**Minutes**

**32nd LD SPECIAL ENDORSEMENT Meeting**
**Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 6:30 pm**

[**LIVE Zoom Video Link**](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=3664440917121843)

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

**WELCOME (0:05)**

**Chris Roberts, Chair**

**• 6:30 pm – Call to order,** Land acknowledgment, Pledge of Allegiance

**• APPOINTMENT OF PCOS (2:22)**
**Laura Mork:** Precinct 32-SHL-0424
**Alan Charnley:** Precinct 32-SHL-2753

***Moved, seconded, appointed without objection.***

**• ENDORSEMENTS (6:31)**

**Chris Roberts:** I thank everyone for being here tonight and thank all of the candidates for working with our endorsement committee. I thank Stephanie Harris for leading our Endorsement Committee this year. The Executive Committee has put together a slate for the purpose of trying to speed up this meeting. It is composed of: people who have been endorsed by the Executive Committee and/or are the only Democrat in their race.

**1. Slate (9:44-13:20)**

• [Susanna Johnson](https://susannajohnsonforsheriff.com/), Snohomish County Sheriff
• [Carin Chase](https://www.facebook.com/1carinchase/), Edmonds School District, District 1
• [David Parshall](https://parshallforlynnwood.com/), Lynnwood City Council, Position 7
• [Nancy Katims](https://www.facebook.com/nancykatims4kids), Edmonds School District, District 5
• **Coreen Wilson**, King County Superior Court, Position 30
• **Joe Campagna,** King County Superior Court, Position 39
• **Valerie Bouffiou**, Lynnwood Municipal Court
• [John Wilson](https://electjohnwilson.com/), King County Assessor
• [Miguel Duran](https://retainjudgeduran.com/), Snohomish County Superior Court, Position 16
• [Sam Cho](https://electsamcho.com/), Port of Seattle Commissioner, Position 2

***Slate candidates are all nominated and endorsed without opposition.***

**2. King County Council, Position 4 (17:42-50:37)**

Steph Harris: The Endorsement Committee nominates **Sarah Reyneveld** for endorsement.

Grant Lahrmann: I nominate **Becca Johnson Poppe** for endorsement. Seconded.

Cindy Ryu: I nominate **Jorge Baron** for endorsement. Seconded.

***Sarah Reyneveld and Jorge Baron are both endorsed.***

***Becca Johnson Poppe is not endorsed.***

**3. Seattle City Council, Position 5 (50:37-1:22:55)**

Steph Harris: The Endorsement Committee nominates **Cathy Moore** for endorsement.

Rosamaria Graziani: I nominate **Nilu Jenks.** Seconded.

Alan Charnley: I nominate **ChrisTiana ObeySumner.** Seconded.

***Cathy Moore and Nilu Jenks are both endorsed.***

***ChrisTiana ObeySumner is not endorsed.***

**4. Seattle Port Commission, Position 5 (1:29:35-1:44:43)**

Steph Harris: Fred Felleman was endorsed at our Early Endorsement Meeting on May 3 and the Endorsement Committee nominates **Todd Curtis** for endorsement.

***Todd Curtis is not endorsed.***

Ted Hikel: I make a motion to postpone **Jesse Tam’s** endorsement consideration for Seattle Port Commission, Position 5, until the June 7 membership meeting. Seconded.

***Without opposition, motion passes.***

**5. Snohomish County Auditor (1:44:43-1:48:51)**

Steph Harris: The Endorsement Committee nominates **Cindy Gobel** for endorsement.

***Cindy Gobel is endorsed.***

**6. Snohomish County Superior Court, Position 17 (1:48:52-2:07:01)**

Steph Harris: The Endorsement Committee nominates both **Judge Patrick Moriarty** and **Mary Anderson** for endorsement.

***Patrick Moriarty and Mary Anderson are both endorsed.***

**7. Edmonds City Council, Position 1 (2:07:02-2:13:30)**

Steph Harris: The Endorsement Committee nominates **Chris Eck** for endorsement.

***Chris Eck is endorsed.***

**8. Edmonds City Council, Position 7 (2:14:00-2:25:41)**

Rosamaria Graziani: I nominate Jenna Nand. Seconded.

***Jenna Nand is endorsed.***

**9. Lynnwood City Council, Position 4 (2:25:49-2:35:09)**

Steph Harris: The Endorsement Committee nominates **Nick Coelho** for endorsement.

***Nick Coelho is endorsed.***

**10. Lynnwood City Council, Position 5 (2:36:35-2:43:18)**

Steph Harris: The Endorsement Committee nominates **Robert Leutwyler** for endorsement.

***Robert Leutwyler is endorsed.***

**11. Snohomish County Council, District 3 (2:43:28-2:49:02)**

Sally Soriano: I nominate **Strom Petersen.** Seconded.

Carol McMahon: I move we consider **Strom Petersen** at the August membership meeting. Seconded.

***Without opposition, motion passes.***

**12. South County Regional Fire & Rescue Commissioner, District 2 (2:49:12-2:58:30)**

Steph Harris: I nominate **Carol McMahon**.

***Carol McMahon is endorsed.***

**13. South County Regional Fire & Rescue Commissioner, District 2 (2:58:30-3:13:28)**

Ken Kresek: I nominate Michael Fearnehough, the incumbent.

Steph Harris: Michael Fearnehough has not submitted a questionnaire nor has he requested an interview which is required by the Standing Rules.

Marylou Eckhart: I move to table consideration of this endorsement, Second.

Chris Roberts, Chair: A motion to table requires a 2/3rds vote.

***Motion to table passes with greater than a 2/3rds majority.***

**14. Olympic View Water & Sewer District Commissioner, Position 3 (3:13:28-3:19:03)**

Steph Harris: I nominate **Maralyn Chase**. Seconded.

Janet Way: I move we endorsement Maralyn Chase by acclamation. Seconded.

***Maralyn Chase is endorsed by acclamation.***

**GOOD OF THE ORDER (3:19:03-3:44:10)**

**• Jenna Nand:** I will be running unopposed this cycle and plan on helping Democrats in other races. I would like to remind people that we are a big tent party.

**• Larry McIntosh:** I would like to remind everyone that Seattle precinct voters will only be voting on the Seattle School Board candidates in District 1 in the Primary. We will not be voting on School Board candidates from across the city.

**• Micah Rowland:** I have the surprise of running unopposed so I will be serving the next six years on South County Fire as Commissioners. I want to remind us, as Democrats, we continually need to keep our eyes on possible commissioner turnovers, not just looking at commission races at election time.

**• Michael Brunson:** Many of us remember Jeanne Monger and her husband Larry Monger who have been active for many years in the 32nd LD. Jeanne Monger passed away earlier this year and her memorial service will be held on **Saturday, July 8, at noon, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Shoreline** (14514, 20th Ave NE, Shoreline), https://www.dignitymemorial.com/global-search?q=Jeanne%20Monger

**• Ted Hikel:** I would like to apologize to the Endorsement Committee as my computer was hacked which made it difficult for me to participate when we were on vacation. Also, being a member of the board of the South County RFA is a management position. There is a difference between management and labor and Carol will do a great job on the board when it comes to making the decisions of management.

**Susan Paine:** I would also like the 32nd LD Democrats to consider endorsing Mackey Guenther. He is a young man who is very smart and is running against a very strong Republican. He supports a pro-housing platform and we need his voice on our council.

**Deborah Viertel:** Today is the very grim one-year anniversary of the shootings at Uvalde, Texas. This is a reminder why we work so hard in the Democratic Party to regulate guns, bullets, require training, background checks and insurance-liability coverage to reduce the death rate, making it safer for all Americans and for children in particular.

**Carin Chase:** Thanks for my endorsement and thanks to Deborah for bringing up the tragic anniversary. When I was at the luncheon for the Gun Alliance, I was talking with Strom Peterson and we were talking about the importance of joining together in South County.

**Cathy Baylor:** Our Salish Sea Democratic Women is having an ice cream party and you are all invited! It will be June 21st, a meet & greet for Susanna Johnson for Sheriff. Remember how the 32nd supported the recall? Now we can support Susanna! RSVP: cathybaylor8@gmail.com

**Josh Thompson:** I agree with stronger together but felt that the person I work for was attacked on Saturday in a way that was organized and unpleasant. So, let’s work together.

**Maralyn Chase:** I want to say that no one on the Endorsement Committee participated in any plan at the Snohomish endorsement meeting. I think there are some misunderstandings that we can talk about further.

**Lillian Hawkins:** I want to thank the 32nd LD Democrats for being the foundation restoring racially conscious affirmative action in Washington State with the rescinding Governor’s Directive 98-01 last year and supporting Washington Equity Now. Winona Hollins Hague our Diversity & Inclusion Chair will be presenting with Delbert Richardson, former State Rep, Jesse Wineberry and John Yasutaki at the **Washington State DEI Empowerment Conference on** **June 28, 1pm**. Their topic is on how the Supreme Court might impact our state DEI policy and a roadmap for all states going forward. I hope everyone will register.

<https://ofm.wa.gov/state-human-resources/workforce-diversity-equity-and-inclusion/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-council/deiconference>

**Alan Charnley:** Let me know if you want to work on voter registration later in the summer:

**10:15 pm – Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Monthly Membership Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,
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