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County:	King
Legislative District:	34th
Area Caucus Location:	Madison Middle School

Washington State Democratic Party 2006 Official Minutes of Area Caucus

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Prepared By: Bill Schrier
Area Caucus Secretary

Approved By: Dow Constantine
Area Caucus Chair

1. Dow Constantine, 8th District King County Councilmember, convened the caucus at 2:00 PM. He recognized Tom Rasmussen, Seattle City Council member and an elected official. He also recognized elected Precinct Committee Officers.
2. Chair Constantine read the rules governing the caucus. He also read a letter from Senator Maria Cantwell to the Caucus. He acknowledged a number of resolutions presented for consideration by the precinct caucuses by the King County Democrats, the West Seattle Democratic Women and others. He also specifically called attention to the Statement of Democratic values and asked caucuses to discuss and consider it.
3. Chair Constantine announced the dates of the 34th Legislative District caucus on April 22nd, the King County convention on May 6th, and the State convention in Yakima on June 2nd and 3rd.

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4. At 2:30 PM Chair Constantine told PCU's to convene their Precinct Caucuses.
5. At 3:00 PM Chair Constantine reconvened the Area Caucus with a discussion of the Values Statements
6. Value 1: Popular Participation
Specific comments were made by Precinct 1423 (Peggy Abby) Chair. Precinct 1445 (Linda Johnson) also had comments recorded in their precinct minutes. Other comments by Precinct 1446 (Harry Vye)
7. Value 2: Community is diversity ...
Add "political ideology, marital status and disability" to this value
Precinct 1423 (Peggy Abby, PCU) had several comments which are recorded in the precinct minutes. Other comments by Precinct 1446 (Harry Vye)
8. Value 3: Comments by:
 - Precinct 1446 (Harry Vye, PCU)
 - Precinct 1444 (Linda Johnson, PCU)
 - Precinct 1418 (Shirley Carless, PCU)
9. Value 4
Comment: Put "honesty first".
Comment: Precinct 1423 - We want a Department of Peace, not just a department of War.

10. Value 5

Precinct 1444 - Comments about the emphasis on morality

Precinct 1459 - Add protecting the environment (Per Kathy Minsch)

Precinct 1423 also had comments

Precinct 1429 made comments about the list of churches, synagogues etc. which is not inclusive of all places of worship

Precinct 1442 made comments about the need for a discussion of culture.

11. Tim Nuse moved consideration of a resolution endorsing Initiative 937 for alternative energy.

Bruce Stotler seconded. The copies of the ~~initiative~~ initiative were on a sign-in table. Motion passed the Area Caucus unanimously.

12. Fair Share Health Care resolution.

Beth Griener moved adoption. Peggy Abby seconded.

During the discussion Tim Nuse state Ford pays more for health care than steel.

Motion passed unanimously.

13. Universal funded National Health Care
Moved endorsement by Alan Munro, seconded by Ed Dupras.

Alan argued that, as a worker's comp attorney, he sees tremendous waste of funds just arguing about coverage. HR 1200 is being sponsored by Congressman Jim McDermott.

Passed unanimously.

14. Felon rights restoration

Moved endorsement by Ed Dupras, seconded Bruce Stotler

Discussion: people who want to vote are people who should be voting. Most states have a much better system than Washington of getting felons back on voter rolls

Resolution endorsed unanimously.

15. Resolution opposing the Tim Eyman Anti-Equal Rights resolution

Moved by Alan Munro, seconded Ed Dupras

Passed unanimously.

16. Strengthening Schools.

Discussion was delayed until later in the meeting

17. Affordable Housing

Moved endorsement Ed Dupras, second Lou Elnick
Motion passed, not unanimously.

18. No public funding "Sonics Stadium".

Moved endorsement Alan Munro, seconded by Bruce Stotler

Discussion: this is really about key Arena not just the place the sonics play. Also taxes are paid by people coming to the city - Hotel taxes and rental car taxes - for this sort of stadium support. Very lively discussion ensued.
Endorsed by a vote of 32-14.

19. Strengthening schools.
Moved by Marianne Bratsanos, seconded by Juliette Peter.
Passed unanimously
20. Resolution on Iraq. Alan Munro
Moved that the Area Caucus set a deadline of Jan 1 2007 for removal of all troops from Iraq. Seconded by Jackie Dupras
Resolution passed.
21. Support the retrofitting of State Route 99 and opposing the Tunnel option.
Moved by Brian Foley, seconded by Wendell Sprigg. Friendly amendment by Tim Nuse to support replacing the Seawall.
Moved to Table Passed.
22. The Area Caucus was adjourned at 4:50pm.

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