**MINUTES
32nd LD General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:30pm**

For those of you unable to attend this general meeting, here are the two links to video recordings, made before and after the Living Voices performance.

See 'video at' log time for each agenda item.
#1 https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\_permalink&v=601818707794905

#2 https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/647046653374744

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

**WELCOME - 6:32PM**-#1 video at :06

**- Chris Roberts, Chair**, chris.roberts@32democrats.org: I'm excited about tonight's program— [**Living Voices**](http://livingvoices.org/index.html) on [**The long fight for women's right to vote**](http://www.livingvoices.org/suff/suff.html). Thanks to everyone who made a contribution. Your contributions help us support our endorsed candidates. For example in this last election cycle, we mail out thousands of post cards. Also, I want to thank all the elected officials who are in attendance tonight, as well as thank our elected PCOs.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT -** #1 video at 1:17

**- Carin Chase, State Committee Person**

**MINUTES** - [**DRAFT Minutes, 32nd LD Meeting, November 3, 2021**](https://32democrats.org/download/draft-minutes-32nd-ld-meeting-nov-3-2021/)

**PROGRAM INTRODUCTION**- #1 video at 4:26

**Living Voices: The long fight for women's right to vote.**
**- Carin Chase, State Committee Person**: I am thrilled to introduce **Living Voices** and **Rachael McClinton**. Rachael is the artistic director and a performer with Living Voices. The creation of Living Voices was inspired by her mission to bring life to history through the powerful combination of theatre and archival film.

**- Rachael McClinton,** [**LivingVoices.org**](http://livingvoices.org/index.html): Through this performance, we will all be a part of women in America achieving the vote. The performance will be 25 minutes (there will be no zoom Facebook video recording of this performance) and will be followed with conversation and a Q&A period.

**CONVERSATION, Q&A** - #2 video at 0:13

**- Linda Tosti-Lane, National Organization of Women (NOW), WA State Board:** Here'swhere we are with the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The US House has voted to remove the time frame. Now, this legislation needs to pass in the Senate. We are urging everyone across the country to contact your US Senators.

**- Rachael:** Every time we talk about the ERA, we see what women went through to get the vote being echoed again with this struggle for passage of the ERA.

**- Other questions:**

Why was women's suffrage in the West first; Why did the Southern states reject the 19th Amendment; What about diversity in the suffrage movement; What is currently being done in high schools and colleges so that young people can carry on this social justice; and how can we access the other Living Voices' performances?

**- Rachael:** On MLK Day, Monday, January 17th, there will be a free performance of 'The Right to A Dream', sponsored by the [**WA State Historical Society**](https://www.washingtonhistory.org/event/celebrate-mlk/). Also [**LivingVoices.org**](http://livingvoices.org/index.html) will always list shows that are open to the public.

**2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW** - video #2 at 17:20
[**- Representative Cindy Ryu**](https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/ryu/): This session will be a short, 60 day session, beginning January 10th. If you have any bills you would like me, or Rep. Davis to consider, please contact us. As chair of the Community & Economic Development Committee, we will be making sure our Dept. of Commerce is pushing out as many small business grants as possible. We will also continue to work on broadband for rural and underserved communities. I'll be introducing legislation on catalytic converter theft. At the Fircrest meetings with non-profits, funding plans are being developed to present to the 2023 legislature. Testimony for the 2022 legislative session will be 100% virtual. You will need to sign up a week ahead of time to testify.

**INTERIM CHAIR** - video #2 at 23:20
**- Carin Chase, State Committee Person**

[**PROPOSITION 1, SHORELINE PARKS BOND MEASURE**](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)- video #2 at 22:37

[**SHORELINE PARKS FOR ALL FACEBOOK**](https://www.facebook.com/ShorelineParksforAll)

**- Doris McConnell, Shoreline City Council Member:** I urge you to endorse this parks bond to be considered on February 8th. It is a repeat of a bond that failed last year. Even though it had a majority of the votes it came up a few ballots short. The Shoreline City Council has unanimously put this bond forward. There are a lot of parks improvements in Prop 1 that everyone is excited to see get started!

**- Mary Ellen Stone, 32nd Shoreline PCO Prop 1 Organizer:** Shoreline PCOs want to see how much energy we can muster around this issue. Prop 1 is a great way for Shoreline PCOs to come together.

**I move the 32nd LD endorse Shoreline Parks Proposition 1. Seconded**

**- Carin: Without objection, the 32nd LD has endorsed Shoreline Parks Proposition 1.** Please contact Mary Ellen to work on getting out the February 8th vote for Prop 1.

[**SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT REPLACEMENT LEVIES**](https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/1334)- video #2 at 27:03
**- Sally Soriano, PCO:** These two levies are voted on every four years and will be considered by voters on February 8th. Prop 1 is Education Programs and Operations: including Special Ed, nursing, building maintenance, professional development, and extra curricular— music, drama, athletics. Prop 2 is Capital Levy, Technology & Support: including computers, software, staffing, and wireless infrastructure.

**I move the 32nd LD endorse Shoreline School District Replacement. Seconded.**

**- Carin: Without objection, the 32nd LD has endorsed Shoreline School District Replacement Levies.**

[**EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION LEVY**](https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/community/2022_educational_programs_and_operations_levy)- video #2 at 29:29
**- Dir. Carin Chase, Edmonds School Board Member:** This is a replacement levy and is not a new tax. The vote will take place on February 8th. Fifteen percent of our budget is made up of levy dollars. It will fund critical staffing such as nurses and counselors, and will fund special education and extracurricular programs.

**- Dean Fournier, PCO: I move the 32nd LD endorse Edmonds School District. Seconded.**

**- Carin: Without objection, the 32nd LD has endorsed Edmonds School District Levy.**

**- Carin:** Thank you. Public education is the foundation of a strong democratic community and society.

**BREAK & MUSIC** - video at 34:09 **- Carin:** There are live auction tickets available tonight for *Aretha: A Tribute.*

**LIVE AUCTION** - video #2 at 38:19 **- Chris Roberts, Chair:** I want to thank a couple of people for their donations to our auction. Alan Charnley has donated smoked salmon and salmon rub. Our major auction item this year is courtesy of Rosamaria Graziani. She has donated two tickets to the Aretha Franklin Tribute Concert with the Seattle Symphony on January 22nd.

Live Auction + Donations raised: $1,460

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**- video #2 at 1:13:04
**- France Giddings, Member:** I want to thank everyone who donated to our auction tonight for their generosity -- you're all awesome!

**- Alan Charnley, State Committee Person:** I've been out registering people to vote and talking to them about what they think about the outcome of the November election. Let me know if you would like to talk with me further about what I'm finding out from these conversations with voters.

**- Lael White, PCO:** HB1099 is a bill from the last legislative session that did not pass. We really want it to pass this time because it would make climate provisions a part of the Growth Management Act. Both of our representatives are co-sponsoring this bill. It would be good to comment on the bill and thank them.

**- Jenna Nand, 1st Vice-Chair:** We are starting, what we hope will be called, the Animal Rights Caucus of the WA State Democrats. The reason for doing this is because of [**experiments on animals**](https://www.peta.org/features/uw-madison-cruelty/) at the University of Wisconsin. I urge you to support our caucus by asking our state committee representatives, Carin Chase and Alan Charnley, to vote in favor of creating this caucuss.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**NEXT MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING
Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, 6:30PM**

Respectfully submitted,
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