



**OFFICIAL CALL TO FILL A DEMOCRATIC VACANCY IN THE 33rd LD STATE SENATE AND POSSIBLE
VACANCY IN THE 33RD LD STATE HOUSE**

Pursuant to the Charter and Bylaws of the Washington State Democratic Party, to the Washington State Democratic Party's [Procedures for the Nomination of Candidates for Filling Vacancies in Single or Multiple County Legislative Districts](#) and to Amendment 52 of the Washington State Constitution, I am hereby calling a Special Caucus of the Precinct Committee Officers of the 33rd Legislative District for the purpose of selecting nominees for the appointment to fill the vacancy in the State Senate that has occurred with the announced resignation of State Senator Karen Kaiser.

The special caucus will be held on:

Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 10:00am
International Aerospace Machinists Hall, District 751
9125 15th Pl S, Seattle, WA 98108
& [via Zoom here](#), +12532158782,,82414576683#,,,,*413986#

If the selected candidates could create a vacancy in the state House, at this meeting the PCOs may also select nominees to fill that possible House vacancy at this same meeting.

This is an in-person meeting with virtual components. All balloting will be conducted virtually using Google Forms and secured with assigned Unique Voting Identification Numbers, distributed to you with this notice. Those participating virtually will be able to participate in balloting and follow along with speaking but will **not** have the ability to make motions or speak in debate.

In compliance with the *Procedures for the Nomination of Candidates for Filling Vacancies in Single of Multiple County Legislative Districts* section 12, this meeting notice also serves to confirm that voting method three for the selection of candidates **will** be available for PCOs to select at the meeting on December 7*.

Only duly elected 33rd Legislative District PCOs elected during the 2024 August Primary are eligible to vote in this process. I have enclosed a copy of the procedures we will use in filling the senate vacancy, as well as the agenda for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Barksdale,
Acting Chair,
King County Democratic Central Committee



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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Statement of the Purpose of the Special Caucus
3. Roll Call of the Precinct Committee Officers eligible to vote
4. Appointment of Parliamentarian, Secretary, Tally Committee, Timekeeper and Sgt. At Arms
5. Reading of the "Procedures for Nomination of Candidates"
6. Selection of Balloting Method
7. Senate Candidate Nominations
8. Lot Drawing for Candidate Order of Declarations of Candidacy
9. Declarations of Candidacy
10. Balloting
11. Report of the Tally Committee
12. Announcement of the results, including ranking of the nominees
13. ***Potential House Candidate nominations and election process**
**Only if currently serving Rep. Gregergson or Rep. Orwall seek nomination and receive recommendation to the appointment*
14. ***Report of the Tally Committee**
15. General Announcements
16. Adjournment



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**Regarding voting method three (Ranked Choice Voting)*

Section 16 of the *Procedures for the Nomination of Candidates for Filling Vacancies in Single of Multiple County Legislative Districts* outline the process through which ties will be broken. This section contains ambiguity, and as a result we are providing the interpretation of the section that will be used during the meeting in the event of a tie in balloting.

During the ranking of candidates, if three or more candidates are still in contention (have not been eliminated and had their first-choice votes redistributed) and a tie occurs in an elimination step between two or more remaining candidates, then a *new* ballot will be issued with only those candidates that are tied. Voters will vote for *one* of those candidates, and the candidate that receives the least votes will be the one eliminated in that round of redistribution.

During the ranking of candidates, if *only* two candidates are still in contention (the final round of redistribution), then the prior rounds of ranking will be returned to, and the candidate to receive a majority *between the two remaining candidates* of votes in the earliest round of redistribution will be elected. In the event that this is not determinative then it will be decided by lot.

Ex. Candidate A and Candidate B tie in the final round of redistribution. To break the tie, we look at the *initial* first-choice votes cast for each candidate. The candidate who received more votes in this initial first-choice tally would break the tie. Should they be tied in that first round, then we would add in the number of *second-choice* votes each candidate received, and so on until a candidate received more votes.