**Chair’s Report – June 24, 2021**

Our community, and more specifically the Port Gamble S’Klallam tribe, lost a valuable and venerable elder, Ted George this past month. Our condolences to his family and tribe for their loss.

Arrangements were made to have our 23rd LD delegation, Senator Rolfes and Representative Tarra Simmons, provide us with an update on the past legislative session.

The bulk of the time was spent on reading and interviewing candidates for various local races. There are three races for the Bainbridge Island City Council, two races for the Bremerton city council, one race for mayor and one race for Bremerton municipal court judge.

The 23rd LD requires that candidates submit requests to the chair for such consideration. Endorsement questionnaires are sent in response with a deadline for submittal. Only those who have been previously endorsed and are seeking the same position do not need to fill out the questionnaire. They are, along with those whose questionnaires have been received, were invited to the 23rd E-Board meeting for a 20-minute interview on Zoom.

The E-Board voted to send the following recommendations to the LD membership:

**Proposed Endorsements**

Bainbridge Island city council

* Joe Deets\* – opponents: Lisa Mandelkorn, Ron Peltier, *Dennis Miller*
* Brenda Fantroy-Johnson\* – opponent: *Chris Smith*
* Clarence Moriwaki – opponents: Sal DeRosalia, Rasham Nassar\*

Bremerton city council

* Jennifer Chamberlin – opponent: *Tony Stephens*
* Johannes Schonberg – opponents: *Jeff Campbell, Jeff Coughlin, Craig Houston, John Johanson, Jim McDonald, Melissa Watkinson*

Bremerton Mayor

* Greg Wheeler\* – opponent: *Bill Broughton*

**\***incumbent

Proposed No Action – Bremerton municipal court judge

* Tom Weaver – opponent: *Tracy Flood*

***Those listed in italics are people who did not request an endorsement.***