

Minutes - 46th District Democrats General Meeting

Via Zoom - August 31, 2022

The chair attempted to call the meeting to order at 7:04, but there were over 100 late arrivals to the meeting, all of whom needed to be credentialled before the voting could begin. As the meeting was an endorsement meeting, the first order of business involved voting.

All voters were credentialled, and the meeting was called to order at 7:34pm.

1. The chair gave the Land Acknowledgement.
2. The Agenda was adopted.
3. The chair announced the technical team for the meeting behind the scenes, including Marty and Leah Ross as the Tally Team, Drew Pollom as Parliamentarian, Lori Shelden as Secretary, Brian Berry as Sergeant at Arms, and Shayna Daitch as timer. Debby Nissen will take votes from people who need to chat their votes instead of using the Google ballot. Vice Chair Andrzej Montano is available to answer questions and concerns via chat.
4. The Practice Vote was conducted. Technical issues were ironed out.
5. Endorsement Rules were briefly reviewed.
 - a. King County Charter Amendment 1 – KCC Member Rod Dembowski explained the measure, to move the King County elected offices to even year elections. Kathy Sakahara spoke in favor, and there were no speakers against. The voting was conducted.

Yes, endorse Charter Amendment 1	202	87.83%
No, do not endorse Charter Amendment 1	16	6.96%
Take No Action	12	5.22%
Total	230	

- b. King County Proposition 1 – King County Executive Dow Constantine explained the measure, to enact a levy to pay for projects related to Conservation and combatting future climate change. Rod Dembowski spoke in favor, and there were no speakers against. The voting was conducted.

Yes, endorse Proposition 1	209	91.27%
No, do not endorse Proposition 1	12	5.24%
Take No Action	8	3.49%
Total	229	

- c. 46th LD St Rep, pos 2: The two candidates who advanced to the Primary were given five minutes each to speak. They were then allowed 2 additional minutes to rebut their opponent or speak again on topics of their choice. After their remarks were concluded, voting commenced.

Darya Farivar	176	66.92%
Lelach Rave	106	40.30%
Take No Action	1	0.38%
Total	263	

As Darya Farivar received 66.92% of the vote, which is over 60%, she was endorsed on the first ballot.

- d. Change Voting System in Seattle for City Elections – Prior to the voting, a presentation was given on the issues the measure addresses. Chair Julie Anne Kempf explained the structure of the measure, with the two-part voting. Logan Bowers of the Approval Voting campaign, and Lisa Ayrault of FairVote Washington both presented on their competing proposals, and took questions after the informational presentations. The voting commenced.

Should Seattle change it's voting method?

Yes	144	88.89%
No	12	7.41%
Take No Action	6	3.70%
Total	162	

If approved, which type should be implemented?

1A - Approval Voting	26	16.05%
1B - Ranked Choice Voting	144	88.89%
Take No Action	6	3.70%
Total	162	

6. After discussion, the Resolution on Supporting a Phase-out of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers passed 71-3-1
7. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:17pm