

# King County Democratic Central Committee

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## OFFICIAL CALL

**October 18, 2007**

**Dear Democratic PCO:**

Pursuant to the Charter and By-Laws of the Washington State Democratic Party, and to Amendment 52 of the Washington State Constitution, I am hereby calling a special meeting of the precinct committee officers of the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District for the purpose of selecting nominees for the appointment to fill the vacancy in the State Legislature that has occurred with the resignation of Representative Joe McDermott, who was recently recommended and confirmed by the King County Council to fill the vacancy in the State Senate.

The special caucus will be held at:

**Thursday November 1, 2007—7:00 pm**  
**The Hall at Fautleroy—Emerald Room**  
**9131 California Avenue SW**  
**Seattle WA 98136-2551**

Only duly elected and appointed 34th District PCOs may vote in these proceedings.

I have enclosed a copy of the procedures we will use in filling the House vacancy and the agenda for the meeting. Please bring them with you, as we will follow the procedures.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on November 1, 2007 in Seattle.

Yours truly,

Susan C. Sheary, Chair  
King County Democratic Central Committee

Enclosures

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# **Procedures for Nomination of Candidates For Filling Vacancies in the 34th Legislative District**

The County Democratic Chair shall call a special meeting of the District Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) for the purpose of filling legislative district or county office vacancies. The County Democratic Chair, or the Chair's designee, shall preside over all such meetings.

Candidates must be registered voters residing in the district where the vacancy exists, and must be otherwise qualified for office.

Only duly elected and appointed PCOs within the district are eligible to vote. To be eligible to vote, appointed PCOs must have been appointed by the county chair as of the most recent regular county central committee meeting prior to the occurrence of the vacancy. No proxies or absentee ballots are allowed.

A declaration of candidacy, not to exceed five minutes, shall be made from the floor by the candidate and/or someone speaking on his/her behalf. No person ineligible to be appointed may be nominated. When there are no further declarations of candidacy the issue shall come to a vote.

Each PCO shall cast one vote on the ballot provided.

Nominees for the first, second, and third ranked positions shall be selected in a single election. After the first ballot, the votes shall be tabulated and the ranking of the candidates by vote totals shall be announced.

If there are more than three candidates, the top three shall be retained and the others stricken from the ballot and another vote taken.

Again, each voter shall cast one vote for one of the remaining three candidates. Again votes shall be tabulated, totals announced and a ranking established by the number of votes each candidate receives. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a recorded vote between the candidates ranked one and two.

The candidate receiving the majority of votes cast in this balloting shall be ranked one.

The list of nominees shall consist of three names in rank order.

Voting on candidates shall be by signed ballot. Ballots not signed or having more than one vote cast will not be counted.

The County Democratic Chair shall retain custody of the ballots for three months.

The County Democratic Chair (or designee) shall transmit the candidates' names, to the chair of the county council or board of county commissioners, if applicable.

Notice of the special caucus shall be mailed ten days in advance. The call to the meeting shall include the purpose of the caucus, the vacancy to be filled, time, place, and date of the meeting, and a copy of these procedures. The meeting call shall be mailed by the County Democratic Central Committee.

In all matters not specifically covered herein, Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall prevail.

# **Special Meeting to Fill Legislative Vacancy in the 34th Legislative District**

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## **AGENDA**

Call to Order by KCDCC Officer

Statement of the purpose of the special meeting

Appointment of a Secretary

Roll call of the Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) eligible to vote.

Reading of the Procedures for Nomination of Candidates

Appointment of Tally Committee and Timer

Election of nominees:

Introduction of Candidates

Conduct Drawing for Candidate Presentation Order

Five minutes is allowed for each candidates (to be used by candidate or others in support of candidate)

Conduct Balloting

Tally Committee retires to separate room to count ballots (each candidate is allowed one representative to observe counting)

Announcement of the results, including ranking of the nominees

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Adjournment