq53fKPuP0y9VVMBxZYZWwoA==&ch=lYK1IKK4ebgfoGjizxkLnuRr-WQj8DLHky0-lZVM20zMX9fWqlYbSw==) (video at 6:31)
* Judge Beth Fraser (Snohomish District Court)
* Judge Jeffrey Goodwin (Snohomish District Court)
* Judge Joe Campagna (Shoreline District Court) (video at 10:48)
* Judge Lisa Paglisotti (West District Court) (video at 9:55)
* Judge Adam Eisenberg (Seattle Municipal Court) (video at 8:34)

\*[Endorsement Rules](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eKFrSFdN_nAX9MUSS3BXR_Op8n51w7f-3fajGe_PSeHvxTQU2W-VdvhWVRimLKwmf_xZcKVttiNgjD_g5vW8AaH-Yd0rI_vYjtXNDaLBjuLofjX2zp0ZS8QPSvUz5tfSx9Oseww_YiYqRTmxGFPIkYs2fNniNfnOOD4ROkycNInFwI8fVL8BYqBAYWAOzTyCItMhYfUM2q0Z8INxbE9YBgHtqTOdrNaC&c=lWkxwOmfUr6J21od6XLdcZCMpibZZQlq53fKPuP0y9VVMBxZYZWwoA==&ch=lYK1IKK4ebgfoGjizxkLnuRr-WQj8DLHky0-lZVM20zMX9fWqlYbSw==)

**• Chris Roberts:** Congratulations to each of these candidates. We will have two more endorsement meetings: at our LD meeting on May 4, and will hold a special endorsement meeting after filing, on May 25. Thank-you Stephanie, and thanks to the committee for all of their work. Endorsement meetings are open to members. Please contact me if you are interested and I’ll send you the Zoom link: chris.roberts@32democrats.org

**SPEAKER** (video at 17:17)

**• Virgilio Goze, National Association of Letter Carriers 79**

We represent most of the letter carriers in the Seattle area. Today, President Biden signed the Postal Reform Act which will stop the financial bleeding of the US Postal Service. The issue of postal service electric vehicles has been in the news lately. Our union is not taking a position. However, for myself, as a member thinking about climate change, I hope we will be able to have 75-95% electrical vehicles for the next 30-40 years. [**HR 7018**](https://connolly.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4496) is legislation that would enact this solution and I’m urging Rep. Jayapal to sign on.

[**RESOLUTIONS**](https://32democrats.org/resolutions-passed/?orderby=publish_date&order=desc)

* **Supporting the ERA** (video at 38:07)

**• Carol McMahon, Salish Sea, WA State Federation of Democratic Women, PCO**

This is a brief resolution to support the ERA. Many of you might not be aware that it has not passed, even though 38 states have ratified it. We are asking that the requirements be amended and follow Article V.

*Moved, seconded & carried without objection.*

* **Keep Our Care Act Resolution** (video at 42:30)

**• Carol McMahon, Salish Sea, WA State Federation of Democratic Women, PCO**

This is about mergers and acquisitions between healthcare entities, both across the country and in Washington State, that negatively impact cost, quality of care and access to services.

*Moved, seconded & carried without objection*

* **Fairness Accuracy in Media Resolution** (video at 51:26)

**• Maralyn Chase, Former State Senator**

I’m speaking for Trudy Bialic. who initiated this resolution. It is about increased concentration of our media and therefore the failure to honor the use of the public airwaves as a public service. This resolution calls on President Biden to appoint a 5th Federal Communications Commissioner (FCC) and restore the FCC to seven Commissioners to prevent concentration of power and authority. It also calls on Congress to consider and pass Rep. Tulsi Gabbard’s “Restore the Fairness Doctrine Act.”

*Moved, seconded & carried without objection.*

* **Solidarity with the brave people of Ukraine** (video at 54:33)

**• Janet Way, PCO**

I think this resolution is urgent, Ukraine needs all the help we can give to it right now.

*I move this resolution be adopted.*

**• Liz Brown, PCO**

I support the people of Ukraine. I think it is important to note that there are many conflicts right now in the world. There is a war happening in Ethiopia and there are millions fleeing the conflict in Yemen. The biggest difference between the people of Ukraine, and others threatened by conflict, is that the people of Ukraine are white and European and the others are not. They don’t make it onto the news because we have an inherent bias which is white supremacy.

**• Michael Brunson, PCO**

There is a Muslim population in the Crimea. When Crimea was annexed to Russia, there were Muslim street-demonstrations expressing their opposition.

**• Carin Chase, State Committee Person**

*I amend this resolution by adding these two Whereases:*

Whereas, in addition to standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, we also stand in solidarity with all refugees from all nations of the world. By the end of 2019, there were 79.5 million people who were forced to leave their homes due to warfare and other violent forms of oppression. We know this number is higher today than it was in 2019 as the factors contributing to displacement continue to proliferate.

Whereas, as stated in the first three foundational articles of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, freedom, dignity, equality, and security are at the heart of our community. We encourage our community to join us in welcoming refugees and embracing them as our neighbors.

*Amendment is moved, seconded & carried without objection.*

*Resolution with amendments is moved, seconded & carried without objection.*

**NEW BUSINESS** (1:33:46)

* [**Community campaign to address institutionalized racism**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eKFrSFdN_nAX9MUSS3BXR_Op8n51w7f-3fajGe_PSeHvxTQU2W-VdkWOTnpv_dPz5az1A7-6vbU34j6qE1Fq9pS3CyhIPE7uUTmjVvzHEngY06VIKqlj23ySMiUqtmKdyVYhabKl08pxi0cLJOWmTIpzZFcemCDSVQDHj9YdsleFleL0GkFhJBzLBqMDo0FblKeM41DEdz9QuUeYG85pvQ42utKVAwJc&c=lWkxwOmfUr6J21od6XLdcZCMpibZZQlq53fKPuP0y9VVMBxZYZWwoA==&ch=lYK1IKK4ebgfoGjizxkLnuRr-WQj8DLHky0-lZVM20zMX9fWqlYbSw==)

**• Bruce Amundson, Member**

We are all aware that police racism is a long-standing and dangerous problem for Black Americans and ‘driving when Black’ is a particular hazard. Two years ago, a Black Shoreline resident described his experiences with the Shoreline police – police tailing him, multiple unwarranted stops, and more. He took this issue to the Shoreline Police Chief and the Shoreline City Council and his experiences were dismissed as not with-standing any racial profiling.

During this process, we became aware that the King County Sheriff’s Dept. was keeping a tally for all tickets that were issued. We submitted a request for this information and it revealed that for five separate years, between 2012 and 2019, Black drivers were issued around 10% of all tickets each year, even though Blacks represent only 5% of the Shoreline population. It’s also important that we found, when we requested this ticketing by race data, in five other cities in King County, that also contract with the Sheriff’s Department, their residents were ticketed 1.5 to 3 times their respective Black populations each year. So, it is not an issue isolated to Shoreline.

This represents classic institutional racism by both the Shoreline Police Dept. and the King County Sheriff’s Department. This data has been brought to the Shoreline City Council, urging them to confront this ongoing problem and demand change by the Shoreline Police Department.

Members of this community need to be made aware of these issues by the city’s leadership publicly acknowledging institutional racism in the police department. City leadership must make demands for reform. Shoreline has recently initiated a new search for a police chief. A multiracial group of concerned Shoreline citizens has recognized that this is a logical time to demand our city leaders publicly come to grips with this travesty of racial justice. About 35 community members have submitted a petition to the city council to take several steps. We have outlined them here, in our request to the 32nd District Democrats, and ask for your support for this petition. They include:

1. Publicly acknowledge, as a city, the existence of institutional racism in the SPD and apologize to Black Shoreline residents for past harms.

2. Include one or more of the signatories of their petition, including a Black resident, in the in-depth recruitment process for the new chief. (As noted in the press release which commits to include community members in the hiring process.)
3. Require that the new chief of police commit to eradicate racial profiling, and require ticketing by race data be included in the SPD’s annual reports to the city to ensure the public’s ability to track progress. (This important data has not been included in the annual reports, unfortunately.)

**• Winona Hauge, Chair, Diversity & Inclusion, PCO**

I support this resolution because it is the right thing to do, just as the 32nd LD supported

[**WA Equity Now**](https://waequitynow.com/) all the way to the Governor’s office so we could have a more equitable state. We needed to bring this issue up with the Shoreline City Council now as they engaged in their search for a new police chief. We plan on also discussing these issues of equity and justice with the King County Council. We would like the sheriff’s department to know that the community is watching them and that we expect them to use integrity and to be accountable.

**• Bruce Amundson, Member**

*I move the 32nd LD support our petition to the Shoreline City Council with the provisions we have outlined.*

*Seconded & passed without objection.*

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** (video at 1:26:12)

**• Carin Chase, State Committee Person**

Just to let you know, there is a resolution on the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Polices that our 1st Vice Chair, Cathy Baylor, will be bringing to the membership for consideration next month.

**• Marguerite Dekker, Member**

I want to inform the members of an urgent issue regarding Medicare. The Trump administration initiated a program called [**Direct Contract Entities**](https://jayapal.house.gov/2022/01/05/protect-medicare/)**.** The Biden administration revised it, maybe making it worse, and have just planned to reinstate it, under the new name, the [**ACA Reach Program**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTx7SfgJ4F0). So, this is all happening very fast. This program puts a for-profit business between us and our Medicare dollars. It enables private for-profit businesses to siphon off 40% of the Medicare dollars. In comparison, Medicare Advantage takes about 15% of our Medicare dollars, and regular Medicare takes only 2%. This is a huge siphoning off of our Medicare dollars that is about to happen soon. It is stealthy. We don’t enroll in these programs ourselves. They are contracts between the doctors’ groups and for-profit businesses. Please call your congressperson and ask them to object to this program.

**• France Giddings, Member**

Tonight, the 45th LD Democrats are voting on a resolution on this exact topic -- stopping the privatization of Medicare through the ACA Reach Program. They plan on sending it immediately to the state Democrats.

**•Liz Brown, PCO**

In my role as a representative for the Teamsters Union, I just concluded a contract with the Olympic Water and Sewer District here in Edmonds. We definitely need a better Board of Commissioners. One seat will be up in two years and another seat will be up in four years.

**• Winona Hauge, Chair, Diversity & Inclusion, PCO**

I’m speaking as your D&I Chair because of the circus that we have just seen in the attempt to discredit Ketanji Brown Jackson. I believe as individuals, we should contact congresspeople, the ones who are not voting for her, and say, “civility, humanity, and respect for individuals is how Americans should be conducting business.” Let them know what happened is not acceptable!

**ADJOURNED** (video at 1:33:05)

**NEXT MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 6:30PM**

Respectfully submitted,
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