

81. Chair Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM First vice chair Tanya Aguilar led the membership in the flag salute. The membership approved the minutes of the June meeting, the August meeting agenda, and the treasurer's report.
82. Chair Weiss' report.
- 82.1 Our sister district is the 15th in Yakima, Klickitat, Skamania, and part of Clark Counties, south of Yakima. The 15th presently has three Republican legislators, but a very strong Democratic candidate for State Senator—Tomas Villanueva. We've pledged to raise \$1000 for Tomas' campaign and Ivan asked for members to be generous. Ivan also mentioned that several 34th members had attended the 15th's Annual Dinner on July 29th, driving to Wapato after attending the King County Democrats' picnic.
- 82.2 The outreach committee is sponsoring a volunteer chore services event, scheduled for Saturday the 19th of August. Call or email Steve Karbowski if you can help.
- 82.3 Dina Johnson is sponsoring a performance on August 20th to benefit Jim McDermott. See Dina at the back table in the hall for information about "Uncaged Cabaret." See also <http://citizen-artiste.org/uncaged.htm>.
- 82.4 The 2004 election year is very important, and we have a lot of voters to contact via phone or visit in person John Ehrman is coordinating phone banks for the State Party. We don't win elections solely by coming to meetings—we need volunteers. Everyone in the room needs to take a hitch with John for phone banking or walking precincts.
83. John Ehrman spoke. John is the field organizer for the State Party in the 34th District We need to build an infrastructure for the 2008 presidential election, and we can do that with a strong midterm election. On the July 29th at the Democratic Homecoming, Washington State was in the top five states for total turnout for doorbelling. At the phone banks we will ask people to support Democrats, discuss issues, initiatives, and candidates. Phone banks are conducted Sunday to Thursday, 5:00-8:30PM.
84. Maggie Larrick spoke about the Garden Party. Our annual Garden Party and Auction is Friday, August 25th. See www.34dems.org/garden for details. We have many items for the auction—kayaking trips, hand-selected wine by Bear Silverstein, a week at a condo in Barcelona. You can often purchase some real steals in the silent auction. We still need items; for example, if you have a vacation home, consider donating it for a week. We also need volunteers. Contact her at 246-2126 or 246-0088.
85. Noemie Maxwell spoke about Jim Hightower, who is speaking at Town Hall on September 14th about innovations in agriculture and energy. See details at <http://upcoming.org/event/87178>.

Program – Endorsements Started at 7:27 PM

86. Chair Weiss discussed the Endorsement Rules:
- 86.1 A credentialed member must make every motion for endorsement. A credentialed member must second the motion. Only credentialed members may speak for or against a motion, unless the candidate or a duly authorized candidate's representative is present.
- 86.2 The Chair recognized Ann Martin, who moved that the 34th District not allow any motions for "sole endorsement." Tanya Aguilar seconded. Ann spoke in favor of the motion. There was no discussion. Because the Executive Board recommended this motion to the membership, a simple majority is sufficient to pass it. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

- 86.3 Chair Weiss announced that 81 credentialed members were present. To pass a motion for endorsement, 2/3 vote of *those voting* is required.
87. United States Senator.
- 87.1 Dennis Saunders moved endorsement of Hong Tran. Seconded. Dennis and Hong Tran both spoke for the motion. Dan Fievez spoke against.
- 87.2 Tim Nuse moved endorsement of Maria Cantwell. Seconded. Phil Talmadge and Mark Wilson spoke for the motion. Robin Hess and Maurice Reginer spoke against.
- 87.3 The major issue in this endorsement was Senator Cantwell's continued support for the war in Iraq.
- 87.4 Vote on Hong Tran endorsement: Failed 22 to 56.
- 87.5 Vote on Maria Cantwell endorsement: Passed 58 to 20, so the motion carries.
88. Point of Order by Peggy Tlapak - Not all discussion had been allowed on a particular motion. Chair stipulated that Peggy's point was valid.
89. United States Representative, 7th District:
- 89.1 Alan Munro moved endorsement of Jim McDermott. Seconded. Alan and Dan Fievez spoke for the motion. No one spoke against.
- 89.2 No one else was nominated for this position.
- 89.3 Vote on Jim McDermott endorsement: Passed unanimously, 74 to zero.
90. United States Representative, 9th District.
- 90.1 Alan Munro moved endorsement of Adam Smith. Seconded. Alan Munro and Ivan Weiss spoke for the motion.
- 90.2 Vote on Adam Smith: Passed 67 to 2.
91. State Senator and State Representatives, 34th District Sarah Earl moved endorsement of Senator Erik Poulsen, Representatives Eileen Cody and Joe McDermott by acclamation. We didn't need speakers for this motion, which passed unanimously, 70-0.
92. State Supreme Court (3 positions).
- 92.1 Alan Munro moved to endorse incumbents Gerry Alexander, Susan Owens, and Tom Chambers for their respective positions. Alan Munro and Michael Taylor spoke for the motion. They noted that the Building Industry Association of Washington and others are trying to take the State Supreme Court by running opponents to these candidates. The religious right is also pouring money into the opposition candidates.
- 92.2 Leslie Harris spoke against the motion. Justice Alexander supported DOMA (the Defense of Marriage Act), essentially denying same-sex couples the right to marry. Leslie asked to amend the motion to make a qualified endorsement of Alexander. Peggy Tlapak raised a point of order about this. After consultation, the Chair ruled that a motion to amend a motion to endorse and make it a qualified motion to endorse was not in order. Harris agreed to bring it up under new business.
- 92.3 The motion passed 65 to 1.
93. Seattle City Council Position #9
- 93.1 This is a special election to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Jim Compton for one year – the position is up for election again in 2007.
- 93.2 Bill Schrier moved endorsement of Sally Clark. Seconded.
- 93.3 Sally Clark spoke about the need for living wage jobs and workforce development training. Barbara Schaad-Lamphere spoke for the motion. No one spoke against it.
- 93.4 Motion passed 65 to 2.

94. Chair Weiss extended a welcome to State Representative Zack Hudgins of the 11th District.
95. State Initiative 920.
- 95.1 Ann Martin moved we endorse a “No” vote. Seconded. Martin spoke for defeating I-920, which would repeal the estate tax in Washington State, which is used to support schools. This tax affects about 240 estates a year out of 40,000 and cuts funding to schools. Stephen Lamphear also spoke for the motion. Michael Taylor spoke against the motion, only to see there should be a better way to fund schools rather than taking money from dead rich people.
- 95.2 Motion passed unanimously, 70-0.
- 95.3 Linda Johnson asked for a point of personal privilege She stated William Gates Sr. is on the "No on 920" committee despite his wealth.
96. State Initiative 933.
- 96.1 It was moved and seconded to endorse a “No” vote This initiative would require compensation for landowners and developers when State and Local governments make land use changes such as re-zoning. Katie McClendon and Stephen Lamphear spoke for the motion, no one spoke in opposition.
- 96.2 The motion passed unanimously, 71 to zero.
97. State Initiative 937.
- 97.1 Tim Nuse moved we endorse a "yes" vote. This initiative requires positive, proactive actions to support clean energy in Washington State Tim Nuse and Richard Bartlett and Beth Greiser spoke for the motion No one spoke against.
- 97.2 Passed unanimously, 65 to zero.
98. City of Seattle Initiative 87 and 88 Bill Schrier moved to defer consideration of these initiatives until we can determine the specific wording and intent. Seconded Passed on voice vote.
99. City of Seattle Initiative 91.
- 99.1 Michael Taylor moved to endorse. Seconded. This initiative would limit how the City can manage sports stadiums, and is specifically directed to the Seattle Supersonics’ arena. Michael Taylor and Dan Fievez spoke for the motion. Ivan Weiss and Sarah Earl spoke against because it ties the hands of City negotiators.
- 99.2 The motion failed 17 to 22.
100. Creation of a Vashon Public Utility District.
- 100.1 Dennis Saunders moved we endorse this proposition. Seconded. Cliff Goodman spoke and Ivan Weiss spoke for the motion. No one spoke against.
- 100.2 The motion passed unanimously, 55 to zero.
101. Precinct Committee Officer, Burien Precinct 34-0846.
- 101.1 It was moved we endorse Maggie Larrick in this race. Seconded. Her opponent is a known Republican – Cherisse Luxa produced a photograph showing a David Irons (R for County Executive) sign in front of his house.
- 101.2 Maggie spoke about changes coming from the bottom up. That's the job of a PCO. Cherisse Luxa spoke for the motion. No one spoke against.
- 101.3 Passed unanimously, 58 to zero.

102. King County Proposition to create an elected Auditor position.
- 102.1 Dan Fievez moved we oppose this proposition Dan Fievez spoke in favor of an endorsement of a "no" vote. This change would move the management of County elections into a special-interest, partisan world. Robin Hess also spoke in favor of a "no" vote He was once an elected assessor. We need professionals in professional positions – positions requiring a special expertise or ability should not be managed by those elected by their popularity. No one spoke against.
- 102.2 Passed unanimously, 53 to zero.
- 102.3 Bruce Stotler stated that our position should be sent this to newspapers and the King County Council.
103. Leslie Harris moved that the 34th send a letter of concern to State Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerry Alexander regarding the position he took and opinion he wrote on the DOMA issue (He voted to uphold the Defense of Marriage Act and therefore deny same-sex couples the right to marry.)
- 103.1 Leslie spoke for this motion. She generally believes Justice Alexander does a good job. But Alexander sided with the 5-4 majority upholding DOMA, a position which puts all civil rights legislation and law in jeopardy. Michael Taylor also spoke in favor of this motion
- 103.2 Dan Fievez offered an amendment stating that Harris should draft the letter and the E-Board approves it. Seconded.
- 103.3 Vote on the amendment: unanimous.
- 103.4 Vote on the main motion: passed 45 to 2.
104. PCO Appointments: Heather Woodruff and Beth Grieser both asked to be appointed as PCOs in their respective precincts, SEA 34-1257 and SEA 34-1423. Heather moved into a new precinct. Beth asked to be appointed PCO in her precinct, because the incumbent PCO, Peggy Abby, has moved out of the precinct.
105. Good of the Order.
- 105.1 Voter Registration Mike O'Donnell asked that people help him register voters. He mentioned the registration deadlines and he needs help for events such as Bumbershoot. People can also register voters on their own and he described how.
- 105.2 Walt Blair spoke in favor of a cable-stay bridge to replace the Alaskan Way viaduct, gave written materials to the chair, and passed out other written materials to the membership.
- 105.3 Forrest Smith, campaign manager for the "34th District Team" of Erik Poulsen, Eileen Cody, and Joe McDermott mentioned that he has yard signs and can use members' help in the campaign.
- 105.4 Litsa Buffington spoke. She is glad we banned sole endorsements.
- 105.5 Katherine Sprigg moved we endorse Darcy Burner in the 8th Congressional District. Seconded. It passed unanimously.
- 105.6 Alan Munro moved we endorse Peter Goldmark, 5th Congressional District. Passed unanimously.
- 105.7 Ivan Weiss suggested we endorse Richard Wright in the 4th Congressional District and it passed unanimously.
- 105.8 Michael Taylor stated Tim Sheldon in the Mason County 35th District is a Democrat in name only. Stonewall Democrats is sponsoring a phone bank to help Kyle Taylor Lucas, who is running in the primary against him and is a much better Democrat. Taylor moved we endorse Kyle Taylor Lucas Passed unanimously.
- 105.9 Tanya Aguilar moved endorse we endorse Tomas Villanueva for State Senate in the 15th District. Passed unanimously. She also stated they need help doorbelling there on the 26th of August.
- 105.10 Leslie Harris noted that Dina Johnson just left the hall and again reminded members of the August 20th "Uncaged Cabaret" event.
- 105.11 Dennis Saunders invited all 34th members to Vashon Island for the Vashon Democrats Picnic on August 19th at 5:00 PM Hong Tran, Mark Wilson, Erik Poulsen, Eileen Cody, and other

candidates and elected officials will attend The event is at Wax Orchards. Ivan Weiss noted that Dennis is the host. On the website at http://www.34dems.org/news_calendar.htm#vashondems.

106. Weiss adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Schrier
Secretary