

Chair Tim Nuse Message for February, 2009

Hello 34th District Democrats,

Our Nation just rejoiced in one of the finer moments of our accomplished history, celebrating in common bond, the inauguration of Barack Hussein Obama. Confronted with the choice between fear and hope, we chose on November 4th to believe in the strength of our people, the truth of our values, and the force of hope. As President Obama marched down Pennsylvania Avenue towards his new responsibility, we must march towards our vision as Democrats.



We face a multitude of challenges both at home, across America, and abroad. The threat from years of stale politics and failed policies are all too real and imminent. More than ever, we need YOU. Only a shared sense of purpose, teamwork, and collective action can overcome the challenges before us. As President Obama said while addressing the nation on January 20th:

“What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.”

I ask you to continue this march, actively, with the 34th District Democrats. Renew your membership. Attend our meetings and forums. Join a committee. Serve your community with us. Donate!

Our newly elected Executive Board is diverse, remarkably talented and has a commitment to serve you, the Democratic Party, and our communities. We are here to listen and learn so you'll find our contact information on page 2 of this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

I want to thank each Board Member for their remarkable commitment to the District and for serving the next two years. I'd also like to thank and recognize the achievement of the previous Executive Board particularly for our unprecedented growth during their term. Well done!

I am honored and humbled to be your newly elected District Chair. The 34th District is possibly the strongest in the state and we intend to set the pace for the whole Party. To do so requires organization, team work, and determination. The talent found in our District is phenomenal. Only if we are working together, focused and deliberate, can we unleash our highest potential.

A great way to get involved is through our committees. Outreach, Legislative Action, Finance, Newsletter, By-laws, Communications, Membership, and Program committees are getting organized and looking for ideas and energy from you. We are also starting a Recognition committee to develop a program through which we can recognize the many accomplishments of our members.

Please visit our website, www.34dems.org, on a regular basis to stay up to date on the great work happening in our organization and to find out how you can be involved. Contact information for each

Committee Chair will be posted and, of course, I am available anytime should you see opportunities or improvements needed.

Our reorganization took place just a couple weeks ago but we are hitting the ground running. The February meeting features 2009 goals from several Seattle City Council Members and an opportunity to ask important questions. Council Member Nick Licata will give us an update on the Mercer Corridor and how the various proposals affect the city and our District. Sally Clark and Bruce Harrell will discuss their committee assignments and priorities for 2009. We'll also jump right in to the 2009 Legislative Session with updates on the budget crisis in Olympia and what we can expect from our Legislators.

Join us on February 11th for all the action and bring a friend!

I would like to thank a group of outstanding individuals who helped elect me District Chair. Beth Grieser, Brian Earl, Cherisse Luxa, Jeff Uptegrove, Les Treall, Leslie Harris, Marcee Stone, Peggy Abby, Sarah Earl, and Steve Karbowski were the winning factors that put Team Tim over the top. They provided me with varying view points, hard work, and a sense of team work that was nothing short of inspiring. Thank you so much.

I'd also like to thank Ann Martin, Christi Stapleton, King County Council Member Dow Constantine, Representative Eileen Cody, Senator Joe McDermott, Representative Sharon Nelson, Shirley Carlson, and Suzie Sheary for their advice and support along the way.

And I can't say enough about the many great conversations I have had with our PCOs. I have learned so much from you and hope to continue doing so as we work together the next two years.

So let's get started! Join us on February 11th at The Hall at Fautleroy. Stay in touch through our website. Join a committee. Volunteer with us. Serve your community. We look forward to working with you in the next two years.