

34th District Democrats' Chair Tim Nuse's Message for July, 2009

Hello 34th District Democrats,

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Chair Tim Nuse's' Message for June

The 34th: A Kick-Butt Outfit

Hello 34th District Democrats,

Have you heard what people are saying about us? "The 34th District Democrats are a kick-butt outfit."

Thank you, Joel Connelly. I couldn't agree more. Last month we hosted one of the biggest, best-organized, and well attended Candidate Forums in the region. Our friends at West Seattle Blog did a great job covering "the biggest event of the political season." If you were unable to attend you can still find a link to the WSB coverage at our website: <http://westseattleblog.com/blog/?p=17740>. Beth Grieser, Christi Stapleton, Chris Porter and many volunteers deserve special thanks for the success.

You might remember a resolution we passed in our May meeting which urged the King County Council to find a way to keep the Evergreen Pool (county operated) open and available to our communities. The resolution was forwarded to all Council members and we heard back from several of them. Dow Constantine, the King County Council Chair and our endorsed candidate for King County Executive, co-sponsored legislation to keep the pool open for a few more months to allow time to explore more permanent funding options. Dow has also put together a coalition in the county to find a more sustainable solution.

This is the sign of a strong, grassroots oriented Democratic Party putting our shared values into action. Do you want more evidence? More than a dozen volunteers spent June 20th and 21st registering voters, selling political buttons, and talking to our neighbors at the Burien Strawberry Festival. We will continue the effort at the Vashon Strawberry Festival and the West Seattle Summer Fest in July. Please consider contacting Les Treall, Outreach Chair, to join our efforts (contact information for [the entire Executive Board is here](#)).

On July 8th we will host our endorsement meeting and will vote on who to support for the races that affect our District. The [agenda is on the web here](#). Then we will mobilize to get them elected. By July 12th our PCOs will have received all the materials they need to talk with neighbors. When the Primary Ballot is in the mail we will have made personal contact with thousands of voters.

Only members may vote at the endorsement meeting. If you were a member last year and haven't yet renewed for 2009, [you can still make a contribution online](#) or at the July 8th meeting to support the work of the District and vote to endorse your favorite candidates. The endorsement rules are new for us and [can also be found here on the website](#). I encourage you to review them before the meeting.

Our successes are due to the dedicated effort from dozens of volunteers and the collective strength of all our members. I hope you will consider volunteering with us and also help recruit your friends and neighbors to join the 34th. There are plenty of roles to fill with varying degrees of time commitment. Please contact Jeff Upthegrove to get more involved (contact information [for the entire Executive Board is here](#)).

Let's keep up the great work! See you on July 8th at the endorsement meeting.

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Tim Nuse, Chair, 34th District Democrats