

Benton County Democrats
Central Committee Agenda
May 21, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. social time)



Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis
or

Invitation Link to Join Meeting:

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1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
2. Recognition of Officials
3. Announcements
4. Consideration of Minutes
 - a. 04.16.2026 Minutes [Page 2-3]
5. Consideration of Treasurer's Report
 - a. April 2026 Treasurer's Report [Page 4]
6. Support for Distributing Letter at the State Central Committee
 - a. Letter regarding "The Resolution You Don't Get to Consider" [Page 5-6]
7. Looking Toward November
8. Chair's Report
 - a. Progressive Legacy Dinner nomination/award search
 - b. Resolution Process Committee
9. Committee/Other Reports
10. Adjourn

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April 16, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. social time)



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1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
2. Recognition of Officials
 - Carolyn Mayers
 - John Wilson
 - Charles Maughan
 - Gabe Shepherd
3. Announcements
 - Carolyn Mayers: Braver Angels Debate coming up Voters Required to Present Valid ID?
 - Carol Trueba: Uzhhorod Sister City fundraiser flower baskets
PLD 18 or 20th
 - Gabe-Donkey U July
 - Leslee Lucas- NAACP & LWV Forum Your family Your Oregon Saturday-Riverfront
community center
 - County commissioner forum and charter amendment forum LWV & NAACP
 - May 6th 6 PM Elections Townhall with T. Read, Sara Gelser-Blouin, Sarah Finger-McDonald
4. Consideration of Minutes
 - a. 03.19.2026 Central Committee Meeting Minutes [Pages 2-3]
Motion: Loren Davis, 2nd: Virginia Scott, **Passed** (Unanimously Approved)
5. Consideration of Treasurer's Report
 - a. April Treasurer's Report [Page 4]
Discussion: NLP expenses replace bookmarks with self-printed cards
Motion: John Wilson, 2nd: Xina Allen, **Passed** (Unanimously Approved)
6. Commentary on BC Dems Committee Activities
7. Committee Breakout Session: Taryn Bazurto took lead, Fundraising, finance committee,
campaign services, outreach committee, Neighborhood Leaders, Platform and Legislative action
8. Chair's Report
 - a. No Kings III Report: ~\$300 raised, well attended, got signups, ~3,000 in Corvallis
 - b. Donkey U in July
 - c. SCC Report: This meeting could have been an email, March 22nd, Statewide Ballot
discussed
9. Committee/Other Reports

10. Adjourn

BC Dems Treasurer's Report (thru Apr. 2026)

Executive Committee Meeting - 5/07/26

as of 5/07/2026

| | Actuals | | Mar Notes | 2026 Budget | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|--|
| | Apr-2026 | YTD 2026 | | Budget | Notes |
| Beginning Report Balance (last mo) | \$10,640 | \$1,525 | | | |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Cash Contributions | | | Apr Only | May 1-07 | |
| True Blue Recurring | \$391 | \$1,264 | \$346 | \$45 | |
| Direct Recurring | \$30 | \$100 | \$10 | \$20 | |
| Recurring Subtotal | \$421 | \$1,364 | \$356 | \$65 | |
| One Time Contributions | \$47 | \$1,282 | | <u>Avg/Month</u> | |
| Total Cash Contributions | \$468 | \$2,646 | | \$623 | \$12,000 ~Double '24/'25 actuals. |
| Total Fundraising | \$257 | \$1,033 | No Kings sales | <u>Avg/Month</u> | \$15,000 1.25 x '24/'25 budgets. |
| Total income | \$726 | \$3,679 | | \$866 | \$27,000 |
| | | | | | \$22,471 Projected at current rate (~1/3). |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Executive (Admin) | \$476 | \$1,494 | Storge Apr/May, Rembrsmnts | | \$6,000 ~'24 & '25 actuals. |
| Fundraising | \$17 | \$69 | AB Fees | | \$4,500 ~'25 budget & actuals. |
| Campaign Services | | | | | \$12,000 ~Same as '24 actual. |
| Rules & ByLaws | | | | | |
| Membership Involvement | | | | | \$0 Nothing spent '24 or '25. |
| Outreach | | | | | \$2,500 Same as '24/'25 budget. |
| Neighborhood Leader | \$880 | \$880 | Bags, cardstock | | \$1,000 Same as '24/'25 budget. |
| Technology | \$55 | \$356 | T-Mobile | | \$1,000 Same as '24/'25 budget. |
| Platform & Legislative Action | | | | | |
| Total Expenses | \$1,428 | \$2,799 | | | \$27,000 |
| NET | -\$702 | \$880 | | | \$0 |
| Ending Report Balance | \$9,938 | | | | -\$4,529 Projected at current rate (~1/3). |
| Add'l Income after 5/07 | \$0 | | | | |
| Addl. Expenses after 5/07 | \$0 | | | | |
| Current Balance | \$9,938 | | | | |
| In-Kind Contributions (2026) | \$137 | | | | |

THE RESOLUTION YOU DON'T GET TO CONSIDER

HISTORY

On April 29th, the DPO Platform and Resolutions Committee (PRC) met via Zoom to review two resolutions proposed for consideration at the Q2 SCC meeting in Bandon. These resolutions stemmed from a resolution regarding the Israeli government's military campaign and the humanitarian devastation in Gaza, which was originally submitted for consideration at the Q4 SCC meeting last year.

During the Q4 meeting, instead of moving the resolution to the floor, the PRC authorized a special committee tasked with developing a consensus resolution with input from various stakeholders, including the DPO's Jewish Caucus. The special committee's process ultimately proved unsuccessful and would best be described as "unproductive". In the end, the original authors of the resolution developed a revised proposal (see RES 2026-02 below), and the Jewish Caucus submitted another (RES 2026-01).

At the April 29th Zoom meeting, the PRC heard presentations on both resolutions and—at the urging of DPO Chair Nathan Soltz—subsequently voted 13-8 to permanently table both resolutions, ensuring neither could ever again be considered by the SCC. Instead, the PRC chose to leave in place a resolution passed in 2024 (RES. 2024-02) as the DPO's continued position on this issue.

OUR VIEW

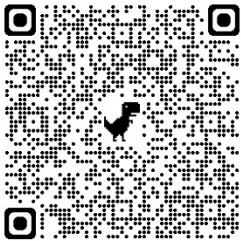

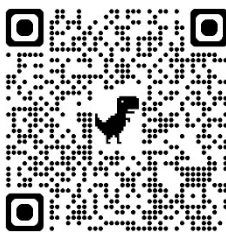
It has been 2 years since the SCC last substantively discussed Israel and Palestine, and the situation has changed dramatically. President Biden is no longer in office. The Middle East remains deeply unstable following escalating regional conflict and military actions involving both Israel and the US earlier this year. And public opinion has shifted.

The PRC's decision to permanently table these resolutions is particularly troubling given the dramatic shift among Democratic voters on this issue. Poll after poll shows that majorities of Democrats believe Israel is committing genocide in Gaza and oppose continued US military aid.

The repercussions of Democratic leaders' unwillingness to meaningfully confront the US's partnership with Israel amid its actions in Palestine continue to reverberate politically and morally. South Africa's genocide case against Israel before the International Court of Justice remains ongoing. Civilians continue to be killed. Humanitarian aid continues to face severe restrictions despite catastrophic need.

It is our responsibility to speak clearly about the ongoing devastation in Gaza, condemn violations of international law, and to call on our elected leaders to use the full weight of the US's influence and military funding to bring an end to the violence and suffering in Palestine. These principles are not foreign to our party values. The DPO's platform explicitly affirms support for international humanitarian law, prioritizing aid over arms, and condemning genocide as an affront to humanity.

We hold that the PRC's vote was a decision to suppress conversation and debate. We reject the idea that Democrats should stop talking about Gaza because the conversation is difficult or politically contentious. Silence in the face of mass suffering is not neutrality—it is a choice.

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| <p>RES. 2024-02: 2024 DPO Resolution</p>  | <p>RES. 2026-01: Regarding the Situation in Gaza and Israel</p>  | <p>RES. 2026-02: Regarding the famine, ethnic cleansing, and genocide in Gaza</p>  |
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