



## 34<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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### Chair's Message

#### Hello Neighbors -

I cannot write any sort of remarks for this newsletter without giving mention to the horrific events in Buffalo and Uvalde. As a lifelong Democrat, I actively support common sense gun laws. We have data which shows that this helps reduce gun-related deaths. I am outraged that our children are not safe at school. I am outraged that going to the grocery store is hazardous to life. So many elected leaders, including the Governor of Texas, continue to protect guns over people. It's time for this to stop. What are we doing to make it stop?

As we creep into the month of June, we see the election season upon us. So many plans and preparations are in the works! We hope you will carve out some time this summer to support getting out the vote in the 34th! There will also be activities coordinated by state party Coordinated Campaign field organizers. Keep an eye on our weekly emails for details. See the article in this newsletter which outlines our plans for the Primary.

In our next meeting on June 8th, we will make our endorsements for the cycle. See the article in this newsletter for details and make sure that you attend so that your voice can be heard in our endorsements. I have heard from several members that last year's endorsements didn't reflect their choices in the 2021 election. The only way you can impact our endorsements is to SHOW UP! We are a large organization and our participation in the endorsement process does not match our membership list. PLEASE take the time to join us so that we can reflect accurately what our membership wants. While I'm at it, encourage your like-minded friends to participate as well. If we grow our membership, we grow our voice.

I also want to remind you to keep the people of Ukraine in your hearts. While the 24 hour news cycle has a lot of other things to cover here in the US, the genocide that is happening in the Ukraine is raging on daily. Ukrainians are under constant attack in many western cities. Those who are not under attack live in fear. Support them how you can.

Lastly I want to thank all of our 44 delegates for their service, particularly those who have consistently attended our meetings and contributed to our platform and resolution submissions. I am excited for Convention in late June! It will be fun to meet in person with those delegates who attend the Tacoma events. Your dedication to representing the 34th is appreciated!

Hoping to see a BIG CROWD, including YOU on Zoom next week!

**Carla Rogers**

34th LD Chair - chair@34dems.org - 206-432-1998

**June 8, 2022**

**Meeting Notice**

**Register [HERE](#)**

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

**Opening Ceremonies & Chair's Remarks (10m)**

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes (2m)**

**Fundraiser Highlights (5m)**

**Endorsements (40-60m)**

- Board Proposed Slate
- King County Prosecutor
- WA House of Representatives, Position 1
- Seattle Municipal Court Judge, Position 3
- Seattle Municipal Court Judge, Position 7
- Motions from the Floor

**Program (During Vote Tally) (30m)**

**PCO Plans for the Primary Season (5m)**

**Convention Resolutions (10m)**

**Chair's Announcements (8m)**

**Good of the Order (5m)**

**Adjourn (9pm)**

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## Race to the 2022 Primary

We will vote in the Primary on **August 2nd!** This means that your 34th District leadership team is working together to map out our strategy and approach to the full election season. The Chair works with Nick Bonazza - PCO lead and others to form a plan. This year we will:

- Hold endorsements at our June 8th meeting, with the board submitting a slate including all unopposed or unopposed-by-a-Democrat candidates.
- Our endorsements will be included in our Primary walk piece postcard.
- The postcard will be available by July 9th.
- We will hold a **Primary GOTV Kick Off on July 9th** where PCOs will be asked to pick up their materials and start their canvassing. Volunteers will also doorbell with walk lists provided. Candidates will be invited to the event.
- Primary Canvassing will continue between July 9th and August 2nd.
- Any endorsements needing to be reconsidered, including any new initiative endorsements, will be handled at our August 10th meeting.
- Once our Primary is over, we will coordinate multiple field trips to the 8th Congressional District to support Dr. Kim Schrier in her US House race.
- We will share other opportunities to support national, state and local races in our weekly email, on our website and in our Slack channel #all-34th-banter.
- We will hold a special **General Election GOTV Kick Off at our September 14th IN PERSON membership meeting** where sample ballot door hangers will be available for pick up by our PCOs.
- General Election Canvassing will continue between Sept. 14 - Nov. 2nd.
- Election Day - November 2!

We hope that whether you are a PCO or volunteer, you will dedicate some of your free time to the 2022 election. If you'd like to get involved, please email [pco@34dems.org](mailto:pco@34dems.org).

## Lend a Hand?

We continue to look for board and committee support. If you have a small amount of time to share, please consider the following opportunities.

- Are you comfortable using technology (Google, Slack, email, social media, other tools)? We are looking for a few supporting players on the Communications, Membership & Hospitality and Resolutions committees. Put your valuable skills to work! Email the chair at [chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org).
- We are gearing up for the election cycle. If you are interested in supporting the coordinated campaign efforts in WA, we'd love your help! Email Nick Bonazza at [pco@34dems.org](mailto:pco@34dems.org).
- Volunteer to support our fundraiser in July. There are many opportunities to support this event - email Gina Topp at [gina.topp@gmail.com](mailto:gina.topp@gmail.com) to learn more and sign up!

**We can only succeed with your support.**





## Paint the Night Blue!

**Thursday, July 14th, 6-8pm at Arthur's in West Seattle**

It's been 2 long years since we have been able to get together to purposefully raise funds to support our important work. We will gather to raise funds to support the midterm elections. This is a big one folks. After the assault on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, a number of House Republicans voted to impeach Donald Trump on charges of inciting the violence. Two of those representatives are from Washington state. Both are up for re-election in the midterms later this year. Trump wants them gone and has endorsed Republican challengers in those races. That means the Evergreen

State has emerged as a prime target for Trump's revenge at the ballot box in 2022. We need to be sure that the 34th can afford to do our part in this important election.

Let's come together to raise a glass for all the positive things that have happened this year. We will have lots of ways for you to contribute. Every little bit helps us get Democrats elected!

All are welcome to attend our fundraising event. While it is important that we raise the funds to do our work; it is a value of our organization that everyone has an opportunity to participate and to feel welcome. We do not turn anyone away from participating. If you are unable to afford a ticket to the event we would love your contribution of time as a volunteer. In order for this event to be a success, we need many volunteers in many roles. If you are interested in volunteering (you will also have time to enjoy the event as well) please reach out to Gina Topp at [ginatopp@gmail.com](mailto:ginatopp@gmail.com).

**[Click HERE to buy your tickets today](#)** and mark your calendar!

## Outreach Committee Events for 2022

Things are beginning to open up after 2 years. Below is what we have scheduled...**so far**.

We continue to look for events where we can engage with the community to register voters, and promote our endorsed candidates and our organization. We hope this list will grow, let us know of other events. ***Come out and join in on these fun events this spring and summer!***

Contact [outreach@34dems.org](mailto:outreach@34dems.org) for more information



Burien Pride	Saturday, June 4	10am - 6pm	Burien Town Center Park
Burien Wild Strawberry Festival	Saturday, June 18	10am - 6pm	Burien Town Center Park
	Sunday, June 19	10am - 4pm	
Morgan Junction Festival	Saturday, June 18	11am - 1pm	Morgan Junction Park
Burien Independence Day Parade	Monday, July 4	3pm - 5pm	SW 153rd and 6th Ave. SW
West Seattle Grand Parade	Saturday, July 23	11am - 2 pm	California and Lander
Boulevard Park Block Party	Saturday August 13	12pm - 6pm	1832 S. 120th St.
Adopt-A-Street	Saturday, September	1pm - 3pm	16th Ave SW at Roxbury
B-Town Fiesta	Saturday, September 24	10am - 6pm	Burien Town Center Park



### 34th Dems Pop Up Social In Burien

**June 17th,**  
5:30pm to 8pm  
**Logan Brewing**  
510 SW 151st St.

### Your Executive Board Meeting For June is Wednesday the 15th, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

**Meeting is to be held at Chair's Home**  
Please email the chair if you'd like to attend  
[chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org)



## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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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 2022 newsletter will be Wednesday, June 29.**

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...

The May meeting agenda was packed full as we were presented with two resolutions, adopted a budget for 2022/2023, and reviewed and approved necessary changes to the bylaws.

Prior to the meeting, we heard from **Senator Joe Nguyen** and **Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon** as they ran through the highlights of this year's legislative session and took questions, particularly from our EELU (Environment, Energy and Land Use) and the Health Care policy caucuses. See their presentation [HERE](#).

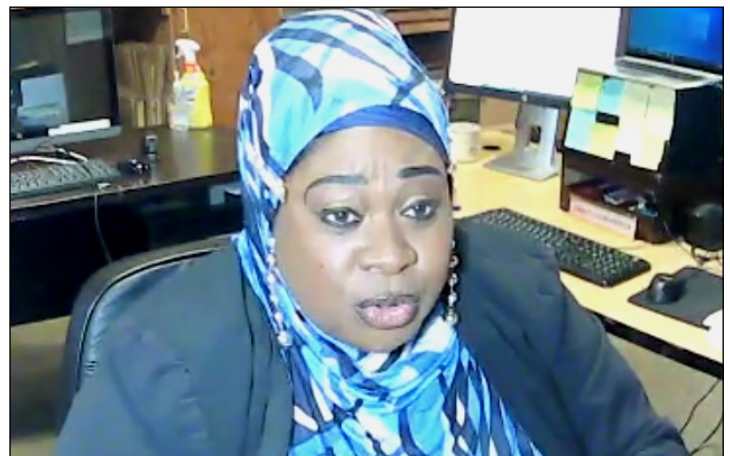
In opening remarks, **Chair Carla Rogers** spoke of the Supreme Court's imminent striking down of the Roe v Wade decision, proving that we are still living with much of the legacy of Donald Trump and his packing of the courts. We are facing the roll-back of decades of progressive rights – a woman's right to control her own body, and in some states, the ability to marry whoever we love. She is hopeful that we will see protests here that the 34th can participate in, and not just gripe on social media. This is the beginning of the 2022 campaign season...and she asked that we keep our eyes out for opportunities to be announced soon to work outside our district, and that we need to make a commitment to get involved.

**Rachel Glass** gave an update on planning for the July 14th fundraiser: "Teasers...a bit of an appetizer, then more of the main course will unfold as we get closer to the date!". There will be special drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions. Attendees are encouraged to wear blue in whatever way they wish...from casual to fancy to exotic and humorous. The committee is looking into entertainment and arranging for special speakers. They are also planning ways to raise money for the district, such as a raffle and a "raise the paddle" for various amounts.

Our 44 State Convention has been working to go through amendment submissions to the State Platform, we are allowed 39. This is the first time the State Party has allowed for this.

[Click HERE to see those amendments](#)

We are allowed to present 2, and it is hoped that other LDs can take ones that we don't submit. (See page 8.)



*Andrea Jarmon is running for King County District Court SW*

The Pop Up Social for May is to be in part of the new territory redistricted into our boundaries. We will spend the evening with **Dow Constantine** at the Georgetown Liquor Company.

The 34th Democrats will be co-hosting a debate for the open 34th LD House seat with the West Seattle Democratic Women on May 26th. Carla recognized and thanked **Ann Martin** (President of the WSDW), **Ted Barker**, **Chris Porter**, and **Jordan Crawley** are organizing this event. Candidates **Leah Griffin** and **Emily Alvarado** are facing each other.

The Endorsement Meeting will be June 8, and Carla put out a call for assistance behind the scenes during the Zoom meeting. There will be no meeting for July.

The Candidate Spotlight featured **Andrea Jarmon**, who is running for King County District Court Southwest. She spoke of her path to the bench started on the 174 bus, which she took as she ran from home as an adolescent escaping domestic violence, found mentorship, and made it through high school, college, then through law school.

We also heard from two candidates for the State Representative seat being vacated by Eileen Cody.

Introducing herself was **Emily Alvarado**. She is a lawyer, a graduate of the University of Washington's Gates Public Service Law Program. She served as the Director of the City of Seattle Office of Housing. She was also a community organizer with Planned Parenthood. She wishes to use her knowledge to address affordable housing at the state level.

**Leah Griffin** also spoke of her campaign for State Representative. We know her as the school librarian, who after a sexual assault, became an advocate for other victims and saw legislation she championed passed here in the state, and codified at the federal level. She would use her experience as an activist to take on health care and hospital mergers, with emphasis on reproductive rights and mental health, permanent supportive housing solutions for homelessness.

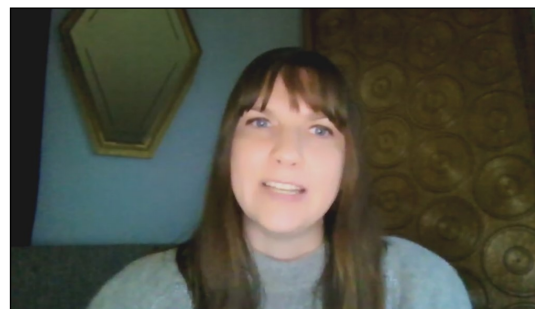
**(Griffin and Alvarado faced off in debate on May 26...If you missed it, click to see it [HERE](#))**

**Nick Bonazza**, our PCO Committee Chair, presented information about the upcoming filing week for candidates...especially PCOs. We now have 228 precincts across our newly reformed district. The term of current PCOs ends November 30. Those who clear the Primary assume office on December 1, for the 2023/2024 term. He pitched the reasons PCOs are essential to the Democratic Party and to our values.

**Ted Barker** rejoined the executive board as he was elected to fill in as the male KCDCC Committeeperson for the remainder of the year.

We passed to Resolutions: One was in support of an independent [feasibility and environmental impact study of a gondola system](#) to service West Seattle as an alternative to the proposed Sound Transit light rail extension. Tamsen Spengler made a motion to amend the resolution to remove language that stated that the gondola solution is the "preferred option of the 34th District Democrats". It passed with a show of hands. The second resolution was [in support of the "Keep Our Care" act](#), which would push back against the mergers and acquisition of hospitals, especially by religious organizations, which have limited providing certain services and medical procedures.

The final third of the meeting was devoted to Bylaws revisions. We added new content, modified it to match current practices. You can watch the meeting recording [HERE](#).



Leah Griffin



Emily Alvarado



Senator Joe Nguyen



Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

## June 8th Endorsement Meeting Process

We will hold our Endorsements meeting on June 8th beginning at 6:30pm. We will meet on Zoom - register at <https://bit.ly/June2022-MtgReg>.

**The primary business of this meeting is to select our endorsed candidates.** Our board will bring a proposed slate of candidates who are either unopposed (most of our Judicial candidates) or unopposed by a Democrat.

To get you ready for the big event, we wanted to give you details about the meeting and how we do our endorsements.

- We have endorsed Patty Murray and Steve Hobbs already. **All other endorsements will be handled at the June meeting of our membership - JUNE 8, 2022.**
- The meeting will begin at 6:30pm and the endorsements portion of the agenda will begin at approximately 6:45.
- The meeting will be held on Zoom only - you must register <https://bit.ly/June2022-MtgReg>.
- All those voting will be credentialed and must be a current 34th member or PCO living in the district. Any votes cast by non-members will be discarded.
  - Current members are those who have joined (first time) by May 11th or renewed (member last year) by June 7 at 6pm.
- Anyone may join the meeting as an observer, but you must register to receive the link.
- **In order to be considered for endorsement, candidates must have submitted a KCDCC Questionnaire by Sunday May 29th at noon. Candidates must be a Democrat (question on the questionnaire)**
- Candidates who miss this deadline may be considered for endorsement at our August 10th membership meeting.
- The board will bring a slate of uncontested or unopposed-by-a-Democrat candidates, which will be handled as a block vote on a single ballot.
- If any member or PCO rises to remove a candidate(s) from the slate, that motion will be granted with no second or vote required.

As of this writing we will have 4 separate votes and one slate vote.

- King County Prosecutor
- WA House of Representatives, position 1
- City of Seattle, Municipal Court Judge Position No. 3
- City of Seattle, Municipal Court Judge Position No. 7
- Slate includes all other races

Our full endorsement rules are here:

<https://34dems.org/endorsement-rules/>

**I have encapsulated the process for a contested race below:**

1. The Chair opens the floor for motions to endorse for a single race.
2. Eligible Voters make motions and seconds for candidates.
3. The Chair takes all motions for this position.
4. The Chair closes nominations.
5. The Chair asks for speeches for the motions in the order that they were made.
6. The maker of the motion has 2 minutes to speak FOR his/her motion.
7. Some or all of the 2 minutes may be ceded to the candidate.
8. The Chair asks if there is a speech AGAINST the motion.
9. If no one rises to speak AGAINST there is not a second FOR speech.
10. We hear up to 2 speeches FOR and 2 speeches AGAINST each candidate.
11. All speeches are completed.
12. We vote using the Zoom poll tool.

Candidates may request a particular 34th member to make the motion (and second) for their endorsement. Otherwise, the chair will select from raised hands.

Votes will be taken in Zoom polls. The tally committee will compare votes to our credentialed voter list and any invalid votes will be removed.

We will announce our endorsements on our website and in our weekly email, and we will be printing our PCO walk piece for distribution at our GOTV kick off on July 9th.

Candidate donations will be voted on at our September 14th meeting.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything! Please don't hesitate to reach out to [chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org) if you have questions. Let's have a smooth meeting!



# Join the I-1471 Signature Gatherer Team for Universal Healthcare!

A volunteer in a red T-shirt stands near the entrance to the West Seattle Farmers Market and asks, "Would you like to sign our petition to **put universal healthcare on the ballot** in Washington State?"

**"Absolutely,"** is the enthusiastic reply. And with the stroke of a pen, we're one signature closer to getting I-1471 on the general election ballot in November 2023.

I-1471 will establish the Washington Health Trust, a "single payer" to cover the healthcare expenses of Washington State residents, thus ensuring universal, high quality, comprehensive coverage, free at the point of service. Essential benefits include inpatient/outpatient care, prescription drugs, dental, vision, audiology, mental health, reproductive care, and more. Co-pays, deductibles, premiums, medical bills, and high prescription costs

disappear. And because restrictive provider networks will no longer exist, "out of network" charges are eliminated. We'll have more options when choosing a

doctor or healthcare provider. The Trust will be funded through a variety of revenue streams, the end result being cost relief for the vast majority of Washingtonians. To learn more, go to: <https://wholewashington.org/how-we-pay-for-it/>

Our health care system is broken. American spending on healthcare per person is more than *twice* the average in the world's other thirty-five advanced nations. Yet the U.S. ranks near the bottom among advanced nations for life span and infant mortality. Americans are sicker, our lives are shorter, and we have more chronic illnesses. Healthcare is so expensive that many Americans put off seeing a doctor until their health has seriously deteriorated. Even with the Affordable Care Act, some [30 million Americans have no health insurance coverage at all](#).

Healthcare is a human right, not a privilege. With no immediate clear path for passage of single payer healthcare at the federal level, Whole Washington has been fighting for transformational change at the state level too. Fortunately, we have the initiative process to bring critical issues directly in front of voters when progress stalls out legislatively.

This is the third attempt to get the required number of signatures to qualify for the ballot. It's not unusual for initiative campaigns to take more than one try to succeed, and the Delta surge cut our second attempt short. May 7<sup>th</sup> was the official kick-off for I-1471,

and the campaign has hit the ground running. "This time just feels different," said Jen Nye, Communications Director for Whole Washington. "The response has been overwhelmingly positive. People understand that our current system isn't sustainable, they know what Universal Healthcare means, and they're grateful to have a real say in making lasting change. The tide is truly turning. We have a legitimate opportunity to make history."

## Get Involved!

Whole Washington needs your help, and they are putting together a West Seattle signature team.

**Jen Nye** and **Karen Seeley** will work with you until you are comfortable. Working in pairs is a way you can make the task easier. They say that most people are very receptive to the initiative and are only looking for those "Yes's". You won't be expected to argue with the "No's". Any amount of time will be appreciated...every bit helps.

**To join up, Contact Jen Nye:**

[jen@wholewashington.org](mailto:jen@wholewashington.org)

Get Started this Tuesday!

**May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 - 8 PM**

**On Alki Beach**

We'll have a table set up, somewhere between the Alki Bathhouse and the Statue of Liberty, and they'll have petitions and other supplies available. You can meet other volunteers and learn the nuts and bolts of signature collecting. No experience necessary!



## State Democratic Party Convention Update

We are now less than a month away from the 2022 Washington Democrats Convention which will be held on June 24-26 in Tacoma. Our 44 Convention Delegates have been hard at work since the end of March. Most recently we voted on the 2 resolutions to send to the state to be considered by the full delegation. We received 5 to consider:

- 1) [Resolution Calling for a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Deaths of Tribal Children](#)
- 2) [A Resolution Calling for Passage of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act](#)
- 3) [Resolution Declaring and Responding to a Climate Emergency](#)
- 4) [Resolution in Favor of Publicly-Owned Utilities \(PUDs\) Replacing Privately-Owned Utilities and in Favor of PUDS' Incentivizing their Users to Go Green](#)
- 5) [Resolution in Support of the Keep Our Care Act](#)

I received 21 votes from our 44 delegates with #1 and #4 garnering the highest points. Our goal was to get as many submitted as possible so I worked with other districts to optimize. Truth and Healing was submitted by the 46th LD, which allowed our third highest score #3 to rise into our #2 spot. I also submitted the #2 Local Journalism Sustainability and #5 Keep Our Care Act to other districts who were looking for resolutions. At this writing I'm not sure which made it through. Thank you and congratulations to **Randy Litzenberger and Katherine Woolverton** for their work on the two submitted resolutions.

Our delegation will join over 1000 delegates from across the state virtually or in-person at the Convention in Tacoma. We thank all of our 44 automatic and elected delegates for their time and attention as we do the business of the state party. We are **RAISING OUR VOICES!**

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*Photos from the May Pop Up Social at the Georgetown Liquor Company, which is now in the 34th District.*



Nick Bonazza and Katherine Woolverton



Gina Topp and Chris Weiss



King Co. Prosecutor candidate  
Leesa Manion



Emily Alvarado, Dow Constantine, and Gina Topp

*Progressive yard signs seen around the White Center/Delridge area.*





## A Day of Action in the 8th District For Kim Schrier!

**Saturday, June 4th from 10am to 12pm**

There will not be a more tightly-contested congressional race in our state than in the 8th CD. The GOP has this district in its sights to put in in their pickup column. Here is an early chance to help keep Rep. Kim Schrier in this seat.

**Meet at Central Park in Issaquah, 1907 NE Park Dr, Issaquah, WA 98029**, to canvass to support Rep. Kim Schrier and other Democratic candidates. Speakers will include **Tina Podlowski**, Representatives **Lisa Callan** and **David Hackney**, Senator **Lisa Wellman**, and Black Diamond City Councilmember **Kristiana DeLeon**.

The sign-up link for anyone interested in volunteering can be found here:

[https://secure.ngpvan.com/cMha3z5BIEih6ISeRnK4\\_A2](https://secure.ngpvan.com/cMha3z5BIEih6ISeRnK4_A2)



Rep. Schrier with Lisa Plymate in 2018

## KCDCC Report for the Meeting of May 26, 2022

This meeting was an endorsement meeting, so in addition to the standard opening agenda items; Call to Order, Acknowledgement of Tribal Lands, Approval of Agenda and previous meeting Minutes (approved unanimously), a refresher on Zoom procedures including voting procedures was included to insure a smooth process.

During the Chair's Report, **Shasti Conrad**, the Chair of the King County Democrats, gave an account of how she was drawn to politics and her mother's role in her involvement. She also discussed her mother's recent passing and gave a heartfelt "thank you" to her "new family" in politics for the support and care they had shown in her in a difficult time.

She also mentioned filing for PCO's in King County was down 30% from 2020.

The last "opening item" was the adoption of a standing rule that limits debate to two speakers for and against each endorsement and the limit each speaker to two minutes time. This passed overwhelmingly.

Next up was the consideration of two resolutions:

### Supporting Whole Washington Heath Trust – Initiative 1471

### Resolution to Endorse Initiative 135 for Seattle Social Housing

Both passed unanimously without drawing a speaker against.

King County Democrats post their resolutions here:

<https://www.kcdems.org/our-party/resolutions/>

This was followed by a very brief Treasurer's Report. It was reported that we have \$83K in the bank. I apologize for my newness to this role, so I don't know if that is comparatively good or bad. I do know that compared to 5 or so years ago when I was last involved with KCDCC that sounds good, I also

know it's small change compared to the amount of money the King County Republicans raise.

At this point we moved onto the meat of the meeting, endorsements. Chair of the King County Democrats Endorsement Committee, **Rosemary Sutton** gave an overview of their process, questionnaire, interviews, etc. A copy of the full endorsement report follows. The committee put together a slate of recommended candidates. Note: For a person to receive the County endorsement if they are running for a seat that falls entirely in a single LD they have to get the LD endorsement first. In this election cycle this only applied to State Legislative races. The slate, minus three candidates pulled, passed overwhelmingly.

As is the 34<sup>th</sup>'s process, all it takes to pull a person from the slate for separate consideration is for one person to request it. Most notable among the pulled candidates was 9th Congressional Representative **Adam Smith**, who was subsequently endorsed by a separate vote.

The 36th LD dual-endorsed **Nicole Gomez** and **Jeff Manson** for State Representative Pos. 1. Because of KCDCC endorsement rules a dual endorsement cannot be part of the slate, therefore this race was considered separately. Voting options were Yes to a Dual endorsement or No endorsement at all. Dual endorsement passed unanimously.

There were votes on three additional candidates that were recommended by the committee contingent on their submission of the questionnaire.

The King County Democrats list their endorsements here:

[www.kcdems.org/our-party/e/2022-endorsements/](https://www.kcdems.org/our-party/e/2022-endorsements/)

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