



Monthly General Meeting Agenda

May 12, 2025, 7 PM – 8:30 PM

[Online via Zoom](#)

Meeting Announcement for Next Month: All General Meetings Are the Second Monday of Each Month at 7PM

WHAT TO EXPECT

Stay united, supportive, and kind.

If you see Democrats dividing against one another, ask them to unite against MAGA.

Stay on topic.

Be respectful of others' time and others' chance to talk.

If meeting by Zoom, all participants will be muted and raise hand to be recognized.

Members intending to offer action items are kindly asked to let the Chair know 48 hours in advance.

Efficient business meeting in first 60 minutes. Creative Chairs' Round Table in last 30 minutes.

Enjoy the meeting and help us ***get more people to vote for Democrats!***

AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING: Expect an efficient meeting to cover many updates and decisions quickly.

1. Call to order (Tim)
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance (Tim)
 - b. Land acknowledgment; review expectations (Patricia)
2. Approve this meeting's agenda and prior meetings' minutes (Donna)
3. Recognize elected officials and new guests (Matt)
 - a. New guests, please enter your name and email in the chat and we'll stay connected!
4. Approve PCO Appointments (LaDonna)
 - a. Legislative District Chairs, please make sure all potential nominees have read our [Voter Contact Expectations Policy](#), which states:
"To help us all work toward victory as an organized team, every new PCO recruited will be invited to participate when seeking confirmation at the Clark County Democrats General Meetings. This helps to ensure we are all working together as a team toward the same goals."
5. Update: Glen Yung and Matt Little joining with Michelle Belkott in disappointing county vote (Donna)
6. Review draft plan, press release, and letter: (Tim)
 - a. 60% plan

- b. Draft press release
- c. Draft letter on economy and campaign finance

7. Updates:

- a. Ogden Dinner (LaDonna)
- b. Office (Donald)
- c. Forward Friday (Hector)
 - i. Monthly rotation order is 18th LD, 20th LD, 17th LD, 49th LD, then repeat
 - ii. DISCUSSION: Should we pause after May?
- d. General meeting on June 9 at 7pm will be in person! (Donna)
- e. Treasurer (Patricia)
- f. State Committeepersons (Leah and Hector)
- g. Community Liaisons (Matt)
- h. Election Observers Committee Chair (**Vacant**—need a volunteer)
- i. Volunteer and PCO Coordinator (**Vacant**—need a volunteer)

8. Announcements and good of the order

9. **8:00 CHAIRS' ROUNDTABLE:** Reports from the Legislative District Chairs and brainstorming with the members

10. Adjourn at 8:30

ATTACHMENT A

Additional links and options for the Zoom meeting

Clark County Democrats is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Clark County Democrats' General Zoom Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87368150460?pwd=a7lkXofu3MZnkhLWJaBF0ZGWlv0YTx.1>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kd66dn9sHr>

ATTACHMENT B

The Sixty Percent Strategy

Friends, we stand for values that over 60% of Americans agree with: the economy, the Constitution, and common decency. In 2026, we can flip four more seats in the 17th and 18th districts—simply by agreeing with that large majority—and keep turning Clark County blue.

Our commitment to working families is unwavering. We will fight for stronger unions, ensuring workers have the power to negotiate fair wages and better benefits. We will push for higher wages that keep up with the cost of living and expanded benefits that provide security for families.

We oppose the reckless Republican push to cut Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security—lifelines that millions rely on. We will fight to protect and expand these essential programs.

Housing remains a critical issue, and we will streamline permitting to speed up affordable housing construction, cutting red tape that stalls progress. Every family deserves access to affordable homes.

Healthcare must be accessible and affordable. Anyone struggling to find coverage should be able to buy into Medicare, ensuring no one is left without care.

Internationally, we will work to strengthen fair trade agreements with allies that support American workers. We will block authoritarian dictators like Putin and Xi Jinping from international markets until they move decisively toward the rule of law, human rights, and democracy. We stand firmly with Ukraine and other democratic nations.

We must also reclaim our democracy. We will protect Constitutional checks and balances established by our founding fathers, and work to remove billionaire influence from elections, ensuring that power stays with the people, not the money.

Finally, common decency is strength, not weakness. We will restore emergency nutrition for starving children, HIV and malaria medicines to people who are dying without them, and civil rights for all colors, creeds, and cultures to be safe, valued, and embraced in the rich American tapestry.

Democrats have a proven record of balancing budgets, reducing crime, supporting first responders and veterans, and creating middle-class jobs. By staying laser-focused on the economy, the Constitution, and common decency, we will secure victory in 2026 and keep turning Clark County blue!

Please reply and let me know what you think.

Forward together,

Tim

DRAFT

Bipartisan support sought for child nutrition and HIV medication

Media Advisory

May 13, 2025

Contact: Tim Probst, Chair, chair@clarkcountydems.com

The Clark County Democrats are seeking bipartisan unity to support President George W. Bush's PEPFAR program; and to ship 400,000 boxes of already-approved emergency food.

Our local Unity Platform begins with these words. "Our Unity Platform respects Democrats and non-Democrats alike... We love Clark County, and we respect all who live here. We also believe in America, and that is why we seek unity over partisanship."

In that spirit of respect, we ask all elected officials in Clark County to sign on to this letter before May 31. Via this media advisory, we ask any interested organizations or individuals to ask the elected officials you work with to sign on. We will then send it to the White House and the Washington State Congressional Delegation. There is much more that unites than divides us, and common decency is one of those unifying principles.

If you are an elected official in Clark County or representing all or part of Clark County, please sign on to this letter by May 31, by sending a short request to sign on to admin@clarkcountydems.com, along with your name, elected position, and party preference or nonpartisan status as you would like it to appear on the letter.

The Clark County Democrats seek your support for this specific letter, and we thank all of you for your public service.

Dear President Trump and members of the Washington State Congressional Delegation:

We write today to seek your support for President George W. Bush's PEPFAR program, the Presidential Emergency Program for AIDS Relief; and for releasing 400,000 boxes of emergency nutrition for starving children that have been approved by President Trump and DOGE but have not been shipped.

The White House and Elon Musk have publicly supported continuing shipments of ready-to-use therapeutic food, or RUTF, to save the lives of innocent children who are starving. However, the current shipment of over 400,000 boxes has stalled for months, because DOGE employee Jeremy Lewin has not yet signed the last form to authorize shipment. This single shipment can save over 400,000 lives. We ask you to instruct Mr. Lewin to sign the form, so two American companies can ship this emergency food. We also ask you to continue the contracts for supplying this food, since both American companies, Edesia in Rhode Island and Mana Nutrition in Georgia, have been told their future contracts might or might not be continued. America can afford to send this inexpensive fortified peanut paste to save over 400,000 human lives with a single shipment, and even more with future inexpensive contracts.

At the moment, the White House has defunded President George W. Bush's PEPFAR program. In a very

real sense, this takes life-saving retroviral medications away from 20 million mothers, children, and men with HIV, many of whom will die because that medicine was taken away. The White House has indicated life-saving interventions can continue. However, due partially to confusion and lack of clarity from the White House, HIV and AIDS treatment has been shut down across 50 organizations in 16 countries. Twenty million people rely on PEPFAR for HIV treatment. We do not want to suddenly take life-saving medicine away from 20 million HIV patients. We ask the White House to express its clear support for continuing President George W. Bush's PEPFAR program and request for Congress to include it in the federal budget.

The budgets for these programs are small. PEPFAR is less than one-tenth of one percent of U.S. spending. For a family making \$100,000 per year, that would be \$8 per month. To date, PEPFAR has saved 26 million lives and protected 8 million babies from being born with HIV. While people may have differences about many issues, removing life-saving medicine from 20 million people should not be one of them. Suddenly stopping this medicine will cause millions of deaths. Failing to ship the 400,000 boxes of emergency food will cause hundreds of thousands of deaths.

Please instruct Jeremy Lewin at DOGE to authorize these emergency food shipments; please extend the contracts for future emergency food shipments; and please clearly state the White House's support for PEPFAR and your plans to fully fund it in the federal budget. We look forward to your affirmative reply.

Sincerely and in unity,

Elected Officials of All Parties, Independents, and Nonpartisan, from Clark County, Washington

[Signatories: Name, office, party preference or nonpartisan]

References:

[Devex Dish: Red tape is preventing lifesaving food from reaching kids | Devex](#)

[Musk Said He Would Protect Lifesaving Aid for Kids. It Quietly Got Canceled. - The Atlantic](#)

[The end of AIDS is in sight: don't abandon PEPFAR now](#)

[25 million deaths: what could happen if the US ends global health funding](#)

[PEPFAR delivers outsized returns—it deserves more funding](#)

DRAFT

Dear Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez,

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the General Membership of the Clark County Democrats, I am writing to request your support and partnership on several critical priorities that deeply affect the people of Southwest Washington and reflect key elements of our local Unity Platform.

1. Protecting Local Jobs Through a Stable International Trade Strategy

As the most trade-dependent state in the country, Washington's economy—and the jobs of your constituents—are directly impacted by today's unstable international trade policies. We respectfully ask you to write to Senator Cantwell, in her role as the senior Democrat on the Senate Commerce Committee, to begin a coordinated legislative effort aimed at:

- Rebuilding our strategic trade relationships with democratic allies
- Applying economic pressure on authoritarian regimes to respect human rights and democratic norms
- Securing high-quality, stable jobs for Southwest Washington

We hope you will partner with us to engage the appropriate House and Senate staff to begin work on a bill outline in 2025, refine bill language in 2026, and be ready to introduce the legislation when Democrats regain a majority in one or both chambers.

2. Modernizing Services for Economic Downturns

Economic downturns are inevitable. When they occur, many of your constituents will rely on public services—yet current systems are fragmented, outdated, and inadequate for modern demands. We ask you to work with us to draft legislation that would modernize and coordinate federal support services to ensure they are accessible, efficient, and customer-focused during times of crisis. This includes the main programs turn to during a recession, including job search assistance, occupational training, career and technical education, workforce education, on-the-job training, financial aid, nutrition, healthcare, and earned income tax credits. These are balkanized and hard to use, and they must be made more accessible and coordinated before demand increases in the next recession. *We request to work with Congressional staffers on a legislative outline in 2025, drafting language in early 2026, and introducing bipartisan legislation by mid-2026.*

3. Restoring the People's Voice in Democracy

Our community overwhelmingly supports reducing the influence of billionaires and corporations in our elections. We appreciate your past co-sponsorship of legislation affirming that corporations are not people, and that Congress has the authority to regulate campaign finance. We urge you to again co-sponsor similar legislation and work with us to begin crafting the necessary follow-up laws to implement meaningful limits on outside money in politics. *We request to work with Congressional staff on a bill outline in 2025, refine bill language in 2026, and be ready to introduce the legislation when Democrats regain a majority in one or both chambers.*

4. Defending Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security

These programs are lifelines for hundreds of thousands of your constituents. We ask for your firm commitment to opposing any cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, or Social Security, including to benefits and staffing. Furthermore, we urge you to proactively defend these programs—through amendments, public statements, and press conferences—because they are already coming under threat in Congress.

As you know, Clark County represents 65% of your district's population and 71% of your support in the 2024 election. We ask for your active partnership and timely assistance in moving these shared priorities forward. We are eager to work closely with you and your staff to make meaningful progress on these issues that matter deeply to your constituents.

Thank you for your service and continued commitment to our district.