

34th LD Democrats: Endorsement Meeting 2021

Tally Committee Report for the Endorsement Meeting on 11 August 2021

On Wednesday, 11 August 2021, the 34th Legislative District Democrats conducted a meeting to consider endorsements for Seattle Mayor, Highline School Board Position 2, and the City of Seattle Charter Amendment 29. The agenda was amended to include reconsideration of endorsement in the races for Seattle City Council Position 9 and Seattle City Attorney, as Brianna Thomas and Pete Holmes failed to advance to the General Election. This report will detail the procedures implemented to conduct the endorsements as well as document the results of each vote taken during this endorsement meeting.

Procedures

Attendees were able to vote via Zoom poll or text to the Tally Committee. The Tally Committee used a program to compare attendees voting to a comprehensive roster of eligible voting members. Ineligible votes were then marked “invalid” on the master list, and the vote totals were adjusted to reflect only valid votes.

The organization’s Bylaws & Rules allow for the proposal of a slate by the Executive Board which may include any candidate or ballot measure. If any member asks for the removal of a candidate or ballot measure from the slate, that candidate or ballot measure is removed, the slate is voted on as amended, and the candidate or ballot measure may still be nominated for endorsement separately from the slate. The vote for the slate was one of unanimous consent, so no ballot was necessary.

For all other endorsement considerations, the voting system was used for up to three ballots:

1. All candidates eligible and nominated for endorsement along with an option for “no endorsement”.
2. The two candidates earning the most votes without an option for “no endorsement”.
3. “Yes” or “no” for a dual endorsement of the top-two candidates.

If a candidate or “no endorsement” received at least 60% of the vote on the first ballot, that option was endorsed or chosen, and no additional ballots were considered. If no candidate received at least 60% of the vote, a second ballot was considered.

If a candidate received at least 60% of the vote on the second ballot, that candidate was endorsed and no additional ballots were considered. If no candidate received at least 60% of the vote, no endorsement was made but eligible voting members were allowed to make, second, and debate a motion for dual endorsement.

If no motion was made, there was no endorsement. If a motion was made and seconded, debate was held according to the Bylaws and a vote was taken. If dual endorsement did not receive at least 60% of the vote, no endorsement was made in that race.

Regarding endorsement votes for policy measures, the issue is debated in accordance with the endorsement rules and, following debate, the question is called with the valid votes being to (1) supporting adoption of the policy measure, (2) supporting the rejection of the policy measure, or (3) taking no position. The 60% threshold requirement and ballot processes are the same as with candidates for office without the option for dual endorsement.

Results

Seattle Mayor

	Candidate Names	Vote Tally	Percentage of Total
Ballot 1	Lorena Gonzalez	16	76.50%
	Bruce Harrell	52	23.50%
	No Endorsement	0	0.00%
	Total	68	100.00%

Highline School Board Position 2

	Candidate Names	Vote Tally	Percentage of Total
Ballot 1	Jennifer Fichamba	62	100.00%
	No Endorsement	0	0.00%
	Total	62	100.00%

City of Seattle Charter Amendment 29

	Candidate Names	Vote Tally	Percentage of Total
Ballot 1	Support CA-29	12	17.90%
	Reject CA-29	46	68.70%
	No Position	9	13.40%
	Total	67	100.00%

Seattle City Council, Position 9

	Candidate Names	Vote Tally	Percentage of Total
Ballot 1	Sara Nelson	15	25.40%
	No Endorsement	44	74.60%
	Total	59	100.00%

Seattle City Attorney

	Candidate Names	Vote Tally	Percentage of Total
Ballot 1	Nicole Thomas-Kennedy	40	70.20%
	No Endorsement	17	29.80%
	Total	57	100.00%

List of Endorsees

- Lorena Gonzalez (Seattle Mayor)
- Jennifer Fichamba (Highline SB 2)
- Reject (Seattle Charter Amendment 29)
- Nicole Thomas-Kennedy (SCA)