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Charlene Rawson, Chair

**General Meeting**  
August 23, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Everett Labor Temple  
2812 Lombard Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

- Call meeting to Order
- Sargent at Arms takes charge of the door
- Flag Salute
- Roll Call of Officers
- Welcome and Introduction of Elected Officials in Attendance
  - Mike Sells, June Robinson, John McCoy, Judy Tuohy, Brenda Stonecipher, Cassie Franklin
  - Legislators Update
  - **Senator McCoy Update:** No resolution to the Herst decision so Republicans will not move Capital budget. Leading in the race to flip the 45<sup>th</sup>! This would help resolve the standstill. Question status of McCleary decision. Reply: some school districts report that they are not using the same set of numbers and that is being resolved. Goal that no school district is losing money.
  - **Representative Mike Sells**-final budget at 3 am. Parts he didn't agree with, he is checking with the school districts to check on the data discrepancy. They accomplished something great-Family Medical Leave act! Business community came to the table. June was the co-sponsor. June negotiated the bill with both sides. Capital budget passed 99-2 in House. 45<sup>th</sup> district will change the dynamic in the next session. Question on transportation committee and sound transit taxes on resident's paying tax and not voting on that change. Mike not aware of that shouldn't be taxed if couldn't vote on it. Comment ins support of WSU building and data analytics.
  - **Representative June Robinson**-Part of budget negotiations, got paid family leave-having businesses there was a catalyst. Complicated policy-how much leave, who takes it, define family, etc. 12 weeks of paid leave on the birth or placement of a child, 4 more for pregnant women, also acts as short-term disability for all WA workers. Chair of appropriations committee-involved in negotiations for budget. Able to win contentious points in budget, e.g.: early learning for kids, modest increase in homeless services. Difficult budget year with significant wins. Big issue was paying for public schools. Had to agree to the Republicans property tax. Question on carbon tax. She thinks there will be a carbon tax in the future. Thank you from Joseph as a teacher for supporting public ed. Question on mileage tax/gas tax and is that changing. Response-it's a declining revenue source, some looking at paying per mile, this is not popular. Question on female managers and FMLA -is the loss of time from family leave taken into account. June-we can't legislate a solution to that. Men can take leave also, it's voluntary. Suggestion to put tax on tire and not gas.
    - Mike-gender equity bill passed in house but not Senate.
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- Adoption of last Meeting's Minutes
  - Ken Hansen.-Correction to minutes-election for County Male Representative was not shown. He contests the election because he claims there was not an announcement of the election per by laws.

- Chair would like to address the contention with the exec board. Notice was made at June meeting and sent out. Looking into if there is a need for written ballots. May need to re-do in Sept. Comment that we make sure the process is in place for next time. If we violated our by laws we will redo the election in Sept.
    - Motion to approve minutes-Jon/ seconded by Hillary. Motion passed. 1 abstain
- Adoption of this Meeting's Agenda
  - Jon Peebles motion to approve/Hillary Pirtle second/passed.

**Commented [MD1]:** Charlene may need to clarify.

#### 1. Endorsements

- a. Charlene Rawson steps down as facilitator and Hillary Pirtle runs endorsements in place of Mary Rollins who is out of town. Hillary explained the process for endorsements and the process for question/answer. Only members and PCOs can ask questions.
- b. Report of Endorsement Committee
  - i. Greg Lineberry gave the report from the Endorsement Committee and the process of the committee and the research undertaken.
    1. In summary, the committee recommended endorsement for Judy for her long history in Everett, qualifications and strong endorsements from local democrats. Judy supports districts and is a strong democrat.
    2. Cassie does not support the Everett Districts plan and has undermined the process. Voted in favor of a cannabis moratorium. Committee members questioned her selection of Nicole Webber, a legislative aid and campaign manager for Baumgartner. Concerns with direct concerns of Cassie's involvement with Republican Party and Republican support. Recommendation against endorsing Cassie Franklin.
- c. Everett Mayoral
  - i. Judy Tuohy
    1. Chris Glans moved to endorse Judy Tuohy for Mayor. Seconded.
    2. Asked for further motions to endorse (3 times). No other motions.
    3. Candidate Tuohy introduced herself and gave her background. Gave more information on her work on the council-voted against sit/lie ordinance, assistance for water bill, worked to expand library, neighborhood liaisons. Cares about neighborhoods, all residents and honored to be endorsed by Brian Sullivan and June and unions.
      - a. Question from Victor Harris: will you expand commissions and citizen involvement? Yes, she will expand and work on improving diversity.
      - b. Question from Chris Glans: He works in social services and appreciates her ideas for day center, what will you do to hit the ground running? She has looked at existing models and will work with agencies to pull that together.
      - c. Question from David Simpson: President wants to cut community grants, will you ensure money keeps coming in and get to local communities. Response-yes Judy will work on this.
      - d. Question from Megan Dunn: voting rights and what have you done to support districts? Voting rights are essential, this is a

- citizens initiative and they need to have right to vote on districts and she will stand by that.
- e. Question from Doug Evans:-wages and housing/minimum wage. Where do you stand on \$15/hour? She is for it and for closing the gap for the working poor. Voted for increase in min wage. Raise money to offset and pay workers more.
- ii. Some discussion. Motion to endorse Cassie from the floor by Kevin. Seconded by Zach.
    1. Candidate Cassie Franklin gave introduction. She serves on boards as part of her work and city council. She will work to increase transparency, and will work for community. She has endorsements from unions and others.
      - a. Question from Nathan Pirtle: police reform and body cameras and independent oversight board. She supports body cams, concerns with expense. More that needs to happen. Help department be racially aware.
      - b. Question from Young Dems: Can you address the Republican accusations. She did speak at an event for Sam Low and donated, it's a nonpartisan race and has endorsements from others.
      - c. Question from Kara Briggs: -work in constituency served at cocoon house and how that has impacted service on council. She is very passionate about that and working on her succession plan. Team that works with kids are the heroes. Supports a stronger youth advisory.
      - d. Question from Megan Dunn: It's not clear based on your voting record-voted against cannabis/economic development, against voting rights and districts. What progressive policy would you support? Safe cities and fiscally moderate democrat, she claims to have voted for districting commission (confusion on this comment).
      - e. Question from David Simpson: Do you have people of color on your staff? Can you supply? Yes, she has diversity at cocoon house, not as diverse as population we serve.
  - iii. Point of order-the motion to endorse was out of order, it was done later. Curt-two motions on the floor at one time. Have on motion at a time. Both candidates asked to leave the room and any paid campaign staff.
    1. Discussion on vote on endorsement of Judy Tuohy.
    2. Curt moved to amend motion for a sole endorsement for Judy. Laura seconded. Discussion and parliamentary discussion.
    3. Curt Eidem describes a sole endorsement. Does not dilute the voice.
    4. Call the question-Paul Benz
      - a. Vote passed to call the question.



