



## Chair's Message

### ***Happy Endorsements Month fellow Democrats!***

I think I could actually fill up the entire newsletter with info this month! I will, however, keep it focused on the main event this month - 34th ENDORSEMENTS! I have sat through 2 other LD meetings and the King County Endorsements meetings just to glean ideas and gotchas - this to help make our meeting as smooth as possible. Please plan for a long meeting! No amount of planning and preparation will keep that from happening. To that end, we will **start the meeting at 6:30pm** and only cover the mandatory business, holding all other topics for July and beyond. I will also open the call at 6pm to field any questions and give our credentials committee a head start identifying anyone ineligible to vote. Please remember that all endorsement rules will be followed with no exceptions.

Thank you to the members of the tally committee for helping me keep my head on my shoulders while planning this meeting! (Jordan Crawley Trey Lykins, Sarah Koch and Dawn Rains)

**This is a public meeting, anyone can watch/listen. In order to speak and vote in our Endorsements meeting, you must:**

1. Be a member of the 34th (by deadlines provided), and
2. Live in the district (yes, we check!)

I will take the rest of my space here to call out some **tips and key points** about this meeting, voting and endorsement. The next 2 weekly emails will also cover our Endorsements meeting so everyone will be fully informed about this process. Three cheers for a smooth meeting!

### **PRIOR TO MEETING**

Do your homework on the candidates! Visit their websites, attend forums! Educate yourself! This is your job as a voter! Our Mayor Forum is on June 5. Join us! <https://zoom.us/j/96357096642>

- Read our Endorsement Rules (later in this newsletter) and online here: <https://34dems.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-Approved-Endorsement-Rules.pdf>
- If you have been a member in the past and have not joined this year, you are ineligible to vote. If you **renew by Tuesday, June 8 at 9pm** you are eligible to vote. Please do not wait until the last minute!
- When renewing, if you have issues with your card (usually because your address does not match your membership form), please email ([chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org) and

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## Endorsement Meeting

**June 9, 2021**

Online Membership Meeting Notice

**You Must Register to Attend:**

**[Register Here](#)**

**6:00pm** - Zoom opens for Q&A, credentialing

**6:30pm - Call to Order**

**Opening Ceremonies** (5m)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes (3m)

Budget and Membership Report (3m)

**So Now That You're A Member...** (5m)

### **Endorsements**

34th Board Block Vote

Resolution to Consider "Resolution urging Governor Inslee to Sign "EQUITY NOW!" EXECUTIVE ORDER"

Burien City Council

King County Council District 5

Seattle City Council Pos. 8

Seattle City Council Pos. 9

Mayor

King County Executive

Port of Seattle

Any Races from Block Remaining

**Adjourn** (Chair requests a motion to defer endorsements to July at 10pm)

### **Regarding our Endorsement Meeting :**

A reminder for Renewing Members that in order to vote you must renew membership by 9pm the night before the June 9 meeting (June 8, 9pm). **No exceptions.**

To Renew Click: [www.34dems.org/contribute](http://www.34dems.org/contribute)

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## The Process of Endorsements

Are you planning to seek a nomination for endorsement at our June meeting? Here's what you need to know. The following is the flow of a motion for endorsement in the 34th LD.

>>>Please note that we consider all motions for endorsement in a particular race at the same time and before any voting happens.

Let's say you want to make a motion to endorse Candidate A (who has filed out and submitted a KCDCC Questionnaire) for Seattle City Council Position 8.

1. The Chair opens the floor for motions to endorse for City Council Pos. 8.
2. Voter A makes the motion to endorse Candidate A, stating their name.
3. Voter B, stating their name, makes a second to the motion to endorse Candidate A.
4. The Chair yields the floor for 2 minutes to Voter A to speak to their motion and/or cede their time to Candidate A.
5. The Chair asks for any speeches AGAINST Candidate A.
6. Voter B states their name and speaks for up to 2 minutes AGAINST Candidate A.
7. The Chair asks for a second speech FOR Candidate A.
8. Voter C states their name and has 2 minutes to speak FOR Candidate A.
9. The Chair asks for a second speech AGAINST Candidate A.
10. Voter D states their name and has 2 minutes to speak AGAINST Candidate A.
11. The Chair opens the floor for additional motions to endorse for City Council Pos. 8
12. Repeat for each race.

## Notes from the 34th LD Environment, Energy, & Land Use Caucus

Washington State had a blockbuster legislative session this spring, with significant gains for our state in climate control and social justice led by "our 3" – Sen Nguyen, Rep Fitzgibbon and Rep Cody. Our Environment, Energy and Land Use caucus was extremely active, writing, phoning, and testifying at public hearings in support of hugely important climate action that passed!

Now the caucus has turned its sights on Congress and Senator Patty Murray. They've scheduled a constituent meeting with Jason Edwards, one of two climate specialists on Murray's DC staff, to urge bold, swift Federal climate action. They also plan to discuss the For the People Act.

The guest at the caucus's next monthly meeting, June 21, will be Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon. Everyone is welcome – contact co-chairs [Randy Litzenberger](#) or [Annie Phillips](#).

**The caucus is setting up a Facebook group.** It will be private in order to keep communications between 34th LD members only...you will have to answer 3 short multiple choice questions when you request to join.

To join:

Option 1: [Click here](#) to be taken to the Facebook page

Option 2: Search "34th LD Environment, Energy, & Land Use Caucus" on Facebook

Option 3: Contact Dominick Ojeda to send an invite: [ojedadominick@gmail.com](mailto:ojedadominick@gmail.com)

Randy and Annie will continue leading our meetings once a month and will maintain communications.

Participation in the Facebook group is **not mandatory** and the regular meeting schedule or how information is distilled from the caucus chairs.

[membership@34dems.org](mailto:membership@34dems.org)) immediately to show intent to renew prior to the deadline. You will need to mail a check.

- **REGISTER NOW! PLEASE** help us plan by getting your name on the list as quickly as possible! This helps us credential ahead of time.  
<https://bit.ly/34Dems-Endorsement-Mtg-Reg>
- There is no way to join the meeting without your UNIQUE link from Zoom. This is provided to you immediately when you register. You will also receive 2 emails from Zoom ([no-reply@zoom.us](mailto:no-reply@zoom.us)) reminding you about the meeting and including the link to enter. **SAVE IT.**
- If you drop the ball and can't find your link, there may be a delay in getting you into the meeting. Please email [support@34dems.org](mailto:support@34dems.org) and we can look you up and send you the link privately but **THIS WILL TAKE TIME AND PATIENCE**. The meeting rolls on if you are not there to vote, there are no guarantees that you will not miss part of the meeting. Don't be that person. Please.
- Add [chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org) and [no-reply@zoom.us](mailto:no-reply@zoom.us) to your email address list. This helps your email provider know that you want these emails. It is not our system's fault if you do not get the email. It is your email provider blocking our emails based on your behavior.

#### DURING MEETING

- To make a MOTION, raise your Zoom hand to signal the Chair.
- To raise a POINT OF ORDER, raise your Zoom hand to signal the Chair.
- PLEASE stay on mute unless you are recognized by the Chair.
- PLEASE do not vote if you are not a 34th member living in the district or a 34th PCO.
- PLEASE only vote once per ballot.
- Our ballot system can only handle 25 ballots in one session. Any races not decided in these 25 ballots will be postponed to our July 14 meeting.
- If multiple people are watching the meeting on a single

device, you will need to use the alternate voting method.

- It is your responsibility to vote DURING THE VOTING WINDOW. Each vote will be timed (timer visual to all attendees) for 2 minutes.
- The alternate voting method will be to text your vote to 206-200-6526. You must give your email and first and last name in the text as well. The alternate vote manager will reply as receipt of your vote.
- If any races are removed from the proposed voting block, they will be added to the end of the meeting.
- The goal is to complete the meeting by 10pm. I will request a motion to postpone at 10pm.

#### WHAT IFs

- As per our endorsement rules, there is a maximum of 3 ballots per race. The first is all nominated candidates. If someone does not meet the threshold of 60%, we go to a second ballot of the top 2 candidates based on the first ballot. If the 2nd ballot fails, we will entertain a motion to dual endorse. The final ballot is a yes or no vote for dual endorsement of the top two candidates.
- If you have issues voting, do not unmute and shout this out! Please text 206-200-6526 for support or, better, just text your vote!
- Please do not call the Chair nor any member of the tally committee. It is not possible to take calls while running a meeting.
- If we notice votes coming in that are ineligible, we will notify you privately in the Zoom chat.
- If we adjourn before all races are completed, those races will be held at our July 14th meeting.

**Lastly, I want to remind everyone that we are Democrats. We are Democrats of all types, across the spectrum. We are stronger when we are united. We win when we stick together. We are so fortunate to have many solid Democrats to choose from. Let's be kind to one another.**

**Carla Rogers**

34th LD Chair

[chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org) - 206-432-1998

#### Don't Miss the Final Event in Our Series of Candidate Forums!

**Saturday May 5, 11 - 1pm**

We will be hosting candidates for

**Mayor of Seattle**

<https://zoom.us/j/96357096642>

To submit a question, click [HERE](#)



We usually record our Zoom meetings, programs and events...now you can visit our YouTube Channel to see what you missed. Subscribe and you'll be the first to hear about a new posting. Check out our channel today and see candidate forums, programs and more!

[Go to YouTube.](#)

#### **Please Note the Special Date...**

Your Executive Board  
Will be meeting **Tuesday, June 15th**  
at 7pm

Please email the chair if you would like to join:

[chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org)



## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

### Senator

#### Joe Nguyen

##### Assistant Floor Leader

Human Services,  
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Chair); Environment; Rules;  
Energy & Technology;  
Transportation

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(360) 786 - 7667



### Representative Eileen Cody

Chair, Health Care & Wellness;  
Appropriations

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Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7978



### Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

Chair, Environment & Energy;  
Appropriations;  
Rural Development, Agriculture  
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## Letters and Submitted Articles

We are Democrats, and like most Democrats we have strong opinions and like to express them. We welcome letters and articles.

All submissions are subject to editing. If submissions need to be shortened, you will be given the option of editing your own work.

Photos and notices of upcoming events are always welcome.

**The deadline for the July newsletter will be Thursday, June 25, 2021**

Mail to Steve Butts,  
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146  
or email to [newsletter@34dems.org](mailto:newsletter@34dems.org)

## In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

Before the meeting, a special presentation was made by 34th Democrats member and Burien Councilmember **Sofia Aragon** on anti-Asian hate on behalf of APACE (Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for Civic Empowerment). She talked about the alarming spikes in anti-Asian violence nationally and in the Pacific Northwest, how API communities have been affected by the violence, and what we can do to get engaged, educated, and active in playing a role in stopping this violence. [Click to learn about APACE.](#)

*(Watch for emails for more special pre-meeting programs.)*

After the Land Acknowledgement, **Peter Steinbrueck** spoke in his role as Port Commissioner. He has been attending the meetings of West Seattle Bridge Community Taskforce. He is pushing for a quick repair vs an unsure rebuild. Bids are going out, and contractor selection is due by the end of the month with the hopes of completion in the first quarter of 2022. He also said that the city wants to decrease the number of lanes on West Marginal Way to allow for bike lanes. He would rather see a separate bike/pedestrian path along the sidewalk, to not mix bikes and trucks.

We were updated by our trio of our King County electeds.

**Joe McDermott** has been working on a county-wide fireworks ban, that just passed the council, to be in effect by July of 2022. The August ballot will include a bond renewal for the "Best Starts for Kids" program.

Executive **Dow Constantine** issued a proclamation for AAPI Heritage Month. The county contributed \$5M to the Coalition Against Hate and Bias to help combat violence against the Asian Community. In other remarks were:

- The county is beginning to purchase hotels to house the chronically homeless, eventually to equal 1,600 rooms, and also 400 jobs for unemployed, and 300 housing vouchers.
- Rapid Ride Line H is now open, taking people from Burien to Downtown.
- Help for BIPOC and Woman-owned businesses to access county bids for goods and services.
- Sheriff Office transition to an appointed Sheriff is under way.
- King County has the lowest COVID rate infection and death of any of the 3 dozen largest counties in the United States, and 70% have received at least their first shot. \$40 mil has gone already to rental assistance, with \$150M more coming in a 7th COVID budget.



Hugo Garcia

**Dave Upthegrove** added that the county is also taking up a Tenants' rights ordinance that requires just-cause for evictions and other protections.

Candidates were present to speak about themselves and their goals. Senator **Joe Nguyen** has declared as a candidate for County Executive. Those present running for Mayor were **Colleen Echohawk**, **Jessyn Farrell**, **Lorena González**, and **Bruce Harrell**. **Corey Eichner** is running for Seattle Council Position 9. Two Seattle Port candidates with us were **Stephanie Bowman**, Position 3 and **Toshiko Hasegawa**, Position 4. **Hugo Garcia** is vying for Burien City Council Position 1.

**Nick Bonazza** laid out his plan for PCOs. Starting before the Primary, they will be contacting voters on a "listening canvasses" to hear their priorities, provide information about voter registration, and talk about the great American Rescue Plan and how it benefits us in WA. Then we will have all-out GOTV for the Primary. Nick needs volunteer help from members who are not PCOs to help in precincts without representation. With hope, by the end of summer, we will be able to do face-to-face contact with voters, proven to be the best GOTV method. Nick is holding PCO training sessions around the district, and has already held joint meetings with the 34th and 33rd PCOs in Burien. (See more information on Page 6.)

PCOs will be surveyed as to whether they will be doorbelling to determine the number of doorhangers we will need to be printed.

We will be endorsing at our June meeting, and we will be using a feature of Zoom that allows to take instant polls to be taken and will be using these polls as ballots. These are basically popups screen popups. The ballots are submitted, they are compared to the membership list and tallied. However, if two or more members are sharing the same device, only one will be able to use the Zoom poll. The other(s) will need to contact a designated Zoom co-host with their vote (see Chair's Message for more information on this).

Burien Councilmember **Kevin Schilling** gave a rundown on what's happening down south, and a preview of the upcoming elections. There are concerns being brought forth by the central business area as to public safety and the town's response those issues. Much of that is centered around a homeless population for which services need to be found. To that end the council is working on zoning to increase housing of all sizes. They are currently discussing a proposal from the Downtown Emergency Service Center to build a 95-unit permanent support housing facility.

Mayor **Jimmy Matta** thanked retiring Councilperson Nancy Tosta for her work and mentorship. He was pleased that the county has provided funds to help with homeless and mentally ill. The CARES money they received went to human services and businesses. Money also went to provide internet to students together with the Highline School District.

**Bunny Hatcher** brought forth a resolution to counter anti-Asian violence and provided background to the recent rise of hate crimes. We passed it by a voice vote.

**Sarah Koch** was approved as the new Chair of our Bylaws & Rules Committee.



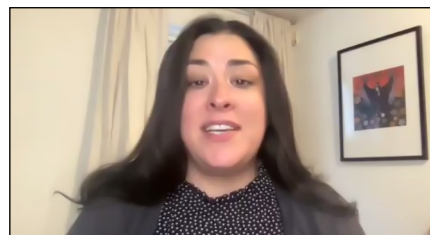
State Senator Joe Nguyen



Bruce Harrell



Jessyn Farrell



Colleen Echohawk



Lorena González



Corey Eichner



Stephanie Bowman



Toshiko Hasegawa

## Resolution urging Governor Inslee to Sign “EQUITY NOW!” Executive Order

WHEREAS in 1998, Washington voters passed Initiative 200 (I-200) which clearly stated in the November 3, 1998 Washington State Voters Pamphlet, that I-200 does not end all affirmative action programs, but only prohibits those programs which use race and gender to select a lesser qualified applicant over a more deserving applicant for a public job, contract or admission to a state college or university; and

WHEREAS then Washington Attorney General Christine Gregoire’s 1998 official I-200 ballot statement explained: “The effect of the proposed measure would thus depend on how its provisions are interpreted and applied.”

WHEREAS SINCE 1998, Washington state has implemented Governor’s Directive Number 98- 01 which for 23 years has grossly misinterpreted Initiative 200 (I-200), now codified as RCW 49.60.400, by erroneously stating that neither race nor sex could ever be used as factors to select candidates for public college or university admissions, public employment or a public contract; and

WHEREAS in 2017, a Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Disparity Study found concrete evidence that women and contractors of color suffer discrimination barriers to fair access to federal and state-funded construction contracts across Washington’s multi-billion-dollar transportation industry; and

WHEREAS in 2019, the Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises (OMWBE) Disparity Study concluded: 1) women and people of color do not enjoy equal access to all aspects of State contracting opportunities; 2) the lack of remedial market intervention in the wake of Initiative 200 perpetuates this inequality; and 3) remedial action is necessary to end discrimination in State contracting activities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District urges Governor Jay Inslee to reaffirm Washington state’s commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion by immediately signing the “EQUITY NOW! EXECUTIVE ORDER” rescinding Governor’s Directive 98-01 and correctly implementing I-200 (now RCW 49.60.400) to eliminate systemic inequities for all Washingtonians; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Chair Carla Rogers shall email this resolution directly to Governor Jay Inslee’s Chief of Staff, Jamila Thomas @ \_\_\_\_\_ before June 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## PCO Meetings and GOTV Strategy and Training Sessions

Save the date to attend one of two PCO meetings as we continue to build our PCO community in the 34<sup>th</sup> in preparation for 2021 elections. A planning committee member will contact you to get your input and to see which meeting you plan to attend, or you can contact me directly.

I’ll send the agenda with city maps showing precincts with their PCOs prior to the meeting so you’ll know other PCOs in your vicinity. You may wish to team up to canvass, for voter registration events, or to continue to meet regularly on an informal basis as PCOs agreed to do in Burien.

**Saturday, June 12, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** - 34th Dems PCOs: Build PCO Community and Prepare for Elections 2021 (also offered on Sat June 19)

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94893361710?pwd=TGdYOGN5WGp1YzgZMmhEam9DYlIkdz09>

**Saturday, June 19, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** - 34th Dems PCOs: Build PCO Community and Prepare for Elections 2021

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93533244029?pwd=MzgrbWIFR3NsSksxKzB4MmZ2VmJRdz09>

**Everyone for GOTV** - Membership, PCOs, and Volunteers:

34<sup>th</sup> LD PCO Data Team Max Brown, Obol Wako, and Nathan Dye explain our data driven strategy to 34<sup>th</sup> Members, PCOs and Volunteers as we approach the Primary & November Elections for 2021, to understand why and which voters we need to contact.

**Saturday, June 26, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM: All Hands GOTV for Primary and November 2021 Elections** Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91964607969?pwd=RIBReVJQZmtYaGI3MWWidTRWSUhXQT09>

Additional PCO Training - **Saturday, June 5th, 2:00pm** King County Democrats [Introductory Training for PCOs](#) - Basics of what a PCO is and what we do, as well with an open Q&A opportunity for your questions ahead of this election cycle [RSVP here](#).

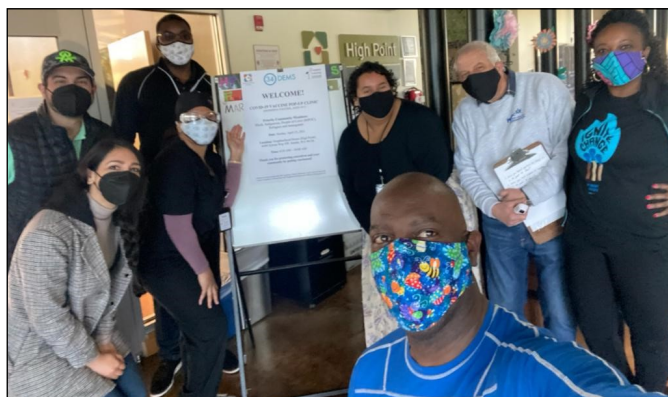
**Nick Bonazza**, PCO Committee Chair  
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## The Social Justice & Equity Committee Assists With BIPOC Vaccination Effort

On Sunday, April 25 the 34th District Democrat's Social Justice and Equity Committee partnered with Childress Nursing Services and Neighborhood House to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to our BIPOC community members directly in the district and in their neighborhoods. This is something sorely needed given the state of the vaccination race. BIPOC community members experience barriers to accessing the vaccine that others do not have to deal with. Cultural and language barriers add to the problem.

Being able to collaborate with two great organizations on providing vaccines directly to those most in need was a very rewarding experience. We enjoyed the opportunity to partner with both Childress Nursing Services and Neighborhood House, two exceptional organizations, to give back to the community in a direct way.



Members of the Social Justice & Equity Committee assist with vaccinations at the High Point Neighborhood House.

### Childress Nursing Services

(CNS) is a local, majority woman and black-owned WA state licensed home health company and mobile clinical laboratory. CNS primarily focuses on providing in-home fertility and maternity nursing care, mainly in the form of fertility home injection support and boasts an amazing 90%+ success rating for clients successfully producing enough eggs to transfer to get pregnant compared to the standard 30% when done on your own.



In its effort to be of service to help our community achieve the highest COVID-19 vaccination rate possible, CNS has extended its services to provide in-home Covid-19 testing and vaccination support. Whether it is helping pregnant women through their MaternityVax program or coordinating a vaccine party for friends, family, and kids, CNS ensures that your home injection experience is as comfortable as possible from the comfort of your sofa.

**Neighborhood House** is a non-profit organization here in the 34<sup>th</sup>. It was founded in 1906 and is one of the oldest social service agencies in the Puget Sound region. It focuses on addressing the needs of entire families, with a focus on low-income community members, public housing residents, immigrants, and refugees, serving 15,000 people annually through our major program areas of early childhood education, youth development, employment and adult education, housing stability, aging and disability services, and community health.



**Our Committee could use your help and support!** If you would like to join the Social Justice and Equity Committee or volunteer for its future events, please email the Committee's Chair, Jeff Sbaih, at [equity@34dems.org](mailto:equity@34dems.org).

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## Wanted: Citizens to Serve on the Community Involvement Commission

**SEATTLE** (May 3, 2021) – The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods is currently recruiting to fill 11 vacancies on the Community Involvement Commission (CIC). The Community Involvement Commission advises the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and other City departments on coordinated, Citywide outreach and engagement activities. The commission is dedicated to holding the City accountable for increasing participation and engagement – especially among underrepresented and underserved communities.

The Commission is composed of 16 members – seven appointed by City Council and seven appointed by the Mayor, with one position filled by a young adult through the Get Engaged program. The final two commissioners are selected by the CIC members.

Commission members will each serve a two year term, except for the Get Engaged position, which will serve a one-year term. Commission members shall not serve more than two full consecutive terms. Commissioners serve in a volunteer capacity and dedicate approximately three to six hours per month to their roles.

Those interested in being considered should complete the [online application by Monday, June 14 at 5 p.m.](#) If you cannot submit the application online, contact Laura Jenkins at (206) 437-3735 and an application will be mailed to you. Visit our [website](#).

The City of Seattle is committed to promoting diversity in the city's boards and commissions. Women, persons with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, young persons, senior citizens, persons of color, and immigrants are encouraged to apply. The Community Involvement Commission is one of three commissions managed by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

## **Approved 2021 Endorsement Rules**

### **Section 1. Endorsement Notice & Calendar**

Notice of endorsement meetings must be distributed to all members of the 34th Legislative District Democrats (“Organization”) at least 9 days before a meeting at which endorsements will be considered. If no endorsement meeting is scheduled, or if the prior-notice requirement has not been met, endorsements may be considered with the support of 80% of members present and voting. Endorsement meetings shall occur; prior to any special election, prior to the primary election, and prior to the general election.

### **Section 2. Eligible Nominees**

The Organization may endorse candidates for public office where the office’s jurisdiction includes any part of the [34th Legislative District](#) (“District”), including judicial candidates. The Organization may also endorse policy measures which would impact any part of the District. Drafts submitted must be presented as they will appear on the ballot in the form of a ballot measure, referendum, levy, initiative, or signature campaign. Candidates seeking endorsement:

1. Must be a Democratic candidate; and
2. Must complete the questionnaire assigned by the Organization and submit it to the chair of the Resolutions & Endorsements Committee. Judicial candidates need not answer questions that might breach the [Canons of Judicial Conduct](#). The questionnaire shall be the same for all candidates seeking the same office. Authorized questionnaires include:
  - a. Those published by the [King County Democrats](#), for which the Chair or a person appointed by the Chair is responsible for obtaining; or
  - b. Any questionnaire drafted by the Organization, for which the Resolution & Endorsements Committee is responsible for drafting.
    - i. The Resolutions & Endorsements Committee shall submit a draft questionnaire to the Board 60 days prior to the first endorsement meeting.
    - ii. The draft shall move to the membership with a majority vote of the Board.
    - iii. The draft shall be approved by the membership with a simple-majority vote at the next membership meeting following the Board vote.

### **Section 3. Eligible Speakers & Voters**

Only residents of the District who establish or renew their membership by the membership meeting prior to the endorsement meeting may speak or vote during an endorsement meeting. If a resident of the District was a member in the previous calendar year and renews their membership at the endorsement meeting, they may also speak or vote during the endorsement meeting. If a meeting occurs in a virtual setting, residents of the District who were members in the previous calendar year must renew their membership by 9:00 PM on the night before the endorsement meeting. Elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officers meet these requirements, and may speak or vote, as a consequence of their position. Only those votes of eligible voting members present at the endorsement meeting shall be counted. Speakers for or against motions to endorse must identify themselves prior to speaking. Any registration for meetings occurring in a virtual setting must include a members first and last name, email, membership status (PCO, member, or guest), a form of membership status verification for use during voting, and any other information required for accessing or participating during the meeting.



#### **Section 4. Recommendations by the Board**

With a quorum and two-thirds vote by Board members present and voting, the Board may recommend the endorsement or rejection of any eligible nominee. The Board may also recommend the endorsement of a set of eligible nominees, who shall be collectively considered for endorsement as a “block”.

1. Votes for a block shall be by show of credentials unless a motion to vote by other means is proposed, seconded, and passes with a simple majority vote.
2. If a voting member objects to a candidate’s inclusion in a block, the candidate shall be removed from the block but shall remain eligible for endorsement.

#### **Section 5. Voting Method**

The method of voting shall be a signed ballot for all non-block endorsement considerations (see Section 4). If a signed or electronic ballot is used, any ballot submitted which is unsigned, incomplete, lacking clear intent, or including invalid nominees will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast. The Chair may also, at their discretion, recommend voting by show of credentials for specific endorsements. If no voting member objects, voting on endorsements specified by the Chair shall be by show of credentials. If a voting member objects, a vote shall be called to vote by show of credentials; which must receive a simple majority vote of voting members voting to pass.

#### **Section 6. Motions & Speeches**

The Chair shall present, and consider motions regarding, any Board recommendations. Any seconded motion to endorse recommended nominees shall require a simple majority of voting members present and voting to pass. In the order determined by the Chair, the Chair shall call for motions to endorse candidates by office sought and any policy measure in the forms identified in Section 2.2. The endorsement vote for any office may only be called once all eligible nominees seeking that office have had an opportunity to be nominated. Motions for sole endorsement shall be out of order. Motions shall follow the following procedure:

1. Candidates
  - a. A voting member makes a motion to endorse a candidate.
  - b. A voting member may second the motion. If seconded, the motion is considered. If not seconded, the motion is not considered.
  - c. The person making the motion may speak for up to two minutes or cede all or part of their time to the candidate or a voting member.
  - d. A person opposing the motion may speak for up to two minutes.
  - e. If someone speaks against the motion, the person seconding the motion may speak for up to two minutes or cede all or part of their time to a voting member.
  - f. If a second person speaks in favor of the motion, a second person opposing the motion may speak for up to two minutes.
  - g. Speeches are heard for each candidate being considered for endorsement.
  - h. When speeches are complete, the Chair shall call for a vote.
2. Policy Measure -- Ballot Measures, Referenda, Levies, Initiatives, & Signature Campaigns
  - a. A voting member makes a motion to endorse a policy measure.
  - b. A voting member may second the motion. If seconded, the motion is discussed. If not seconded, the motion is not considered.
  - c. The person making the motion may speak for up to two minutes or cede all or part of their time to a voting member or a person representing a campaign supporting a policy measure.
  - d. A person opposing the motion may speak for up to two minutes.

- e. If someone speaks against the motion, the person seconding the motion may speak for up to two minutes or cede all or part of their time to a voting member or a person representing a campaign supporting a policy measure.
- f. If a second person speaks in favor of the motion, a second person opposing the motion may speak for up to two minutes.
- g. When speeches are complete, the Chair shall call for a vote.

## **Section 7. Voting Procedure**

For endorsements where the Board has made no recommendation, nominees require the approval of 60% of voting members present and voting to receive an endorsement. The Chair shall appoint an ad-hoc Tally Committee of at least three persons to certify and count votes. Each candidate included on a ballot may appoint up to two observers to oversee the certification and counting of votes.

1. First Ballot
  - a. All candidates seeking the same office nominated in accordance with the Organization's process (Section 6.1) and "no endorsement" shall be on the ballot.
  - b. If a nominee receives 60% of the vote, that nominee is endorsed. If "no endorsement" receives 60% of the vote, no nominee is endorsed.
  - c. If no choice receives 60% and there are:
    - i. Two or fewer nominees, no candidate is endorsed.
    - ii. Three or more nominees, the two with the most votes advance to a second ballot.
2. Second Ballot
  - a. The second ballot follows the same process as the first ballot.
  - b. "No endorsement" is no longer a valid vote.
  - c. If either nominee receives 60% of the vote, that nominee is endorsed.
  - d. If no nominee receives 60% of the vote, a third ballot is considered.
3. Dual Endorsement
  - a. If no candidate is endorsed in accordance with Section 7(1-2), a voting member may move to endorse both second-ballot candidates. If seconded, both candidates shall be endorsed with a 60% vote of voting members voting and present. If the motion does not meet the 60% threshold, neither candidate is endorsed.
  - b. For the purpose of expedience, a voting member may move to vote by show of credentials. If seconded, the motion shall be approved with a simple majority vote.
4. Policy Measure -- Ballot Measures, Referenda, Levies, Initiatives, & Signature Campaigns
  - a. First Ballot
    - i. Only the choices of "support", "reject", and "no position" are valid votes.
    - ii. If any choice receives 60% of the vote, that choice is endorsed. If no choice receives 60% of the vote, the two with the most votes shall advance to a second ballot.
  - b. Second Ballot
    - i. If either choice receives 60% of the vote, that choice is endorsed.
    - ii. If neither choice receives 60% of the vote, the Organization shall take no position.

## **Section 8. Reconsideration of Endorsement**

The Organization may reconsider endorsements using the methods and procedures outlined in these rules if the only candidate endorsed by the Organization fails to advance to the Primary or General Election, or any candidate receiving the Organization's endorsement violates the Organization's [Code of Conduct](#) or is found guilty of illegal activity.

## **Section 9. Publication & Support**

The Organization shall publish its endorsements in an email to members and newsletter, and on its website and social media accounts. It shall also commit to only supporting its endorsees. "Support" includes, but is not limited to; financial and in-kind contributions, doorbelling, and promotion activities.

## **Section 10. Review & Amendment**

These rules shall be reviewed prior to the first endorsement meeting in odd-numbered years by the Resolution & Endorsements Committee or other designated committee as assigned by the Chair. After committee review, the rules shall be considered by the Board and sent to the membership with a simple majority vote. They shall then be considered during the membership meeting following the Board's consideration and adopted with a simple majority vote.

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