**MINUTES**32nd LD General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 6:30pm

Facebook Zoom Video

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

**WELCOME – CALL TO ORDER**

**Flag Salute**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**• France Giddings** (video at 1:21)

We are grateful and we acknowledge the unceded land of the Coast Salish people, and that at some point, in time, we may be able to right all of the wrongs we have done to them.

**• Chris Roberts, Chair** (video at 1:52)

If yesterday’s election was the general, not the primary, the Democrats across the state are in a good position, as there would be no change in either the House or Senate. We still have a lot of work to do, however, to keep these results going past November.

**Adoption of Minutes**

[**Minutes of June 1, 2022**](https://32democrats.org/meeting-minutes/)**,** **adopted without objection.**

**CANDIDATES AND ISSUES**

[**Leesa Manion, Candidate for King County Prosecutor**](https://leesamanion.com/)

**• CS Wright, Campaign Manager** (video at 3:30)

We are looking good in the primary and hope we can count on the 32nd for your support at your September LD meeting. Leesa is a candidate who supports restorative justice. See her priorities at her website: https://leesamanion.com/my-priorities/public-safety/

[**Yes, On Shoreline Prop. 1 Campaign**](https://info.kingcounty.gov/kcelections/Vote/contests/ballotmeasures.aspx?lang=en-US&cid=100546&groupname=City)

**• Robin McClelland, PCO 0605** (video at 7:07)

The Shoreline City Council has voted to put a levy lid lift on the November ballot to help fund police/neighborhood services, including RADAR and crime prevention; preserve parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields; and provide human services. There is a grassroots campaign to help educate voters about this proposition and we hope the 32nd LD will formally endorse Prop. 1 at our September LD meeting. This levy lid lift was approved in 2010 and 2016 and we expect it will be approved again to maintain these necessary services.

[**Dr. Patricia Weber, Candidate for 32nd LD State Senate**](https://www.votepatweber.com/)

**• Pat Weber** (video at 9:24)

It’s exciting that we are going ahead to the general election. I want to thank everyone for the 32nd LD endorsement. I’m going to be asking you to volunteer and support my campaign in the coming month. We can do this!

**BUDGET QUESTIONS**

**• Carin Chase, State Committee Person** (video at 11:20)

**I move** *we approve reimbursement for the purchase of endorsement post cards for the 2022 primary and general, and for unlimited stamp reimbursement for members who bought stamps for the primary.*

Seconded.

• **Robin McClelland**

I would encourage members to donate stamps as there might be PCOs who would like to mail post cards rather than either walk their precinct or call voters.

**• Deborah Viertel**

**I amend this motion:** *PCOs can request and be reimbursed up to 200 stamps per precinct for the general election. If PCOs are sending cards to more precincts, then they would submit a second request.* Seconded.

**Amendment approved without objection.**

**Motion as amended approved without objection.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

[**Resolution Supporting Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument to Be Redefined as a National Volcanic Park**](https://32democrats.org/download/resolution-supporting-mt-st-helens-to-be-redefined-as-a-national-volcanic-park/)

**• Submitted by Alan Charnley, State Committee Person** (video at 33:10)

I am advocating this name change so there will be greater protections for the forest and resources surrounding Mt. St. Helens. Because Hawaii has a designated Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park, the University of Hawaii receives volcanic studies revenue, allowing their science and geology departments to conduct research. Since Mt. St. Helens is the second youngest volcano in the chain, it would be important to conduct research before the next eruption.

• **Amy Freedheim, PCO**

If we want to have a real discussion on moving Mt. St. Helen’s from being managed by the U.S. Forest Service, as a national monument, to the Department of Interior, as a national park, then it would behoove us to talk with representatives from the National Forest Service and Department of Interior to explain the pros and cons. I would be happy to facilitate putting together such a discussion.

**• Chris Roberts**

I think there is lots of support in having this discussion to educate us on the benefits of Mt. St. Helens becoming a national park. Please contact Alan if you would like to work on this issue: alan.charnley@32democrats.org

[**Resolution To end severance pay to fired college sports coaches**](https://32democrats.org/download/resolution-end-severance-pay-to-fired-college-sports-coaches/)

**• Submitted by Alan Charnley** (video at 49:06)

Since 2010, universities in the U.S. have paid over a half of a billion dollars in back pay to fired athletic coaches. This resolution is asking our state, in our public universities, to stop paying huge severance packages and instead, to make this funding available to teachers and staff, and to lower tuition.

**• Marilyn Chase, Former State Senator**

I think most of these contracts have an off ramp for buying off the coaches. Also, athletic departments raise funds to support many other sports. I would be happy to work with you to obtain further expertise and specificity on this issue.

**• Chris Roberts**

I like these discussions because I think we become better Democrats by having them. I suggest we keep this resolution pending as we do additional research. Alan, I appreciate you bringing these issues forward.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** (video at 1:04:18)

**• Maralyn Chase**

Jerry Cronk, on behalf of the 32nd LD, we want to extend our deepest sympathies, to you, with the recent loss of your wife. It’s a hard thing. We are happy to see you here.

**• Chris Roberts**

Jerry, please let us know if we can do anything for you.

**• Carin Chase**

-Everyone is invited to the Friday Night, August 5th, King County Democrats Bounce Party – because when election results come in, Friday is the big bounce day! It will be held at NW Peaks Brewery, 5718 Rainier Ave S.

-**PCO Bettelinn Brown** has shared with us that it will be community day at South Woods Park on Saturday, August 6th, 10-2pm. Duwamish Tribal Elder, Ken Workman, will be there and share the ancestors' words of wisdom about the importance of the land and the spirits in the forests. He is a descendent of Chief Sealth and speaks fluent Lushootseed.

**• Marylou Eckart, PCO**

As many of you know, Rose Cantwell just passed away and her memorial will be held at the Edmonds Waterfront Center on August 14th, at 1pm. If you knew Rose, please stop by.

• **Deborah Viertel**

I want to encourage everyone to think about doing some more endorsements at our September meeting for the general election – like Rick Larson, U.S. Congressional District 2.

**• Michael Brunson, PCO**

From Hiroshima to Hope: Saturday, August 6th is the anniversary of the tragic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan in 1945. The annual remembrance will be held on Saturday, Aug 6, 7-8pm on the northwest shore of Green Lake. Take the Metro E-line bus on Aurora and get off at the PCC Aurora N. 65th stop.

**• Jerry Cronk, PCO**

I don’t need to be reimbursed for postage because a couple of neighbors and myself walked my precinct. We used shoe leather on several very hot days. I want to be reimbursed for the beer I purchased after we finished.

**• Sally Soriano, PCO**

I move that we reimburse PCOs for beer after walking precincts.

**• Liz Brown, PCO**

This will definitely break our treasury!

• **Amy Freedheim**

The [**Walk Like MADD**](https://www.walklikemadd.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1291) fundraiser event, sponsored by Mother’s Against Drunken Driving, will be held September 9th, 10am, at Daca Park, Tacoma. Please attend, even if you don’t want to donate. It’s going to be an amazing event with survivors and victims, who are there, finding support with each other, and finding community. In WA State and King County, our traffic fatality deaths are up 20% from last year, and were up 18% the year before. Look for political candidates who are trying to keep our streets safer.

**ADJOURNED** (video at 1:15:48)

We will now have an informal discussion about the primary election results.

**NEXT MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING
Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 6:30PM**

Respectfully submitted,
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