

45th Legislative District Democrats

General Meeting Agenda

7:00 – 9:00 PM September 6, 2023
Zoom Virtual Meeting (Registration required)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlf-CrpjwE9fxmTLGbhyQ3M75pmBSGdkD>

Welcome and Call to Order – Karen Tennyson, Chair

- Indigenous Peoples Land Recognition
- Opening Comments from the Chair
- Agenda Review and Adoption

Review and approval

Visiting Elected Officials, Candidates, and Campaign Representatives

Invitation to speak 45th LD Endorsed candidates. Up to 1 minute each depending on timing; no more than 15 minutes total.

- (TBD)

45th LD – The Basics

- PCO Quorum Report – Christine Ackerman
- Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer’s Report – Christine Ackerman

Membership Vote

45th LD – Program (15 minutes)

- 2023 45th LD Legislative Accomplishments – Ken Albinger, 45th LD Legislative Action Chair

45th LD – Business

- 45th LD Bylaws Update: Review and Consideration (see addendum)
 - Article VII: Removal of Officers – Andrew Villeneuve
- Resolutions for membership: Review and consideration (see addendum)
 - Raising the Minimum Wage – Keith Krumm
 - Rank Choice Voting – Aaron Schrader
- Events and Call for Volunteers – Karen Tennyson
 - 45th Annual Picnic Report
 - GOTV – Walking for Candidates
- PCO Appointments: Call
 - Appointments and Captains

Membership Vote

Membership Vote

Membership Vote

Possible Membership Vote

Officer and Standing Committee Chairs Reports

- As needed

Good of the Order

- Membership call

Adjourn

Addendum (see below)

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE ON KING COUNTY'S EASTSIDE

Whereas many local workers earn low wages, including those working in restaurants, hotels/motels, landscaping, retail, nursing homes, janitorial, food delivery, and other work; and

Whereas housing in King County's Eastside cities and unincorporated area is extremely expensive, and we desire living in the area we work for climate and other reasons; and

Whereas wages fluctuate with changes in the labor market, public policies including interest rates, and other factors, so that current wages that are higher than the minimum cannot be guaranteed in the future; and

Whereas Seattle's 2023 minimum wage of \$18.69 is significantly higher than Washington State's 2023 minimum of \$15.74, and it is Washington State's that is the current minimum on the Eastside; and

Whereas increasing the money earned by the lowest-paid workers returns to the local economy and acts as a multiplier effect on any increase in their wages; and

Whereas Seattle has suffered no ill effects from raising its minimum wage (despite the predictions of its hospitality and retail business associations) and businesses continue to thrive as residents and employees have more income to spend; and

Whereas Sea-Tac and Tukwila have similar minimum wage ordinances as Seattle's, and efforts are currently underway to raise the minimum wage in Burien and Renton; and

Whereas King County Council is also beginning consideration of legislation to bring the minimum wage in unincorporated King County (where it has jurisdiction) to Seattle's level; and

Whereas Democrats have long sought to improve the compensation and standard of living of all working people.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That we urge our King County Council Members and the Mayors and City Council Members of the cities within our legislative district to pass minimum wage ordinances similar to Seattle's, including a small business phase-in; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That we shall promptly communicate this Resolution to these elected officials, with a request that they promptly reply to us with their intentions, and inform us when they will take action to pass such ordinances; and

Therefore, Be It Finally Resolved That we shall urge our members and other Democrats to send similar communications to these elected officials, and shall share this Resolution with adjacent Democratic District organizations with a suggestion that they take similar action.

Adopted by the 45th District Democrats on _____.

Signed by Chair _____

(Proposed by Kraig Peck for September 6, 2023 meeting of the 45th District Democrats)

Ranked Choice Voting for Presidential Primaries

Whereas we value primary elections that make best use of every vote cast and that are resilient to changes in the candidate field; and

Whereas 25% of Washington State's Democratic presidential primary voters effectively "wasted" their vote in 2020, because they cast their ballot for a candidate who dropped out of the race before Election Day¹; and

Whereas Washington State had the highest rate of "wasted" votes in the nation; and

Whereas Ranked Choice Voting solves this problem of wasted votes by allowing voters to list their backup choice in case their first choice drops out or doesn't reach the threshold for allocating delegates; and

Whereas the Democratic National Committee approved every Ranked Choice Voting delegate selection plan submitted in the most recent presidential cycle, and Maine is compelled by state law to use Ranked Choice Voting in their 2028 state-run presidential primary;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Legislative Action Committee advocate for the passage of legislation to allow voters to rank their choices in the presidential primary; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the 45th District Democrats' delegates advocate with the Washington State Democratic party to incorporate ranked choice voting in delegate selection; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the 45th District Democrats call on our Washington state representatives to support the passage of legislation to allow voters to rank their choices in the presidential primary; and

Therefore, be it finally resolved that a physical and digital copy of this resolution will be forwarded to our Washington state representatives.

Adopted by the 45th District Democrats on _____.

Signed by Chair _____

¹ <https://fairvote.org/early-votes-in-washington-were-more-likely-to-be-wasted/>

45th LD Officers and Standing Committee Chairs

- *Chair (Karen Tennyson):*
- *1st Vice-Chair (Kamil Zaidi):*
- *2nd Vice-Chair (Sanaz Saadat)*
- *Secretary (Becky Chaney):*
- *State Committee Members (Melissa Demyan, Andrew Villeneuve):*
- *King County Executive Board Delegates (Celia Wu, Vishal Misri); (Alternates Tara Van Niman, Ken Abinger):*
- *King County Young Democrat (Kamil Zaidi):*
- *Secretary (Becky Chaney):*
- *Treasurer/Finance Chair (Christy Ackerman):*
- *Administration and Rules (Keith Krumm):*
- *Communications (John Glover, Melissa Waldie):*
- *Data Management (Bryan Sullivan)*
- *Endorsement (Aaron Schrader)*

45th Legislative District Democrats Annual Calendar: 2023

DRAFT 2/21/2023

08.03.2023 August General Meeting

08.13.2023 45th LD Annual Picnic

08.22.2023 KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

08.28.2023 Eboard Meeting (preparation for September meeting)

09.06.2023 September General Meeting

09.25.2023 Eboard Meeting (preparation for October meeting) note: Yom Kippur

09.26.2023 KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

10.04.2023 October General Meeting

10.19.2023 General Election, Drop-boxes open

10.23.2023 Eboard Meeting (preparation for November meeting)

10.24.2023 KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

11.01.2023 November General Meeting

11.07.2023 General Election, Voting Deadline

11.27.2023 Eboard Meeting (preparation for December and January meetings)

11.28.2023 KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

12.06.2023 December General Meeting

12.??2023 Holiday Party

12.26.2023 KCDCC Executive Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

01.03.2024 January General Meeting

To be determined: Additional State Party Meeting dates, Election celebrations etc