

Chair Tim Nuse Message for March, 2009

Hello 34th District Democrats,

While it might be just March, the political season is already heating up. And, as you've come to expect, the 34th District Democrats are right in the thick of things.

First, a great decision was made by President Obama in the "other" Washington. His choice of Ron Sims for Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development has been met with considerable praise. Sims has enjoyed substantial support from the 34th and we wish him all the best in his new role for the country. This move comes at a critical juncture for King County in which we are navigating a major budget crisis and seeking to ward off the growing sense that county government has stagnated.



Push the reset button. Insert King County Council Chair Dow Constantine.

Dow addressed the District and rumors he might run for King County Executive during our February meeting. He said he wouldn't keep us waiting for a decision and he wasn't joking. Less than a week later we received his letter of candidacy. The 34th District Democrats were the first to receive it.

That's exactly what we'd expect from our KC Council Member. He has fought site selection for a jail in our district, brought us the water taxi, created the King County Ferry District, defended Maury Island from the expansion of gravel mining, and much more. Dow has been a steadfast champion of our values and a strong community advocate. He is a great Democrat. Residents throughout King County deserve an Executive who will stand up for their interests.

But we're not done! Two of our members have begun campaigning for seats on the Seattle City Council. Many of you got to know David Ginsberg as a vocal and active Obama supporter and organizer in our District. David was an Obama fellow and a major contributor to the neighborhood successes we achieved during the General Election. He is currently serving us as 2nd Vice Chair.

Dorsol Plants proved his commitment to community as he resisted the jail site selection in Highland Park. He serves his precinct as PCO and is our former Hospitality Chair. Dorsol is also Chair of the Highland Park Action Committee.

Come to the March meeting and hear directly from Dow, David, and Dorsol. We will also be presenting a proposed budget for 2009 and considering several resolutions. Plus, you'll get to ask those questions I know you have!

Finally, I want you to know what a tremendous job your new Executive Board is doing. They are engaged, active, and putting in all the energy to make the 34th the undisputed leader of the Democratic Party in Washington. We recently hunkered down on a Sunday afternoon to hash out a shared vision and goals for the next two years. The teamwork and collaboration seen so far has been nothing short of

inspirational. You'll get the chance to hear more about our aspirations and, of course, how you can be involved!

Ultimately, this is all about YOU. What drives you to be involved? What would you like to see us work on? How can your special skills improve our collective ability to stand up for the values of the Democratic Party?

I hope you have renewed your membership with us for 2009. If you haven't had a chance, just check us out at www.34dems.org and renew online. You'll also find contact information for all the Committee Chairs and the Executive Board. Don't hesitate to email or call us. We are here to serve you.

Thanks for all you do and we look forward to seeing you on March 11th at the Hall at Fautleroy!