**MINUTES
32nd LD General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, March. 2, 2022, 6:30pm**

[Facebook Zoom Video](https://www.facebook.com/32democrats.org/videos/1346936959053559)

see text/web links at 32democrats.org

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

**WELCOME** (video at 0:53)

• Chris Roberts, Chair

We recognize women's history month and are proud to be joined by two women serving on the WA Supreme Court. Also, please share President Biden's [State of the Union Message](https://www.whitehouse.gov/state-of-the-union-2022/) with your social media. He is putting this country back on track.

**CANDIDATES**
• [Justice Barbara Madsen](file:///Users/sallysoriano/Desktop/ZZZMARCH%202%20LD%20MEETING/Barbaraamadsen%40gmail.com), WA Supreme Court (video at 5:20)
• [Justice Mary Yu](https://justicemaryyu.com), WA Supreme Court (video at 9:00)

• Q&A (video at 16:06)

• [Judge Joe Campagna](file:///Users/sallysoriano/Desktop/ZZZMARCH%202%20LD%20MEETING/judgecampagna%40gmail.com), King County Dist. Court, Shoreline Div.

• [Karama Hawkins](https://electkaramahawkinsjudge.com), Attorney and candidate for King County Dist. Court Judge, Shoreline Div.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** (video at 34:02)

• At our 12/16 meeting, we voted to open the floor to elections after passage of redistricting lines.

*Moved, seconded & carried without objection to re-elect*: Chris Roberts, Chair; Lillian Hawkins, 2nd Vice-Chair; Dean Fournier, King Co. Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC); Carolyn Ahlgreen, KCDCC Alt; Ted Hikel, Snohomish Co. Democratic Central Committee (SCDCC); Rosamaria Graziani, SCDCC; Lael White, SCDCC Alt.

*Moved*, *seconded & carried without objection to elect*: Cathy Baylor, 1st Vice-Chair and Mike Eckart, SCDCC Alt.

**32ND LD CAUCUS** (video at 44:16)

**Saturday, March 26, 10am - on Zoom**

1) Election of 20 state convention delegates and some alternates.

State convention will be in Tacoma, 6/25, on Zoom or in-person. (Delegates must decide by 4/1 if they will attend in person.) To run for delegate, submit this [form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YP0PZ0xKriNWogslcMwE-i4KQbNRkX6vfErfdZRVxBw/viewform?edit_requested=true) prior to 3/26, 10am.

2) Adoption of 32nd LD 2022 Platform.

Join the platform committee -- it will meet 3/6, 1pm, or send platform ideas to: platform@32democrats.org. See 2018 Platform [here](https://32democrats.org/download/2018-platform-of-the-32nd-district-democrats/).

**RESOLUTION** (video at 1:09:57)

• [Support for Washington's legislative staffers](https://32democrats.org/download/22-1-support-for-washingtons-legislative-staffers/)

HB 1806 was dropped by the State House, *making this resolution moot*. The new inferior bill states, "legislative staffers will eventually be allowed to unionize." Our chair will communicate to legislative staffers that the 32nd platform has strong right-to-unionize planks.

**ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE** (video at 1:16:06)

We will have early endorsements, for previously endorsed candidates, at our next LD meeting 4/6.

Endorsement interviews will be held: 3/9, 3/23, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27. All interviews are open to Democrats and it's a great opportunity to get to know who is representing us.

**NEW BUSINESS** (video at 1:32:09)

• [Resolution for Pardon and Release of Leonard Peltier](https://32democrats.org/download/resolution-for-pardon-and-release-of-leonard-peltier/)

*Moved, seconded & carried without objection*

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** (video at 1:41:02)

**Thom Garrard:** A few months, ago we passed a [resolution on patent-free COVID vaccine](https://32democrats.org/download/resolution-in-support-of-freeing-the-vaccine-for-countries-in-the-global-south/). I recently read an article describing how [Houston researchers](https://www.texastribune.org/2022/02/10/corbevax-texas-coronavirus-vaccine/) are now developing a vaccine that will not be patented and will be affordable worldwide. This vaccine might be produced faster than the amount time it will take for us to get a [waiver passed at the WTO](https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/drugmakers-condemn-plan-covid-vaccine-patent-waiver-2022-03-16/).

**France Giddings**: At the March [Meaningful Movies, Kirkland,](https://www.facebook.com/MeaningfulMoviesinKirkland/) we are showing the documentary [*Writing with Fire*.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFBWKklVEOU) It’s about women who are called “untouchables”. These women are given cell phones so they can tell their stories. Our monthly viewing is on the 3rd Friday of each month. Please join us!

**Ted Hikel:** I would like to volunteer for one of the two positions on the Snohomish County Democrat’s Endorsement Committee.

**Chris Roberts:** Thanks Ted, I will announce a call, right now, for volunteers for these positions.

**Cathy Baylor:** I’d like to invite everyone to our [Salish Sea Chapter of the Women’s Federation of Democratic Women](https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonStateWomen). We meet on Monday’s at 11am. Also, everyone is welcome to join our [National Organization for Women’s](https://www.nowseattle.org/) meetings. We’ll be talking about the National Infrastructure Bank on March 16th at 7pm. On April 20th there will be a program, for anyone interested, in becoming a PCO and learning about grassroots organizing.

**Chris Roberts:** If you are interested, please follow 32Dems on Twitter. We follow many journalists to keep up with the latest news. Also, join us for discussion on our 32nd Facebook page at 32democrats.org

**Ted Hikel**: I spoke at the Lynnwood City Council recently and recommended that since so many new apartment complexes have been built throughout the city, and because many of the units are vacant, that the city should consider giving short-term leases to people who are homeless or to those who are immigrants. The city has given tax exemptions to the builders, COVID funds are available from the federal government, and these short-term leases would help ease the housing crisis situation.

**Carin Chase:** [Molly Moon Ice Cream](https://www.facebook.com/mollymoonicecream/photos/br.AbpWN-1FVhBjKFqhZVVlIB4tvT0Nn0JyMF7hIIRlSOt9Is7OQWvSqLoTioU_ZzJOSvCkD1BV_j4XPc9ULQaZj1HPdWVad59dS58X7SdeB3FTVZ3FxpIlQInJSIG17aJUb1o/5587307034629865/?type=1) has a new flavor for the month of March— *Pramila Jayapal’s Chocolate Coffee Cookie Dough*! Proceeds from March sales will go to [OneAmerica](https://weareoneamerica.org/), a statewide immigrant advocacy organization founded by Pramila.

**Michael Brunson**: Last year, the legislature placed limits on the use of force by police. Now, it looks like they are rolling back some of this legislation. I think, in reading the amended version, that there will now be greater force used by police against mentally ill people. I very much oppose this amended legislation.

**ADJOURNED** (video at 1:54:17)

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

Respectfully submitted,
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