**MINUTES**

**32nd LD General Membership Meeting**
**Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 6:30 pm**

Facebook Zoom Video

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUpQaTzr1VM**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUpQaTzr1VM)

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

Flag Salute/Land Acknowledgement

[**September Minutes**](https://32democrats.org/download/draft-minutes-32nd-ld-meeting-september-7-2022/)approved without objection

**WELCOME - Chris Roberts, Chair** (1:02)

**Recognition of Elected Officials, Campaign Staff, Non-Candidate, and PCOs**

• Lauren Davis, Candidate for State Representative (1:05)

• Lynnwood City Council Member Shirley Sutton (3:15)

• Edmonds School Director Deborah Kilgore (4:39)

• Edmonds School Board Director Carin Chase (6:36)

• Congresswoman Suzan DelBene’s Field Director, Sunny Owens (8:45)

• Non-Candidate (has not yet filed) for Snohomish County Sheriff, Susanna Johnson (10:10)

• Dr. Patricia Weber, Candidate for State Senate (48:19)

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

**1) Supporting Passage of State Senator Kuderer’s Personnel File Bill (SB 5130)** (13:17)

**Submitted by Patrick McGah, 36th District Democrats**

**Patrick McGah:** This bill allows you to access your own employment records. Whatever records they collect about you, that are related to performance and discipline, you are legally allowed to see, upon request. Senator Kuderer, an employment lawyer by training, introduced this bill in the last session of the legislature. It stalled in the Senate but she plans to reintroduce it again in the 2023 session. This law is actually on the books but it is weak and has a number of loop-holes. This bill rectifies those issues.

**Speaking in favor of this resolution**

**France Giddings, Member:** I was really shocked that a person could not find out about one’s own employment records. It seems absolutely self-evident that we should have this right. Seconded.

**Chris Roberts: Without objection, this resolution is adopted.**

**2) Censure of Lynnwood City Council Member Jim Smith** (18:00)

**Submitted by Elizabeth Lunsford, PCO (not present)**

**Speaking in favor of tabling this resolution**

**Sally Soriano, PCO:** I move to table this resolution as it seems that the Lynnwood City Council has resolved this situation with the majority of the council voting to implement council diversity training. Seconded.

**Chris Roberts: Without objection, this resolution is tabled.**

**3) Supporting Mount St. Helens Being Redesignated as a National Volcanic Park – previously tabled** (18:54)

**Submitted by Alan Charnley, State Committee Person, PCO**

**Speaking in favor of considering this resolution**

**Sally Soriano, PCO:** I move we consider this resolution. Seconded.

**Chris Roberts: Without objection, this resolution will be considered.**

**Speaking in favor of adopting this resolution**

**Sally Soriano, PCO:** In last month’s meeting, it was requested that more research be done on this issue of whether the park should remain under the U.S. Forest Service or be redesignated as a National Volcanic Park under the U.S. Park Service. In an article debating this issue, it stated that “the mission of the Forest Service is *not* about protection of resources, but best use of the resources. Therefore the Forest Service is prone to giving in to commercial interests.” The 32nd LD has a history of opposing privatization of the public sector and I think Alan is correct in arguing that there will be more protection and resources for the park under the U.S. Park Service. Seconded.

**Lael White, PCO:** I amend the motion to change two words: redesignate in the first ‘Whereas’ to redesignated and redesignate in the second ‘Whereas’ to redesignated. Both should be in past tense.

**Chris Roberts: Without objection, this resolution, as amended, is adopted.**

**NEW BUSINESS** (26:59)

**Elizabeth Lunsford, PCO:** **I make a motion to: create an ad hoc committee to analyze the current racist behaviors happening at the Lynnwood City Council. Seconded.**

Speaking in favor of adopting this motion

**Elizabeth Lunsford, PCO:** It is a great learning opportunity, not just Lynnwood, but also for the 32nd to do some anti-racism work and standup for our values.

Speaking in opposition to this motion

**Ted Hikel, PCO:** It has to do what the motion is aimed at. If it is to study racism as a general topic, I would support that. But if this is aimed at the Lynnwood City Council, or the City of Lynnwood, or individuals who were involved in the report that came out, I certainly would want to be a voice that would talk about where the problems in the report are and what is involved with the people who filed the complaints.

Speaking in favor of adopting this motion

**Deborah Kilgore, PCO**: This is not the first time that I have heard that this individual has acted in a biased fashion. And, I have often said, it is elections where we have the consequences. I think it is worth discussing what other possibilities we can support when an individual is openly racist in the capacity of his elected position, besides waiting until the next election.

Speaking in opposition to this motion

**Lael White, PCO:** I am not opposed at all to have educational trainings on racism. I am supportive of it. However, we already have a Diversity & Inclusion Committee and we have referred this to them and asked them to weigh in. People’s time is limited for committee meetings and I would favor having just one team to lead on this subject.

**Ballot vote results: 62% no, 37% yes, motion fails.**

**Chris Roberts:** For those people who did support the motion, we are asking our 32nd LD Diversity & Inclusion Committee to review the resolution and to review the report. This issue will not be ignored.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** (49:34)

**• Cathy Baylor, PCO:** I have three points:First, we had a day of remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools on September 30th, at the Edmonds School District offices where Interim Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Miner spoke. We had testimony from survivors of Indian Boarding Schools and there was drumming and singing. We hope you will watch for this event next year and that you will be able to attend, as well. Second, the Edmonds School District officially proclaimed every second Monday of October as Indigenous People’s Day. I want to thank them for this. Third, when the Cherokee reservation was established by the U.S. government in 1835, they were promised a non-voting representative in Congress. This, however, has never happened. Alan Charnley wants to alert us all to this because he will be writing a resolution stating that they should be granted this representation in Congress.

**• France Giddings, Member:** This is in regard to the Mount St. Helen resolution discussion. My daughter was a forestry major at the UW where she learned that the U.S. Forest Service is under the Dept. of Agriculture. This country sees trees as a crop!

**• Alan Charnley, State Committee Person, PCO:** If anyone wants to work with me on the resolution regarding the Cherokee, and also the Choctaw, representation in Congress, please contact me: alan.charnley@32democrats.org

**• Elizabeth Lunsford, PCO:** I wanted to thank the people who stepped up for the District 3, Snohomish County Council appointment process, and especially the final 3 -- Carin, Colin and congratulations to Strom. Their interviews had such an impact. It was a lot of work.

**• Rosamaria Graziani, PCO:** Congratulations to Strom Petersen for being chosen for the position but I also express my dismay that the PCO favorite, with over 95% approval, was not taken into consideration. Stephanie Wright is a female and I wish we would have kept her position on the council as female. I am very proud of Colin and Carin because they really represented the Democratic Party, and I hope that ‘The People’ are heard in the future. Also, Carin had the support of the Latino community, which is 25% of the population of Snohomish County. It was mentioned that Strom had the endorsement of the Tulalip Tribe, which actually, percentage-wise, is smaller.

**• Ted Hikel, PCO:** I wanted to congratulate Carin and her great presentation to the council. I emailed the other female on the council and said I was disappointed as Carin would have been the right choice to make. We had three men and two women on the council. The fact was, they turned their back on women, especially the woman who was number one choice of the PCOs. They ignored this and took another candidate, who may be very good. But, the fact that you would even consider having an all-male city council, or an all-male county council? Is that where we are going? What happened to the “equality” that we are looking for as we move on? This was the big disappointment for me, that they didn’t take the obvious first choice, who also would have added to the female content of the county council.

**• Stephanie Harris, PCO:** I agree with both Rosamaria and Ted. I also appreciated Adrienne Fraely-Monillas from our LD, who ran for the position as well. She would have been a good candidate! I think Strom Petersen is a good guy, but he’s a State Representative. What if, at some point in time, there is a conflict between the county and the state? Whom is Strom going to support? You cannot serve two masters.

 **MEETING ADJOURNED — 7:28pm**

**NEXT MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING**
Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted,
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