

Proposed Agenda for the April 22, 2020 Video Meeting of the 46th District Democrats:

- 7:00pm Welcome & Acknowledgements & Adoption of single-meeting rules (Julie Anne Kempf)
- 7:03pm Explanation of online voting (JAK)
- 7:10pm Appointments of PCOs (Marty Ross)
- 7:15pm Review of endorsement rules (Betsy Walker)
- 7:20pm Endorsement Program (Betsy Walker)
1. Unopposed by 46th Qualified Democrat Slate: US Rep CD 1 Suzan DelBene, State Supreme Court Justice G. Helen Whitener, State Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, State Rep Gerry Pollet, State Rep Javier Valdez, Superior Court Judge David S. Keenan, Superior Court Judge Douglass North,
 2. US Rep CD 7: Jack Hughes-Hageman, Pramila Jayapal
 3. Lieutenant Governor: Denny Heck, Marko Liias
 4. King County Superior Court Pos. 13: Hillary Madsen, Andrea Robertson
- 9:30pm Adjourn

Proposed Standing Rules for Debate for the April 22, 2020 Video Meeting of the 46th District Democrats:

Rules of Debate:

1. Each motion shall be identified and restated by the Chair prior to the commencement of debate on that motion.
2. Debate on endorsements is limited by the standing endorsement rules. Each candidate gets on two-minute presentation to use as they wish, and that is the extent of debate on candidates.
3. Other motions shall be limited to two speakers pro, and two speakers con, not to exceed two minutes per speech. A single speaker's right to speak longer than 2 minutes may be extended by a specified number of minutes by a 2/3 majority vote.
4. Debate may be extended, if the body wishes, on each motion with a motion to add two additional pairs of speakers pro and con not to exceed 90 seconds per speech. This motion requires a simple majority to pass.
5. The same number of pro and con speakers shall be recognized. When pairs of speakers pro and con are exhausted, debate is closed on the motion on the floor, regardless of whether there are additional single speakers remaining with no opposing counterpart.
6. Each speaker may only speak once on each motion.
7. To keep the meeting moving, the chair may ask for unanimous consent on any motion which appears purely administrative or non-controversial. If any member objects, the motion is decided by a regular vote.
8. Speakers shall be recognized alternating pro and con, in the order they raise their virtual hand, unless the maker of the motion or the rules chair wishes to speak to the motion, then they will be recognized as the first speaker, and other speakers consecutively thereafter.
9. Debate must be limited to the merits of the specific motion that is being debated, not the general subject. If both a main motion and an amendment to that motion are on the floor, the discussion must be limited to the amendment. After the amendment is voted on, the discussion will then be limited only to the main motion as amended (if the amendment has passed).
10. Members are encouraged to listen actively, speak respectfully, and assume good intent during debate. All speakers shall strive to be courteous to each other. Hard conversations are valuable. We can disagree without being disagreeable.

Video Equivalents to In-Person Actions during the Meeting:

1. To participate as a speaker in the meeting, members must properly identify themselves in the “name” function on Zoom. We (the chair, meeting host, secretary, or tally chair) cannot recognize “user”, “owner”, numeric sequences, or other non-personal names.
2. The “raise hand” indicator in Zoom shall not be used as a meeting cue, as the chair and the meeting host cannot see people in real time when there are multiple panels of participant screens, and there is risk of improperly recognizing members out of order. All indications that a member wishes to be recognized and speak shall be through Zoom chat, with the exceptions noted in Rules 5 and 6 below.
3. To speak generally, a member must be recognized by the chair of the meeting as the next speaker. Members raise their hands by typing into the chat function of Zoom: “Hand” or “Hand Up”. The Zoom chat name function identifies the speaker.
4. To speak to a specific motion, pro or con, the member shall type into the Zoom chat, for example: “Hand. Pro on amendment on website information” or “Hand. Con on amendment on Handling of Ballots”
5. To raise a point of information, a point of order, call for a division of the house, an appeal to the ruling of the chair, or any other motion which may be called out during an in-person meeting without obtaining the floor under Robert’s Rules of Order, the member shall unmute their microphone, and state (for example) “Point of Order”, “Point of Information” or “Division of the House”, etc. The chair will ask the speaker to identify themselves and state their inquiry or motion.
6. A motion may be seconded by unmuting one’s microphone and calling out “second”. The speaker may be asked to identify themselves if their identity is not readily apparent to the secretary or chair.
7. There shall be three means of voting:
 - a. To keep the meeting moving, the chair may ask for unanimous consent on any motion which appears purely administrative, housekeeping, or non-controversial. If any member objects, the motion is decided by a regular vote.
 - b. For votes that require a count, which would customarily be taken by a hands or credentials up count during an in-person meeting, the vote shall be taken by all members wishing to vote typing “yes” or “no” into chat. Chat is visible to all meeting participants. If a participant uses the alternate terminology “aye”, it shall be counted as a “yes”, and “nay” shall be counted as a “no”.

Multiple members on the same video link: If your household has multiple district members, the optimal situation is that each member logs in on their own device (laptop, desktop, tablet, smartphone, etc.) However, that is not an option for some households. If multiple members must use the same link, when voting via Zoom chat, please vote once for each member, clearly identifying in your chat text which member is voting (eg. Chat 1. Tom Smith, yes; Chat 2. Mary Jones-Smith, no)

 - c. If a written ballot, or secret ballot is moved for a specific vote, and passes (requires a simple majority), the following process shall be used. Using the voting link sent with their credential, the voter shall type their vote into the link, identify themselves with their credential number, and send their vote directly to the Tally Chair. The Tally Chair shall tabulate the ballots. The Tally Chair may only reveal the voting data to the Data Officer designated for the meeting, and only if there is a technical problem with the vote. Only the Tally Chair, and if needed, the Data Officer, shall be able to see how specific voters voted, and shall not disclose this information, nor shall any district member or officer ask for this information.