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Chair's Message for January

As we ring in the new year, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the past year and prepare for the year to come. This will be the year Democrats move beyond resistance and begin to fight back. Anyone who looked at what happened last November and thought "We need to win back some Trump voters by abandoning our core principles" was shown to be wrong in special elections all across this country, most recently in Alabama. We win when we inspire. We inspire when we think big and stand for our beliefs, and that is exactly what the 34th District Democrats intend to do!

2017: Year of Resistance

In 2017 the Republicans gained control of the White House, held onto Congress, stole the Supreme Court and maintained control of our State Senate. Within days of assuming the presidency Donald Trump's authoritarian tendencies became evident. There was little we could do but begin building an effective resistance and learning how to push back, challenge and derail the callous policies of a Republican party hell-bent on dismantling the last century of American progress. And resist we did: through citizen action we prevented the repeal of the Affordable Care Act and the implementation of Trump's Muslim travel ban.

2018: Rise and Organize - Building the Blue Wave

In 2018 we'll continue to resist draconian policies of Republicans at the national level, but here in Washington we can begin moving forward again after the special election in the 45th and the election of Manka Dhingra, finally giving Democrats control of the State Senate. We'll be pushing forward a progressive agenda at the State Level to serve as a counter-example to the tragic direction the Republicans are taking the country. We'll be seeing to re-vamp our Legislative Action Committee to be more focused on ACTION and less on reporting what's going on in Olympia. And we'll continue to reach out to other districts where our strength can lend a hand, such as the 31st where Michelle Rylands improved upon past Democratic performance but fell short of defeating the odious Phil Fortunato in the special election and will be challenging him again in 2018. challenging him again in 2018.

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January 10, 2018

Meeting Notice

The Hall at Fautleroy, 9131 California Ave SW
Across from the YMCA - Parking behind the Hall
Accessible by Metro "C" Line

6:30 Potluck Social Time, please bring a dish to share

7:00 Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies

Pledge of Allegiance

VIP Acknowledgements

Review and Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Adoption of the Agenda

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Reports of Officers

Chair's Report

Membership and Treasurer's Report

Program

State Chair Tina Podlodowski will talk about the structure of the party and what to expect in 2018

Unfinished Business

8:30 New Business

8:50 Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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www.34dems.org/contribute

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Housing For All: Taking the City to Task on the Homelessness Crisis

On November 2, 2015 Seattle and King County declared a Homelessness State of Emergency. Since then, the number of unsheltered homeless people in King County has risen by nearly 50%. Early this year five and a half thousand people were counted sleeping tents, in vehicles and on the streets.



This past fall a new coalition, called Housing For All (HFA), is pushing for a response to homelessness that meets the scale of the crisis, in a way that is both realistic and respectful of homeless people's dignity and rights. Homelessness is a regional and even national crisis, but we're starting with the City of Seattle. The answer to homelessness is housing – whatever contributing factors push people over the edge, it ultimately comes down to not having the money to pay rent. Considering the severe shortage of low-income housing, the homelessness crisis is hardly a mystery. According to the Housing Development Consortium, in Seattle alone the "housing gap" of additional homes needed by 2030 for households at 0-30% Area Median Income is 27,481. Seattle's HALA plan projects only 6,000 such units in the next ten years. The HFA coalition is calling on the City of Seattle to recognize this gap and seek all and any form of progressive revenue sources in order to bridge this gap.

Until we build the housing our city needs, the HFA Coalition is urging a harm reduction approach to unsheltered homelessness. If an encampment site is not irremediably unsafe or in conflict with other public uses (No, we're not saying people can camp in parks and playing fields!), services should be offered without threat of removal. For people living in vehicles, the City needs to do better outreach and find alternatives to ticketing and towing that don't result in debt traps.

Taken together, we believe these policies will put the City on the right track and begin to build a bridge to stable and permanent housing for our homeless neighbors. But it's not going to be easy – we need your help to win! You can learn more and get involved in the campaign at:

www.HousingForAllSeattle.org.

Submitted by KJ Moon, Katie Wilson, and Tim Marshall for Housing for All

Note: This issue will be part of our February 14th meeting program

Looking for more ways to get involved with the 34th?
Did you hear about an upcoming event at our monthly meeting and need details?

You can find all of this information on our online Calendar and on the Volunteer Page under the "Get Active" tab on our website

www.34dems.org/volunteer

34th District Bulletin Board

34th District Democrats Meetings

All meetings of the 34th District Democrats are open to any of our members.

Executive Board

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 18th Ave SW
Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.
Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00 pm

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Tuesday, January 9, 11:30 am

Metropolitan Democratic Club

Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 12-1:30 pm

Burien Drinking Liberally

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.
Thursday, January 25, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle Golf Course Banquet Room
Check www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 pm
Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168

Treasurer's Report for January Newsletter

Balance as of November 30, 2017	\$ 21,199.78
Add Revenues	\$ 2,436.00
Less Expenses	\$ 1,533.84
Balance as of December 29, 2017	\$ 21,101.94



EVERYBODY IN, NOBODY OUT.

2018 Countdown to Health Care for All – Washington

Saturday, January 6, 2018
2:00-4:00 pm

If you'd like to see health care provided for every single person in the state of Washington AND save substantially on health care spending, join Health Care for All-WA on Saturday, January 6th, for our 2018 Countdown to Healthcare for All! We'll show you how we're making progress toward our goal of Everybody In, Nobody Out and how you can help make it happen.

Questions? Email action@healthcareforallwa.org.

West Seattle Library, 2306 42nd Avenue SW

Seattle Womxn's March 2.0

Saturday, January 20, 2018 - 10 am - 3 pm
At Cal Anderson Park

More information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2060643887505131/>



Nick Bohall and Treina Aronson at last year's Seattle Womxn's March (Photo by David Ginsberg)

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2017 Holiday Party - The Winner's Ball

At our December Holiday Party, dubbed "The Winner's Ball", we celebrated our successes in November. Our slate of progressive candidates in the Burien - "The Fantastic Four" - were on hand to party with us. They thanked us for our support and work and urged us to stay informed about the issues in that city. Also on hand to speak to us was newly re-elected County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, County Council President Joe McDermott, Seattle City Councilmember Lisa Herbold and Burien City Councilmember Austin Bell.



*Les Treall gets the 2017 Life Achievement Award for his years of tireless work for our organization...and he's not done yet!
(Photo by Carrie Alexander)*

Letters and Submitted Articles

We are Democrats, and like most Democrats we have strong opinions and like to express them. We welcome letters and articles. .

All submissions are subject to editing. If submissions need to be shortened, you will be given the option of editing your own work.

Photos and notices of upcoming events are always welcome.

The deadline for the February newsletter will be Wednesday, January 31.

Mail to Steve Butts,
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or email to swbutts@comcast.net



Lisa Plymate announces Carrie Alexander and David Ginsberg as dual E-Board Members of the Year



Newly elected Burien City Councilmembers Krystal Marx, Jimmy Matta and Pedro Olguin

Burien City Councilmember Nancy Tosta

The Holiday Party is also an opportunity to celebrate our efforts in promoting our values and the work we do in electing progressive leaders. Individuals that have stood out during the year in service to the 34th District Democratic organization were given special recognition.

These are the award winners for 2017:

Les Treall – Cherisse Luxa Life Achievement Award

Carrie Alexander and **David Ginsberg** – E-Board Members of the Year

Nick Bonazza – Rising Star of the Year

Annie Phillips – PCO of the Year

Outreach – Committee of the Year

Eileen Cody – Elected Official of the Year



Newly-weds David Ginsberg and Steven Jamieson



Rising Star of the Year Nick Bonazza



Annie Phillips is PCO of the Year for her tireless activism (AP Photo)



Outreach Chairs Karen Richter and Steve Butts with Nick Bonazza at Fiestas Patrias

Resolution in support of Real Infrastructure Investments by the 34th District Democrats of the State of Washington

WHEREAS, by uniting the Democratic Party and the nation around a bold vision for jobs and infrastructure, we have the best chance of passing legislation that works for all, and in the process stopping any infrastructure legislation aimed at solely making money for Wall Street banks and foreign companies; and

WHEREAS, President Trump's stated vision for infrastructure spending is a cynical ploy full of shell-game financing, attacks on workers' rights and environmental oversight, creating billions in profits for corporate interests at the public's expense; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party stands for an infrastructure policy that includes the following core principles:

- investing to create new jobs building roads, bridges, clean energy infrastructure, telecommunications systems, parks, schools, libraries, housing and community assets;
- ensuring that direct public investment provides the overwhelming majority of funding for infrastructure;
- setting priorities for racial and gender equity through project labor agreements/community workforce agreements and environmental justice;
- embracing 21st-Century clean energy jobs, including expansion of solar and wind power, energy efficiency and energy grid modernization;
- expanding and enforcing Buy America provisions, requiring the use of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage standards, local and veteran-hiring policies;
- ensuring that the wealthiest Americans and profitable corporations who benefit from public goods pay their fair share for maintaining them;
- ensuring that investments are not paid by raiding Social Security, Medicaid or any other social program;
- setting priorities for resilient infrastructure that can withstand environmental disasters and physical or cyber attacks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The 34th District Democrats call on members of Congress to support our representative's efforts in the House and similar efforts in the U.S. Senate to unite Democrats around these principles, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The 34th District Democrats join progressive and civil rights organizations from around the country in mobilizing constituents to stand together in rejecting so-called "infrastructure" proposals that reward the billionaires at the expense of working families, the environment, and social justice.

Member in the News - Bruce Stotler

Long-time member Bruce Stotler was featured in a *Seattle Times* front page article on January 1st. The story relates Bruce's generous offer to sell his home to the city to preserve the corner of Schmitz Park that it abuts, saving the lot from development. With the help of retired councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Bruce is offering the house well below its potential value, with the provision that he can live out his life there, or as long as he wishes to remain on the property. The city the unique ability to add to the park.

From the article:

"A spokesman for the city's Department of Construction and Inspections says zoning would allow a three-story home on Stotler's property, which would make a new structure bigger than anything else around there.

His site certainly would make an appealing location for a contractor."

Bruce is quoted: *"A megahouse. They would build as big a house as they could," he says. A few blocks away, he says, that's what happened. "It looks like a dormitory."*

Thank you for thinking of, and benefiting our city Bruce!



Bruce Stotler looks out at Schmitz Park from his deck
(Photo by The Seattle Times)

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Make an Impact: Join the Executive Board

We will have several openings on the Executive Board, one of which we'll seek to fill at the January meeting. Our long time State Committeewoman Lisa Plymate is stepping down for health reasons, and with the next State Committee meeting coming up at the end of January we'd like to fill her role at our January 10 meeting so we have full representation at the State Committee meeting. If you're interested in running to be our next State Committeewoman please contact me at chair@34dems.org.

A note from outgoing State Party Committeewoman Lisa Plymate on her resignation

Lisa is stepping down after many years of exemplary service to the 34th, we thank her for her service to the District and wish her well as she undergoes treatment. Here is her letter of resignation:

Dear members of 34th LD and Washington State Democratic Central Committee:



I am sorry to report that, due to health reasons, I will be stepping down from my role as the 34th LD's state committeewoman, effective Jan 10th 2018, when the 34th LD meets and can then elect my replacement to complete the second year of my two-year term. I have truly enjoyed and been honored to serve as your Committeewoman the past 5 years. This position is crucial for the upcoming 2018 election cycle, where Democrats need to take back the House, while we also sweep local elections at all levels across the state. Our state chair, Tina Podlodowski, is doing a fantastic job at mobilizing grassroots workers and fundraising to put in field offices statewide. Our state organization needs enthusiastic, engaged activists, and our new state committeewoman will need much energy to participate in the state party, as well as to coordinate our state and LD functions, including participating in the e-board. I'm hoping I will eventually get the needed energy

back to join the rest of you out on our streets; in the meantime, I feel it better for the party if I allow someone new to take up this vital role.

To my friends from around the state, I will miss seeing you at our quarterly meetings – and will continue to connect on FaceBook plus in person. To those in the 34th, I'm not going away; I'll see you at our monthly meetings and step in as I'm able. For anyone interested in running for this coveted position, I'll be most happy to discuss what's involve and do whatever I can to smooth your transition. It's truly a 'fun gig' to get to travel around the state, meet fellow Democrats and learn local issues. Plus, you get to serve alongside my favorite sidekick, Chris Porter! The next meeting is the weekend of January 26-28th in Bellingham, a great place to start out in your new position.

Thank you for the honor of serving in this capacity for so long – and on King County for 6 years before that and as a National Delegate for Obama in 2012. Counting my time in the 33rd, I've gotten to work on e-boards with 6 chairs – You will be in great hands working with David Ginsberg! Believe me, it's with reluctance that I'm vacating this slot!

Happy holidays and see you Jan. 10th!

*Lisa Plymate
PCO, 34-1521
State Committeewoman*

Renew Your Membership in the 34th!

Next year will be all about organizing to take back control of our national government from this evil cabal while continuing to elect and support the best local Democratic candidates. We can't do it without you.

If you haven't yet you can renew your membership or join us as a new member here: www.34dems.org/contribute

Happy New Year to all of you, we're so looking forward to seeing you on the 10th!

In solidarity,

David

David Ginsberg,
Chair, 34th District Democrats



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