**MINUTES**

32nd LD Democrats Monthly Meeting

June 5, 2024, 6:30 pm

[32democrats.org](https://32democrats.org/)

**Facebook LIVE ZOOM VIDEO**

https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/834627568586558

*~ Thanks* ***Rosamaria Graziani****for your live   
English-Spanish translation of this meeting. ~*

**6:30pm WELCOME Cathy Baylor, 1st Vice-Chair** *(video at 0:15-1:54)*

**• Cathy:** I like to call this meeting to order.

• Moved, seconded, the [*May 1st Minutes and the May 15th Minutes*](https://32democrats.org/2024-minutes/) are **Approved.**

**SPEAKER** *(1:54-26:59)*

Discussion of state funding and the decisions school districts are having to make given budget shortfalls.

**Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal:** We are now 3 years past the depths of the pandemic. Students’ academic recovery is going fairly well and we are now growing enrollment (money follows students in our state). This, however, is really incremental as we are coming off of a 4% student decline and that adds up to about a $500 million impact on school districts. The major problem, right now, is inflation, and I want to show you its effect through a set of slides. Our Democratic leaders in the state had been doing an amazing job of investing in schools, until about the peak of the pandemic, when we were relying on federal money to plug some holes. Now that the federal money is waning, it is inflation that is making it impossible to balance our budgets. The budget proposal that I will unveil to the governor and the legislature in August, will speak to the restoration of the billion dollars, plus more, in order to get us back to balanced budgets again.

[**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**](https://32democrats.org/2024-adopted/)*(27:20-55:06)*• **Calling for Democrats to Support Union Picket Lines**  
Submitted by Carin Chase. Moved, seconded, **passed without objection**.

• **Supporting Ranked-Choice Voting in Presidential Primaries**  
Submitted by Carin Chase. Speaker: Kari Bull, FairVote Washington  
Moved, seconded, **passed by ballot, 81% ‘yes’ vote**

• **In Support of Universal No-Cost School Meals**  
Submitted by Carolyn Ahlgreen. Moved, seconded, **adopted by acclamation.**

**CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ITEMS** *(55:27-1:34:40)*   
• **$250 for a booth at the Evergreen State Fair**

Moved, seconded, **passed without objection**,

• **Up to $2500 for** **September GOTV** (Based on new donations received before July 25, 2024)

And, **up to $3000 for November GOTV** (Based on new donations received before October 25, 2024)

Moved, seconded, **passed without objection**,

• $200 for sponsoring a table at Lynnwood Pride (June 8)

Moved, seconded, **passed by ballot vote.**

And, an **amendment to increase the donation to Lynnwood Pride by $500**.

Moved, seconded, **did not pass by ballot vote.**

**CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS** *(1:34:44-1:38:45)*   
• **Schuyler Berry, representing candidate** [**Manka Dhingra for Attorney General**](https://electmanka.com/)**:** If you support Manka’s campaign, we hope you will volunteer with us. It’s parade season, we have phone banking and getting yard signs out to voters. We would also like you to individually endorse Manka’s campaign.  
  
•**[Elona Kearney](https://www.elonakearney.com/), candidate for Washington State Governor**: My campaign is “Removing Labels”. We are running a collaborative campaign. My platform proposes solutions to reduce recidivism, homelessness and to increase mental health access. I have lived experiences with each of these fundamental societal issues. I hope you will support my campaign.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** *(1:38:56-2:06:58)*

**• Rosamaria Graziani, PCO:** The Snohomish County Diversity Council is supporting [John Snow](https://www.snowwasenate.com/) who is a **39th District candidate for the Washington State Senate**. He is a Navy veteran and has an adorable 3-year-old. I want to invite everyone to John Snow’s kickoff, this Saturday.

**• Councilmember George Hurst:** There have been some comments about the Lynnwood City Council and the Lynnwood Pride event. Lynnwood Pride is a new organization and this will be a first-time event. I’m glad the 32nd LD is supporting this event and will have a table there.

**• School Board Director Carin Chase:** I encourage everyone to talk with their state legislators about Chris Reykdal’s budget proposal. All of the school districts across the state are faced with severe budget cuts.

**• Ted Hikel, PCO:** Shirley Sutton, who is here with us tonight, has resigned from the Lynnwood City Council. There is now a process to fill this vacancy and 24 Lynnwood residents have filed. Five members of the 32nd LD Democrats have applied.

**• Councilmember George Hurst:** Yes, we have 24 candidates and this week these candidates will be ranked. The council will then interview the top eight candidates. On June 20th we will select the new council member.

**• Cathy Baylor, Chair:** I would like to thank Shirley for her service, not just on the Lynnwood City Council but in all the capacities she has served our community!

**• Shirley Sutton, former Lynnwood City Councilmember:** Thank you all. Many of you have been there to help guide me with suggestions and support and I really appreciate that. After I take some time for respite care to get my health together, I plan on continuing to work closely with our Lynnwood community!

**• Michael Brunson, PCO:** Want to inform you of an important article that you may find interesting. It is titled: [How A Washington State Elder Fell Into Guardianship, And How It Can Happen To You.](https://www.nwpb.org/2019/02/19/how-a-washington-elder-fell-into-guardianship-and-how-it-can-happen-to-you/)

• **Adrienne Fraley Monillas, former Edmonds City Councilmember and former 32nd LD PCO**: I want to thank the 32nd District for the last 25 years working as a PCO, an elected, and as a 32nd LD board member. I am now going to be the President of the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County. As President, I have to serve in a non-partisan role. Also, I’m reading a new book that I think is valuable for all of us given today’s political discussions: *I Never Thought of It That Way* by Monica Guzmán.

**7:36pm ADJOURNED**

**Next Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 7, 6:30pm on Zoom**[**32democrats.org**](https://32democrats.org/)

**32nd LD Dems Meet-up—**

**Thursday, August 8 & September 5**  
Monthly King County meet-up: First Thursday of each month at [Jerseys](https://jerseysgreatfoodandspirits.com/), Shoreline, 6:30pm (1125 N 152nd St off Aurora)

**Thursday, September 19**

Monthly Snohomish County meet-up: Third Thursday of each month, at [**Diamond Knot Brewpub**](https://diamondknot.com/brewbrewpubmlt)**@MLT**, 6:30pm (5602 232nd St SW)

Respectfully submitted,

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