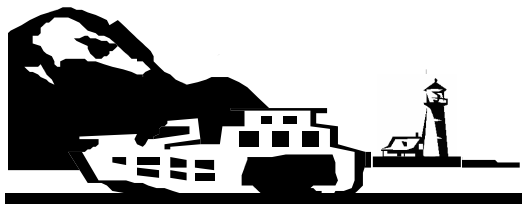


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## Supporting Democrats - Communicating Our Message to Voters

By the time you read this, less than 4 weeks will remain until November 2. This is certainly the most critical Presidential election in my lifetime – I'm sure many of you share that feeling. Please keep talking to your neighbors and coworkers, walking your precincts, going to campaign events, donating your money, participate in phone banks etc. so we can be strongly in the Kerry/Edwards column come election night and avoid a dark 4 years of another Bush administration.

Please keep in mind this is also a significant election for Democrats in many other races – we want Senator Patty Murray to return, and the Democratic candidates for Governor, Attorney General, and Public Lands Commissioner to win, all of whom have very competitive races. We also want to support electing Democratic state legislators in other districts to return the full legislature to the Democrats (we are fortunate in that our State Representatives Joe McDermott and Eileen Cody are in strong positions to win). The State Supreme Court Position 1 is another critical race – we need to defeat Jim Johnson and thus support Mary Kay Becker. One of our members, Catherine Moore, is in a tight race for King County Superior Court 42. The membership already voted to endorse the Hanford Cleanup Initiative 297, and no on the Cajun Primary (I- 872). We should consider recommending a “no” vote for I-892 (Gambling), no on the Monorail Recall, and no on King County Charter Amendment to reduce the size of the council. We will hear more about the latter two at the meeting before voting on them.

Completing our endorsements is one important agenda item – the second is voting on contributions to campaigns. The 34<sup>th</sup> District is very fortunate to be in a position to donate significant amounts of money – I believe this is a first for this district. The Executive Board had a thoughtful discussion and recommended contributions to those campaigns we felt needed funding the most. In addition to some of the races mentioned above, this includes \$1500 to each of the state legislative campaign committees to help support those Democrats in tight races in other districts. We also are recommending spending \$4500 for our Get Out the Vote campaign – towards printing and mailing and advertising our sample ballot, among other things. This reflects a truly grassroots philosophy, to focus on turning out the vote for Democrats in our district. Please review our recommendations and feel free to contact me or any Board member if you have questions. Keep up the great work, and I hope to see you at this very important meeting!

*Katherine Minsch, Chair*

**Do You Have Your Yard Sign Yet?**

Check the Bulletin Board on Page 3 for the pick-up location closest to you.



## Meeting Agenda

**October 13, 2004**

The meeting is the same day as the presidential debate. If we are able to get reception at the Hall we will **try** to have a TV at 6:00. As of this writing, it was doubtful—**check [www.34dems.org](http://www.34dems.org)**  
7:00 Social, 7:30 Meeting  
The Hall at Fautleroy  
9131 California Ave SW

### 7:30 p.m. – Call to Order

- Flag Salute
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Chair's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports

### New Business—Part 1

- Endorsement of Candidates—  
Governor, State Supreme Court

### Short Presentations

- Monorail Recall
- King County Charter Amendment  
Reducing County Council Size

### New Business—Part 2

- Endorsement of Ballot Measures
- Vote on Campaign Contributions—  
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- Proposed Bylaws Amendment—  
(See Page 6)

### Good of the Order

### 9:00 p.m.—Adjourn

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# Garden Party—A Great Success-as

Actually, it was the best ever: we had a great time and made lots of money that we can put to good use to make sure that Democrats are elected and that we win back the White House.

Thank you to those people who gave their all: Joe and Nette Mitter, Brian and Sarah Earl, Steve Herndon, Susan Jenkins, Bruce Stotler, Bruce and Lisa Eklund, and Ann Martin. Ann also put Cathy and Al Rouyer to work when they arrived.

Thank you to Mark Smith who donated the use of his business, the West Seattle Nursery, a wonderful place for a party.

Dow Constantine was not only a great emcee but he, along with Joe McDermott, Eileen Cody and Erik Poulsen, donated the wine.

Crossroads serenaded us with their music and Dave Marks of Cascade Traders served the wine.

Probably the item that generated the most response—and money—was the use of Ann and Tony Martin's apartment in Spain. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

Thank you to all the people who donated items for the auction. We couldn't have done it without you.

Remember, it's not too early to think about donations for next year!

The businesses listed below donated to an item or service to make our auction great.

- Agate Designs
- Art Wolfe
- Bob and Suzanne Follis B&B
- Charlestown Café
- Circa
- Dave Plude
- Distinctive Gardens
- New Orleans Restaurant
- Lucy Krakowiak
- Luke Lysen
- Mae's Phinney Ridge Café
- Harborside Restaurant
- Vashon Winery
- Tom Mitchell, Architect
- U-Frame It
- In Bloom Garden
- ArtsWest
- Quidnunc
- Bikram Yoga
- West Seattle Nursery

A Comparison of Election Results		
Position	King County	Washington State
Governor:		
<b>Christine Gregoire</b>	60.16%	66.54%
Ron Simms	36.72%	28.75%
Attorney General		
<b>Deborah Senn</b>	45.14%	50.94%
Mark Sidran	54.86%	49.05%
Supreme Court:		
Position 1		
<b>Jim Johnson</b>	20.26%	22.39%
<b>Mary Kay Becker</b>	21.12%	22.04%
Robert Alsdorf	33.00%	20.55%
Position 5		
<b>Barbara Madsen</b>	61.16%	60.90%
Terry Lukens	38.84%	39.09%
Position 6		
<b>Sanders</b>	37.73%	31.36%
<b>Sebring</b>	16.08%	19.20%
White	20.83%	17.82%

Listed below are the candidates we have already endorsed that will be on the November 2 ballot:

- President of the United States: *John Kerry*
- Senator: *Patty Murray*
- Congress—7th District: *Jim McDermott*
- Attorney General: *Deborah Senn*
- Public Lands Commissioner: *Mike Cooper*
- Insurance Commissioner: *Mike Kreidler*
- State Auditor: *Brian Sonntag*
- Secretary of State: *Laura Ruderman*
- State Rep Position 1: *Joe McDermott*
- State Rep Position 2: *Eileen Cody*
- King County Superior Court
- Position 23: *Andrea Darvas*
- Position 42: *Catherine Moore*
- I-872—Cajun Primary: *Vote No*



## 34TH DISTRICT BULLETIN BOARD

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#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

##### Get Out the Vote

##### **Coordinated Campaign Activities**

If you can commit the time, consider becoming a **Precinct Captain**. Most of these will be assigned to a precinct without a PCO and will be asked walk their precinct several times before the election and call absentee voters to remind them to send in their ballots. Call Chikodi, 34th District Field Coordinator at 331-3871 if you can do this.

Volunteer for a 3-hour shift to **walk targeted precincts** every Saturday and Sunday through October. There are shifts starting at 10:00, 1:00 and 4:00. Meet at the Albertson's on 16th SW in White Center.

You can volunteer for the **phone bank** any night from 5:00 to 9:00. Right now there are no 34th District locations on the "mainland" - the closest is the Aerospace Machinists Hall in South Park— but Vashon Island has a location. Call 281-1924 for an update on locations or to volunteer.

##### **34th District Get Out the Vote Activities**

The Voter Registration committee registered 1500 new voters this summer. On Sunday, October 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. people are needed to **call these new voters** and make sure that they vote. Contact Steve Karbowski at stevekarbo@aol.com or 856.7837

On Sunday, October 24 from 1 to 5 p.m., **canvass in precincts without PCO's**. Meet at Tanya Aguilar's house in White Center. Contact Tim Nuse at timnuse@yahoo.com or 226-4849.

**Wave signs** on Monday, November 1 and election day, November 2 during the morning and evening rush hours: 7 to 9 a.m. and 4:30 to 6p.m. at 35th and Fauntleroy, the overlook on Admiral Way, and the overpass on Delridge. Contact Tanya Aguilar at taguilar11@msn.com or 293-9613, or Tim Nuse at timnuse@yahoo.com or 226-4849

Drivers are needed, preferably with a van or minivan, to **drive people to the polls** on election day. Contact Steve Karbowski at stevekarbo@aol.com or 856-7837.

**PCO packets** will be assembled the week of October 4. Contact Sarah Earl at artemisonsite@comcast.net or 935-3731.

We will be **mailing sample ballots** during the week of October 20. Contact Jackie Dupras at 935-9683 or jdupras@quidnunc.net.

##### Newsletter Mailing

The monthly newsletter mailing party will be early this month so we can get the newsletter out before the election. Right now its scheduled for Wednesday, October 27. Call Jackie Dupras at 935-9683 or e-mail at jdupras@quidnunc.net if you can help.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

##### Bylaws Committee

At its September meeting Thursday, the Executive Board voted to cancel the Bylaws Revision Meetings scheduled to start Saturday, September 25. Instead, members are encouraged to get out and work for Democrats in the current campaign. Revision of the Bylaws will be discussed by the new Executive Board in 2005. Please do continue to send your suggestions and comments to conrad\_ok@hotmail.com and prepare for discussions in the new year.

##### Legislative Committee

No meeting in October.

#### NOTICES

##### **Yard Signs, Bumper Stickers and Buttons**

We still have Kerry signs, bumper stickers and a few buttons—no charge! Show your support for Kerry by putting up a yard sign. Contact Jackie Dupras, Toni Lysen, Robin Hess or Ann Martin, all of whom have materials (see page 2 for their e-mail addresses and telephone numbers.

# Letters



# Opinion

## SAVE THE MONORAIL! VOTE AGAINST I-83

[An endorsement vote for I-83 is on the October Agenda] What part of YES is it that the monorail haters don't get? Three times the voters of Seattle have said yes to the monorail and now, incredibly, we have to vote for it again. The supporters of the monorail recall effort (who do not have to pay the cost for yet another election) have finally obtained the court approval necessary to place Initiative 83 (I-83) on this November's general election ballot. To support the monorail we must vote NO on Initiative I-83.

The invested forces opposed to the monorail—mostly anti-car tax Republicans and a few fat cat property interests on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue downtown—have been organizing for six months. They have used their time and money wisely and are exceptionally well organized this time around. The pro-monorail campaign to defeat I-83 began only last week. The election is only a month away. Although the monorail proposal won the last three elections, it did so by relatively narrow margins. *The pro-monorail campaign ("Go Monorail/No Recall") needs your help!* To volunteer any support—a sign in your yard, a few dollars, or a few hours of your time, contact Rachel Titus: norecallvolunteer@yahoo.com

Despite its detractors, the monorail project has moved forward more rapidly than any major public works project I have seen since Seattle Center, 44 years ago. Already, the necessary steps toward property acquisition are taking place. Already, the major necessary decisions have run through the complex reviews required for a project of this size—regarding alignment, station design concept and so on. It is ready to roll! Efficient and environmentally sane transportation is on the way!

This first linkage, a step into the future, will connect West Seattle, Ballard and Crown Hill with Seattle Center and Lower Queen Anne, Pike Market and Downtown, Pioneer Square, Qwest Field and Safeco Field, the Waterfront, Seattle School District Headquarters, Starbucks World Headquarters and all the places in between. In addition they are creating easy and convenient rider connectivity between the Monorail and Metro Transit, trains, and Sound Transit, thereby benefiting the entire city, not simply West Seattle and Ballard. It would be tragically crazy to stop this project when it is moving forward so smoothly, rapidly and efficiently.

During the past few years I have visited rapid transit systems in The Netherlands (Amsterdam, Haarlem) England (London and others), Czech Republic (Prague), Atlanta, Boston, the Bay Area and Portland, Oregon. Seeing these systems firsthand strongly suggests that Seattle has not been as environmentally progressive as it

would like to think it is. I failed to find a **single person** who would want to live in any of those fine cities without the benefits of rapid public transportation.

If you would like to support the GO MONORAIL NO RECALL campaign in any manner, however minor, please email Rachel at norecallvolunteer@yahoo.com

*Tito Titus, PCO 34-1428*

## I-884—Educational Trust Fund

[I-884 was not endorsed by the 34th District Democrats] We are writing to ask you to vote YES on I-884, the initiative to raise the State sales tax by 1cent to finance the Education Trust Fund. This initiative is by far our best hope to provide more funding to public education and to help students most at risk. As long-term Democratic Party supporters, we realize that this tax does not fit our party's desire to promote progressive taxation. While we hold firmly to that stand and believe that it should be an absolute cornerstone of our party's platform, the opportunity provided by this initiative to vastly improve Washington's educational funding outweighs concerns about its tax structure.

The Educational Trust Fund will do the following:

- **Create 10,000 new high-quality preschool spaces** for children who need them most
- **Reduce class sizes** and improve student achievement by fully funding Initiative 728;
- **Raise the base pay for teachers** and school employees, and community and technical college employees, to the level they would be receiving if the Legislature hadn't suspended I-732 last year;
- **Provide additional classes in high school and support parent involvement;**
- **Expand Promise scholarships** for the top 30% of graduating high school seniors and financial aid to keep college affordable for working and middle class students;
- **Fund 25,000 additional enrollment slots in college** in community and technical colleges and four-year universities and **7,000 new enrollments in high demand fields;**
- **Invest in university-based research that generates new businesses and jobs.**

This initiative has a deep and wide base of support from Democratic officeholders and organizations throughout the State. Indeed, it is supported by our entire Democratic congressional delegation, virtually all of our Democratic state legislators, several Democratic district organizations in the Seattle area, Bill Gates Sr., Ron Sims (no strangers to the effort to promote progressive taxation) and last, but certainly not least, the Washington State Democratic organization. It also has the support of the Seattle School

Board, a number of Republican legislators throughout the State (the moderate ones) and numerous small and large businesses, including Microsoft and Starbucks. These individuals and organizations support this measure because they realize its unique opportunity.

Speaking to the issue of supporting a non-progressive tax, we are as disappointed as anyone with the plutocrats who have control in Washington DC. It is truly a threat to the strength of our nation, which has always rested on the breadth of the middle class. But lets be realistic—vast numbers of middle-class Americans who have had their current and future wealth taken from them though the current Administration' reduction of the taxes on the wealthiest and reckless fiscal policies are not rising up to combat this corrupt and regressive program. Clearly, we Democrats have a long way to go to convince the average American of the urgent need for progressive tax reform.

Here in Washington State, though, we have an opportunity to do something that will immediately help our students. We could not agree more than with the eloquent words of Jay Inslee, who recently stated at an event for I-884, "what could be more progressive than building an education system that vastly improves services to our underprivileged students." Please join in supporting I-884. Detailed information is available on its website, [www.edtrustfund.org](http://www.edtrustfund.org).

Walter Sive and Cheryl Ellsworth  
*Walter is 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-chair of the 34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats. Cheryl Ellsworth has been the Seattle Public School's Government Relations Director for the past five years*

### Editorial Policy

The opinions expressed in submitted letters to the editor are those of the author and not necessarily those of the 34th District Democrats or the Executive Board. All letters are subject to editing for space and content. Articles, photos and notices of upcoming events are strongly encouraged. Mail to Jackie Dupras, 1920 – 46th SW, Seattle, WA 98116 or [jdupras@quidnunc.net](mailto:jdupras@quidnunc.net).

## Vashon Democratic Club Meeting

Mike Cooper, candidate for Commissioner of Public Lands, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting on the Vashon-Maury Island Democratic Club on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Land Trust Building. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. with a short potluck social, then on to business at about 6:30. For more information or directions, call Arlene Hess at 206-463-1548.

### Recommended Candidate Contributions

At its last meeting, the Executive Board voted to recommend the following contributions to candidates and ballot measures:

Christine Gregoire for Governor .....	\$500
Deborah Senn for Attorney General.....	\$500
Mike Cooper for Public Lands Commissioner .....	\$750
House Caucus Campaign .....	\$1500
Senate Roosevelt Fund.....	\$1500
Mary Kay Becker, Supreme Court, Position 1.....	\$500
Cathy Moore, Superior Court, position 42.....	\$500
Initiative 297—Hanford Cleanup .....	\$200
No on I-872—Cajun Primary .....	\$400
No on I-892 Tim Eyman Gambling Initiative.....	\$200
No on King County Council Reduction.....	\$400
No on Monorail Recall.....	\$500

The House Caucus Campaign and the Senate Roosevelt Fund are used to finance campaigns across the state where there is a good chance that a Democratic candidate can win. We have a chance to become a majority in the State legislature. These races are as important as the Governor's race. Without control of the legislature, we will be stuck in the mud just as we have been for the last several years.

## 34th District Membership

Sign up now by clipping this coupon and mailing a check, payable to the 34th District Democrats, to: Ann Martin, 3618 SW Orchard, Seattle, WA 98126

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\_\_\_ \$15 Basic Dues    \$25 \_\_\_ Household    \_\_\_ \$25 Friend    \_\_\_ \$50 Sponsor  
 \_\_\_ \$100 Benefactor    \_\_\_ \$500 Underwriter    \_\_\_ \$3 Low Income/Senior

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 Contributions are not tax deductible.

Periodically we release our member list to candidates and non-commercial organizations who probably have the same political philosophy as yours. If you do not wish your information released, check the appropriate box or boxes.

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# Proposed Bylaws Amendment to Eliminate PCO Requirement

Article IV: Section 3 presently reads:

Section 3. The following is required for executive board membership:

- a. The chair, the vice chairs, the delegates and alternates shall be PCO's
- b. All other board members shall be voting members of this organization.

It is proposed that this section be amended to read:

Section 3: All board members shall be voting members of this organization.

The King County Democrats' bylaws were changed several years ago to eliminate the requirement that certain officers be PCO's. Most districts in the county changed their bylaws to eliminate this requirement. We didn't. PCO's are the heart and soul of this organization and it only seems reasonable that we would require our officers to be PCO's. There is one problem: our secretary, webmaster, platform chair, communications director, both Get Out the Vote co-chairs and the newsletter editor are not PCO's. Why? They live in precincts where there already is a PCO. We are eliminating some of our hardest working members from leadership positions because of where they live. We are also discriminating against couples. Both can't be PCO's. So for many people the only way to become a PCO is divorce, moving out of the precinct, or bumping off the current PCO.

In any event, the Washington State Democrats' bylaws require a change in our bylaws with regard to the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman: We can no longer require that these positions be filled by PCO's.

This change would not affect who can vote: The Washington State Democrats' and King County Democrats' bylaws require that only PCO's vote for Chair, Vice Chair, State and County Delegates



## West Seattle Democratic Women

Thursday, October 28th at 11:30 at Merrill Gardens Retirement Residence. There will be a discussion of the proposed Top Two primary system, I-872. If you get there early enough, park at the golf course and a shuttle will take you over. When you arrive at the residence, check in and get name tag. Then go to the Merrill Gardens desk to pay for the buffet lunch and get your lunch. RSVP to Georgie Kunkel , 935-8663.

The E-Board is bringing a Bylaws recommendation to our next meeting. It was not unanimous. Though most might consider bylaws fundamentally boring - they are not and are the foundation for this organization's future. Right now, folks are required to be PCOs to be eligible to hold certain offices, including Chair. This excludes a number of extraordinarily talented folks from being able to serve you and the District.

With the upcoming December Reorganization and change in leadership to be voted on by the PCOs for the next two years - we have a chance to widen the circle of available talent and participation. If we vote by two thirds majority to eliminate this requirement from our Bylaws our chances to increase participation also increase!

Some have argued this attacks our representative form of governance in the party and holds officers and board members less accountable as they have not been elected by their neighbors. I disagree - the PCOs are still the only folks who elect our representatives. Some have argued this makes the district ripe for meddling - I disagree, this body has the common sense and vigilance to vote those who do the right thing into office.

Like many debates on the EBoard, It was a spirited wide ranging debate. I expect that there will be more spirited debates on other upcoming changes expected to be proposed next year to streamline our Bylaws, e.g., the potential for offering voting membership to active Democratic youth. Bylaws are not boring and neither are the EBoard meetings and discussions (you should have heard us debating the finer points of targeting our suggested campaign donations to get the most bang for your hard earned bucks!). We'll be voting on the bylaws amendment at our November meeting. Please attend and vote to increase our diversity.

Leslie Harris , PCO 34-1247

Treasurer's Report	
Balance end of August	\$12,844.25
Income	6,585.50
Expenses	2,745.80
Current Balance	\$16,683.94
Undeposited Checks in Hand	1,722.11
Total Funds	\$18,406.05

# Minutes of September 8 District Meeting

Call to Order- 7:30p.m.

First Vice-Chair, Brian EARL, called the meeting to order and led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the August business meeting and the agenda for the September meeting were approved unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report-

Treasurer, Ann MARTIN, reported a balance through the end of August of \$17,328.57, noting that there was nearly \$6000 of expenditures since, leaving a current balance of \$11,544.58.

## Chair's Report-

EARL announced that the District's annual Garden Party and fundraiser would be held on September 9 at the West Seattle Nursery, requesting 5-6 members commit to volunteer for event set up. Leslie HARRIS thanked Mark SMITH for his support of the Garden Party and for allowing the event to be held at his business.

EARL also reminded everyone that the state primary election will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, and that there were less than two months to help get out the vote during this crucial presidential election year.

The District received a letter from the UFCW, thanking the 34<sup>th</sup> for their support of the union workers during their contract negotiations with many grocery stores. The sale of the buttons helped raise money and awareness in support of the workers during their contract dispute. The UFCW reported that they were able to maintain affordable healthcare, increase retirement benefits, and increase wages, stating, "The buttons made a difference." Lara Anne JORDAN thanked Ivan WEISS for his role in initiating the production and sale of the buttons.

Chikodi CHIMA, the 34<sup>th</sup> District coordinator for the State Party introduced himself to the organization, congratulating the 34<sup>th</sup> for their great organization and outreach this year and declaring, "You guys make it worth it!" He also announced that the Democrats registered 918 voters at BUMBERSHOOT over Labor Day weekend.

## Voter Registration Committee-

Committee co-chair, Steve KARBOWSKI, thanked all the volunteers who have helped register over 1500 new voters in the 34<sup>th</sup> District so far this year. He also announced that people could register by mail until October 2, or in person at the King County Elections office until October 18. KARBOWSKI also announced that there will be a Get Out the Vote meeting, September 15 @ 7p.m. at Beveridge Place on California Avenue, near the Morgan Street Junction. PCOs can also walk their precincts to help further Get Out the Vote initiatives.

## PCO Report-

Bruce STOTLER announced that PCOs must file by Monday, September 13, to be considered as a write in candidate on the primary ballot.

## Bylaws Committee

Conrad KNUDSEN presented the committee's calendar for bylaw revisions. There was a motion to table discussion on bylaw revisions until after the November election to free up time for members to focus on elections. There was concern that delay of the schedule would jeopardize the completion of bylaw revisions in time for the January reorganization meeting. The motion passed but it was unclear whether the motion was meant to table the discussion at the meeting or to table the activity on bylaws including the four meetings. [Note: It was decided at the Executive Board meeting to table the meetings until after the reorganization.]

## Burien Octoberfest Booth-

There was a motion for the 34<sup>th</sup> District to allocate the full \$125 cost of funding the booth. A motion was made to require that the money be contingent on the booth being allowed at the Burien Octoberfest (previously partisan or political organizations have not been allowed a formal presence at City of Burien events), and that the Executive Board reserve all rights to ensure that 34<sup>th</sup> District Democrat materials were both allowed and present at the booth. The motion failed. The motion to allocate the cost of funding the booth passed. [Note: Burien Octoberfest has since agreed to allow our materials at the booth.]

## Kerry/Edwards Signs, Bumper Stickers and Buttons

The District approved a \$1250 expenditure to buy Kerry/Edwards yard signs, buttons and bumper stickers.

## Program- BALLOT INITIATIVES

Walter SIVE moderated a discussion on ballot measures I-884 (One percent sales tax for education), R-55 (Charter Schools), and I-297 (Hanford Cleanup). Speakers presented both for and against the ballot initiatives, which will appear on the November 2 ballot.

## Good of the Order-

Randy DECKER announced that a Republican, Savun Neang, is running against Rep. Eileen CODY this election. Yardsigns for CODY are available through Randy.

Toni LYSEN announced the recent birthdays of members Bruce STOTLER and Bruce EKLUND

Georgie KUNKEL announced that this month's West Seattle Democratic Women Club's meeting will be held September 23 at Merrill Gardens.

Tanya AGUILAR announced that a Democratic Booth will be at the FIESTAS PATRIAS festival at South Park Community Center from 12-7 p.m. on September 18. There will be food, folklore, music, and dancing to celebrate MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Adjourned at 9:50 p.m

*Respectfully Submitted,, Bruce Eklund, Secretary*

Susan Harmon  
Enid Havens  
Brian Hawksford  
Alvin Hayes \*  
Anne Herfindahl \*  
Arlene Hess  
Robin Hess  
Frances Higgins  
Harry Higgins  
Charles Hobson  
Gerald Hoffmeister  
Lindsey Holweger  
Bradley Honner  
Tracy Honner  
Richard Hyman  
Robeta Hyman  
Virginia Jackson  
Steve Jacroux  
Chris Jansen \*  
Marcia Jensen  
Carl Johnson  
Dina Johnson  
Linda Johnson \*  
Mary Johnson  
Armando Juarez  
Christine Juarez  
Tom Jurewicz  
Bill Jury  
Carol Anne Jury  
David Kannas  
Delores Kannas  
Cris Kantor  
Patricia Kearns  
George Kerlick  
Denise Hope Kerwin  
R Khanna  
Fred Kirkes  
Conrad Knudtson \*  
Charles Knutson \*  
Jim Kovacevich  
Ellen Kritzman  
Elise Krogstad  
Georgie Kunkel  
Norman Kunkel \*  
Jean Lagrou  
Anne Larsen  
Dan Laxdall  
Eleanor Laxdall  
Edward Laymon  
Richard Lazeres  
Kathleen Lonergan  
Cherisse Luxa \*  
Margaret Mackey  
Melvin Mackey  
Margo Macvicar-Whelan  
Josephine Mahon  
William Mahon  
R E Mason  
Jeanette McArdle \*  
Philip McEachern \*  
Lee McGonagle  
David McMurray  
Ellen Mignogna  
Cindy Mitchell  
Viveca Monahan  
Mary Morgan  
Nancy Morrison  
Eleanor Munro  
Charla Mustard-Foote  
Joan Natoli  
Chet Neiswender  
Mary Neiswender  
Anjanette Nelson-Wally  
Bob Ness  
Maryann Ness  
Louise Niemi  
Colleen Nohl  
Robert Nohl  
Jan Noorda  
Evelyn Norsen \*  
Janice Nyman  
Shawn O'Rourke  
Ann Owchar  
Alicia Palacio  
Douglas Palmer  
Ida Palmer  
L Rosario Parker  
Kristen Parsons  
Wander Pederson  
Marcus Peha  
Ami Pendley  
Karen Peterson  
Todd Peterson  
Joy Pickering  
Cynthia Pignatelli  
Amy Portz \*  
Barbara Post  
Lisa Powers  
James Price  
Sharon Price \*  
Alix Pye  
Peter Quigley  
Adrienne Quinn  
Pamela Ralston  
Dale Randles  
Albert Rangel  
Tom Rasmussen

Maurice Regnier  
 Wendy Rice  
 Colleen Rice-Lozensky  
 Mary Robinson  
 Lance Rosen  
 Al Rouyer  
 Cathy Rouyer  
 Lois Ruff  
 Joseph Salmon  
 Jay Saucedo  
 Roger Schmidt  
 Cindy Schu  
 Dan Schueler \*  
 Joseph Sears  
 Julienne Sears  
 Bob Shields \*  
 Margaret Shields  
 Bear Silverstein \*  
 Jeffrey Skillman  
 Gary Smith  
 Kerry Smith  
 Mary Smith  
 Amigo Soriano  
 Mildred Soriano  
 Kay Sparks  
 Michael St. Clair  
 Linda Steinle  
 Mary Stephens  
 Theresa Stephens  
 Gary Strauss  
 Marie Sundberg  
 Margaret Swan  
 James Theofelis \*  
 Victor Thompson  
 Lillie Thurston  
 Richard Thurston  
 Catherine Tlapak  
 Steven Tolliver  
 Jeanne Turgeon  
 Jimi Vernie  
 Rudy Vernie  
 David Vogel \*  
 Larisa Wanserski  
 Brock Ward  
 Madeline Wasson  
 Richard Wasson  
 Joe Weiss  
 Joyce White  
 Don Wicklund  
 Dorothy Wicklund  
 Jeanne Wicklund  
 Patrick Wicklund  
 Laurie Williams  
 James Winnard  
 Stuart Yarfitz  
 Ana Ybarra  
 Carolyn Yeager  
 Jean Young \*  
 John Zornes  
 \*PCO

PCO (Not in above lists)  
 Christopher Arkills  
 Brenda Barnes  
 Marianne Blake  
 Julie Brinkmann  
 Bill Buehl  
 Tracy Burrows  
 Dorene Carrel  
 James Cottrell  
 Elizabeth Davisson  
 Elizabeth Dinan-Slack  
 Anne Eudoxie Francisce  
 James Guenther  
 Emma Taylor Harman  
 Ronald Honsinger  
 Jake Jacobovitch  
 Laura Jorgensen  
 Susan Kay  
 Flora Belle Key  
 Ray Konrad  
 Cindi Azevedo Laws  
 Marie Marchand  
 Chris McCullough  
 Terri McDermott  
 Sue Mitchell  
 Cathy Moore  
 Allan Munro  
 Richard Nelson  
 John M Repp  
 James Rose  
 Deborah Rosen  
 Mark Russell  
 Barbara Schaad-Lamphere  
 June Schumacher  
 Rick Skillman  
 Dennis L Smith  
 Martin Stallings  
 Irene Stewart  
 Dianne Sutherland  
 Sue Sutton  
 Patricia Tinker  
 Joel Tinker-Day  
 Teresa Toole  
 Sandra Trent  
 Sandy Young

# Calendar

Friday, October 8, 11:30 a.m.  
**Benefit Lunch for Christine Gregoire with Al Gore**  
 Westin Hotel, Tickets are \$100; contact Greg at 622-9157

Saturday, October 9, 5:30 p.m.  
**24th Annual NARAL Choice Liberty Ball Auction**  
 Red Lion Hotel, 1415 5th Avenue  
 King County Democrats are a Table Captain -  
 E-mail greg@kcdems.org or call 6232-9157 for info

Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 Social, 7:30 Meeting  
**District Meeting**  
 The Hall at Fauntleroy

Saturday, October 16, 6:00 potluck, meeting 6:30  
**Vashon-Maury Island Democratic Club**  
**Land Trust Building**

Tuesday, November 2  
**Election Day—Send Dubya Back to Texas**

Saturday, October 16, 12 noon  
**Wave Signs for Kerry and Other Democrats**  
 Northwest corner of SW 148th and 1st Ave S—Parking in  
 the lot on the west side of Rite Aid (towards Safeway) is OK

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00.  
**Executive Board Meeting—All Members are Welcome**  
 Ann Martin's home

Thursday, October 28, 11:30 a.m.  
**West Seattle Democratic Women**  
 Merrill Gardens Retirement Residence

Saturday, October 30, 12 noon  
**Wave Signs for Kerry and Other Democrats**  
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*Back in 2000 a Republican friend warned me that if I voted  
 for Al Gore and he won, the stock market would tank, we'd  
 lose millions of jobs, and our military would be totally  
 overstretched. You know what? I did vote for Gore, he did  
 win, and I'll be damned if all those things didn't come true.*  
*James Carville*



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