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**34th District Democrats,**

The 34th Legislative District Democrats are hosting two candidate events in April for Seattle District 1. Increasing community engagement, communicating our concerns with the candidates, and understanding their positions are critical steps in electing the best candidate. Come and hear from the candidates as they share their views on the issues facing our city such as affordable housing, the environment, health care, addiction, public safety, transportation, and homelessness. Both events have been arranged by the 34th's Legislative Action Committee, led by **Jordan Crawley**.

Our first event is a forum scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th at our regular monthly meeting. All five of the current candidates have confirmed. Incumbent **Lisa Herbold** will face off with primary challengers **Jesse Greene, Phillip Tavel, Brendan Kolding** and **Isaiah Willoughby**. All five candidates have signed the pledge to seek to qualification for the Seattle Democracy Voucher Program.

Our second D1 candidate event will be more of a debate format. This is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 23rd** from 6:30-9:00pm at Holy **Family Bilingual Catholic School**, 9615 20th Ave SW.

These events are open to the public. A list of questions has been developed, be we want the topics discussed to fit the concerns of the community. Please go to our website and use the "District 1 Candidate Events" link to use our survey to provide additional thoughts as to what you'd like to see addressed.

We look forward to seeing you all there and hearing from our candidates.



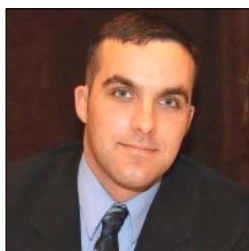
Phillip Tavel



Lisa Herbold



Jesse Greene



Brendan Kolding



Isaiah Willoughby

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
Meeting Notice**

**The Hall at Fautleroy, 9131 California Ave SW  
9131 California Ave SW (Across from the YMCA.)  
On the "C" Metro 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

Report of Officers and Standing Committees

Chair's Report

Membership and Treasurer's Report

State Committee Update

**7:20** Unfinished Business

**7:21** New Business

Appointment of PCOs

**7:30** Seattle City Council District 1 Candidate Forum

**8:20** New Business

**8:50** Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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## Resolution Calling on State Committee Members to Vote in Favor of a Primary as the Determining Step for Presidential Delegate Allocation

**Whereas** the Washington State Democratic Party State Central Committee will vote in April on whether to retain presidential precinct caucuses as the determining step for national delegate allocation or adopt the existing vote-by-mail primary for the same purpose; and

**Whereas** Washington taxpayers already pay for administration of a statewide Democratic primary by funding state elections infrastructure; and

**Whereas**, in 2016, approximately 274,000 Democrats participated in the party's precinct caucuses, while 802,754 Democrats voted in the state's non-binding primary; and

**Whereas** the Democratic Party, as the party of workers and working families, believes that working people shouldn't have to choose between a shift and a vote or find a sitter to feel welcome in the party; and

**Whereas** the Democratic Party is dedicated to fighting ableism, ageism, and all obstacles to full participation in the democratic process; and

**Whereas** precinct caucuses have become too large for volunteers to manage effectively, with new DNC rules requiring local parties to raise and spend large sums of money to host caucuses; and

**Whereas**, to the extent that caucus reforms attempt to mitigate access issues, they will be attempting to replicate the existing primary process at party expense, while falling short of the ease of access and security of the state-run vote-by-mail primary; and

**Whereas** the state party projects that transitioning to a primary/caucus hybrid system will save the party millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours; and

**Whereas** party funds and members' volunteer labor are best spent electing Democrats and fighting for Democratic values;

**Whereas** the plan to use the primary as the determining step for delegate allocation will preserve legislative district and congressional district caucuses for the purpose of delegate election, community engagement, and party development;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the 34th Legislative District Democrats support transitioning to a primary as the determining step in allocating national delegates.

*Passed at the March 13, 2019 meeting. Submitted by Jeanne Fellin, PCO 34-1425*



*Jeanne Fellin presents her resolution in favor of a 2020 primary.*

# 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, April 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  
Please note new start time:  
Tuesday, April 9, 12pm

#### 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.  
Wednesday, April 24, 6:30pm

#### West Seattle Democratic Women

For more information regarding upcoming meetings check:  
[www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org](http://www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org)  
Or inquire at: [contact.wsdw@gmail.com](mailto:contact.wsdw@gmail.com)

#### King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Carpenters Union Hall  
231 Burnett Ave N  
Renton, WA 98057  
Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 pm

## Earth Day Service Activity Event



The 34th Dems will be working with Duwamish Alive to honor Mother Earth

**Saturday, April 20** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Greg Davis Park**, 2600 SW Brandon St

We will be working at a buffer habitat restoration site on Longfellow Creek in West Seattle. We will meet at Greg Davis Park and walk to the project site up the trail.

Please dress for the weather and wear clothes and closed-toe shoes/boots that you don't mind getting wet and muddy.

Tools, gloves, water, hot beverages, and snacks will be provided. Please bring water bottle, travel mug, and lunch.

All ages and experience welcome!

Find the link to register at [www.duwamishalive.org/](http://www.duwamishalive.org/)  
or at [www.34dems.org](http://www.34dems.org)

## Seattle City Council District 1



### Candidate Forum

**Tuesday April 23**

6:30 - 9:00 pm

Hosted by

**The 34th District Democrats**

At the

**The Holy Family Bilingual Catholic School**  
9615 20th Ave SW

The 34th Legislative District Democrats are hosting two candidate events for Seattle District 1. The first will be at our April 10th membership meeting, and then we will stage a 2nd forum on the 23rd. Be sure to attend both as we make an important pick for our district's representation on the Seattle City Council.

## Become a PCO!

Precinct Committee Officers are the backbone of our party, connecting us to our community. Consider taking on this vital role as either an appointed or acting PCO!

Were you were an appointed or acting PCO in 2018 and would like to continue for 2019-2020?

Please Contact  
**Nick Bonazza** at [pco@34dems.org](mailto:pco@34dems.org)



## White Center Cambodian

### New Year Festival

**Sat. April 27**

10:30 am - 5:00 pm

**in Downtown White Center**

Join the Outreach Committee as we kick off another year of events. Register voters and represent our organization at this colorful and unique event!

Contact [outreach@34dems.org](mailto:outreach@34dems.org) to volunteer

## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

### Senator

#### Joe Nguyen

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Reentry & Rehabilitation (Vice  
Chair), Environment, Energy &  
Technology  
Rules  
Transportation

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PO Box 40434  
Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7667



### Representative Eileen Cody

Chair, Health and Wellness  
Appropriations

303 John L. O'Brien Building  
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Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7978



### Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

Environment & Energy (Chair)  
Appropriations  
Rural Development, Agriculture,  
& Natural Resources

305 John L. O'Brien Building  
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Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7952



## 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 May 2019 newsletter will be Thursday April 25, 2019.**

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or email to newsletter@34dems.org

## In Case You Missed Our March Meeting...

The focus of our March meeting centered on the discussion the state party is having within itself: Whether to continue with our customary presidential caucus cycle, or take advantage of our state's quadrennial presidential primary. Our state committeepersons **Ann Martin** and **Chris Porter** led us through the delegate selection process, and Chris explained the affirmative action plan, and changes to the delegate selection process to incorporate a new gender non-binary classification.

We were told that we were in the midst of a 30-comment period during which the state party would be soliciting votes and comments online for preferences for either our traditional precinct caucuses or to use the state's primary as the basis to select the number of state delegates for each presidential candidate. The state party would take up the issue at the April party meeting and decide. A brief side-by-side comparison of a Full Caucus vs a Primary/Caucus Hybrid is on page 7.

The state must adhere to a 23-page list of rules from the DNC, who will approve the state's final plan. It was also noted that super delegates will not vote on the first ballot at the national convention, defusing a major point of contention that flared in the 2016 nomination process.

Members assembled into discussion groups and asked to deliver the resulting thoughts and concerns to the meeting as a whole. While there was some nostalgia for the caucuses, the prevailing consensus was that a primary



*Burien City Councilmember Krystal Marx speaks about the workshops she's holding for tenant's rights. She told us our help is needed this year to maintain a progressive council....Three seats are up in Burien in 2019.*

allowed for more participation, especially for non-English speakers and people with disabilities. It was noted that there is nothing stopping PCOs from arranging caucus-like gatherings for discussion. Several past chairs spoke about the costs of previous caucus cycles, reaching \$30,000 in 2016 as we utilized virtually every facility large enough to handle the gatherings across the district. Former chair **Ivan Weiss** rose to state that even though the caucuses in 2008



Past chairs speak of their caucus experiences. Right to left are Ivan Weiss, Marcee Stone-Vekich and Kathy Minsch

went smoothly, the feedback he got was to the effect of: “Why do we have to go through this? Why not have a primary and be done with the hassle?”

Later, a motion was made by **Jeanne Fellin** to suspend the rules to consider a non-binding resolution to endorse the Primary process she had prepared. The two-thirds threshold to suspend was passed, and after discussion and an amendment (a directive to bind our state committeepersons to the resolution was deleted), the resolution was approved. The resolution can be found on page 2.

Also later in the meeting **Leah Griffin** was introduced as the Chair’s nomination to fill the KCDCC committeeperson position #2. Leah spoke about several bills involving sexual assault, an issue she is involved in. The PCOs present voted and approved her appointment. We also endorsed **Chris Porter** for the open supervisor’s position for the King County Conservation District.

Candidates spoke. **Lisa Herbold** announced the first candidate’s forum. Speak Out Seattle will host the event at 7-8:30 pm Thursday,



Events Co-Chair Jacqui Morris seeks volunteers for our annual fundraiser “Garden Party”.

March 21st, at American Legion Post 160. Lisa’s campaign kick off will be held on March 27 from 2-4 at the Highland Park Improvement Club. **Joe McDermott** also announced his re-election campaign and its kickoff on March 28th at 5:30 at Click! Design That Fits, at 5:30 pm March 28th. **Jesse Greene**, running for Council District 1, said that all the candidates in that race were working to except Democracy Vouchers.

Events Co-Chair **Jacqui Morris** announced plans for the Earth Day celebration and upcoming events. The annual fundraiser, that we’ve historically called “The Garden Party”, will break with tradition. Instead of being held later in the summer, it will take place the first week of June. She asked for volunteers. There will be planning meetings every Saturday morning from 10 to 11 at Cupcake Royale in the Junction...contact [events@34dems.org](mailto:events@34dems.org).



Moti Krauthamer speaks to an amendment to a resolution in favor of using the primary in 2020.



Randy Litzenberger tells us about nation-wide student demonstrations that took place March 15.

**Photos by Jon Shields**

# King County Executive Board Meeting Notes From March 26, 2019 Meeting



Agenda was amended to introduce a resolution "Resolution Calling on State Committee Members to Vote in Favor of a Primary as the Determining Step for Presidential Delegate Allocation". Agenda Approved with amendment

## Presentation from NARAL Pro-Choice WA

A number of legislative priorities articulated pertaining to the protection and access to reproductive health rights.

Note: Title X funding gag rule - working to close the funding gap with state entities should federal funds go away

**OneAmerica's 2019 Annual Celebration: People Like Us** is to be held April 5 at The Westin in Seattle. Rep. Jayapal will be present. Cost is \$150. King County Democrats have a table, will be comprised of individual member contributors, not organizational resources.

## Chairs report

Women's history month. She spoke of the Michelle Obama event Sunday March 24th in Tacoma as part of her tour for her book "Becoming".

Shasti did not feel comfortable after the last meeting - reminder to choose kindness and support each other. Hard to see new committee chair appointees who are giving the KCDCC a shot have a negative reaction to infighting.

## Endorsements Committee

Added section to clarify proposed endorsements rules align with bylaws vis a vis threshold to approve recommendations from the endorsements committee vs. endorsements.

Proposed addition to rule 2, "adding close personal friends or professional relationships" to endorsement committee failed, too subjective/ vague.

Proposed addition to rule 8 section 12, "endorsements committee must bring names of recommended candidates to the executive board 5 days before vote". In the past, the board has not known until the night of who the recommended candidates are. passes

Proposed addition to rule 8 section 1, "adjusting this section to be consistent with bylaws"... notice must be provided 14 days in advance of meeting at all other times of the year.

Proposed endorsements rules with amendments pass unanimously .

## Proposed modifications to KCDCC Endorsements Questionnaire

Added to question 13 "Will your campaign be accepting contributions from corporate PACs such as, but not limited to, fossil fuel, pharmaceutical, or health insurance companies?". Passed.

Adding to question 1: "How you have worked to combat climate change? How would you use your elected office to ensure your municipality drastically lowers net carbon emissions by 2030 and achieves carbon neutrality by 2050?". Passed.

Motion removing question 2: "Have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?" Failed by 21 - 22.

Adding question "What is your experience in diversity?" Passed.

Adding question "Do you support equal pay for equal work for all genders?". Passed.

## Proposed "Seattle Supplement" questions for Seattle City Council races - motion passes

Are you participating in the Democracy Voucher program?

Would you support the placement of a supervised consumption space in your district?

Would you have supported the 2018 head tax to fund affordable housing as it was originally passed?

Do you support allowing more housing types such as triplexes, row houses, town homes, and accessory dwelling units, in single-family zoned areas in your district?

Would you support the construction of a 10 unit affordable housing project on your street?

Would you support a "congestion price" on downtown drivers in order to relieve traffic congestion and fund public transit improvements?

Do you support completion of the Bike Master Plan, including the installation of protected bike lanes on arterial streets?

## Approval of Interim expenditures

Eastside Democrats "Paint the Bench Blue" Dinner - \$500.

South King County Democrats Spaghetti Dinner - \$500.

Sponsorship of OneAmerica's New American Leaders candidate training - \$100 - passed

## 2020 Delegate Selection

State committee report on the process for selecting delegates for choosing presidential electors – **See Page 7 for summary.**

*Submitted by Max Brown, KCDCC Committeeman*

## Full Caucus vs. Hybrid Primary Comparison of Plans and Costs

### Full Caucus

- Date: March 21, 2020
- State Party Run
- Precinct Caucuses with various absentee voting options
- Elect delegates at precinct
- caucus to LD caucus and county convention
- Elect delegates at LD caucus to CD caucus and State Convention

### Cost

- Money: \$700-\$35,000
- Volunteer Hours: 500-11,000

### Similarities

- The delegate allocations are locked in at the first level of voting (precinct caucus results or primary results)
- The number of delegates at the LD and CD caucuses will NOT affect delegate allocations
- Candidates must receive 15% of the vote in a CD to receive delegates
- Ranked Choice Voting in a Precinct Caucus will not affect delegate allocation to LD Caucuses
- If no candidate gets 15% of the vote in a CD, then the percentage of the highest vote getter, divided by half is the new baseline for delegate allocate (i.e. if Candidate A get 14% of the vote and is the highest vote getter, than all candidates at 7% and above get delegates from the CD)
- Electoral College Members elected by State Committee
  - One per CD elected by CD members and two at-large elected by whole committee

National Delegate Allocation for Congressional District 7

Female Identifying: 6, Male Identifying: 5

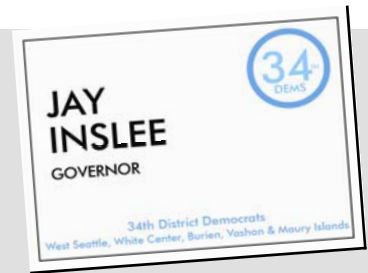
A gender non-binary individual can run as such and the "gender advantaged" gender loses one delegate (in CD 7, the gender advantage is Female).

### Hybrid Primary/Caucus

- Date: Likely March 10, 2020
- No Precinct Caucuses
- Mail-in election administered by election offices
- LD caucus and county convention open to all
- Elect delegates at LD caucus to CD caucus and State Convention

### Cost

- Money: \$500-\$15,000
- Volunteer Hours: 500-6,000



Thanks to an effort by Les Treall, we are in the process of reviewing the name tags we've accumulated over the years, and updating them as members take on new roles. Elected officials, board members and PCO's will have new tags at our April meeting. Those of members will be reviewed for May. Let Les know if yours is missing or incorrect.

Be sure to turn your tag in at the end of each meeting so it's ready for next time.

## PCO Training Sessions

Nick Bonazza has been holding PCO training at local libraries this spring. These are forums to review the role of a PCO and talk about ways to make connections and build relationships with voters, as well as a review of VoteBuilder.

Watch for these upcoming sessions:

**Delridge Library** - May 11, 1:00-3:00

**White Center Library** - May 18, 2:45-4:45

**Southwest Library** - June 1, 1:00-3:00

**West Seattle Library** - June 8, 1:00-3:00



Leah Griffin has assumed the position of our committeewoman to the King County Democratic Executive Board.



Five more PCOs were elected at the March 13th Meeting. Pictured left to right are Heather Engel (1546), Leah Griffin (acting in 1250), Jacqui Morris (3770), Ron Irvine (Chautauqua) as Nick Bonazza asks if they are Democrats. (Not pictured is Tori Stoner who will be acting in Cove Precinct on Vashon).



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