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Wednesday, June 12, 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
7:20 Seattle Libraries Levy Overview
7:25 King County Parks Levy Overview
7:30 Unfinished Business
7:31 New Business
2019 Budget Approval
Appointment of PCOs

Endorsements

- King County Council, Council District No. 8
City of Burien, Council Position 2
City of Burien, Council Position 4
City of Burien, Council Position 6
Port of Seattle, Commissioner Position 2
Port of Seattle, Commissioner Position 5
Seattle Libraries Levy
King County Proposition 1, Parks Levy
Seattle Libraries Levy
City of Seattle, Council District 1

- 8:55 Good of the Order
Adjourn to Whiskey West

Endorsements!

Please join us at our June meeting where we will be conveying our endorsements on candidates in municipal races in our district and in the county. This is a major function of our organization as the Primary and General Elections near. We, as active Democrats, are in position to help inform the broader community in which we live as to who will best be able to bring our progressive ideals to fruition in government. We have heard the candidates speak, met them in person, and asked them about their proposals to tackle the issues that impact our lives locally.



Come to take part in the decisions we'll be making on Wednesday June 12.

A note about voting according to our bylaws:

"Only members in good standing by the end of the prior month's meeting may vote, except that any member who had paid dues in the previous calendar year may vote if the membership is renewed at or before the meeting where the endorsement takes place."

The Bylaws can be found here:

www.34dems.org/bylaws/

The Endorsement Rules are here:

www.34dems.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Endorsement-Rules-Approved-04-14-10.pdf

So, if you were a member last year but haven't renewed yet, pay your dues and renew your membership in time for the June meeting by using the link below.

Renew or Become a Member at

34dems.org

www.34dems.org/contribute

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KCDCC Meeting Notes - May, 2019

King County Democrats will host a "fun-raiser" on June 23rd involving local candidates and partner organizations - more details to come on social media channels. This event replaces the planned "fish fry" or "salmon bake" from years past. Sunday, June 23, 2- 5pm at the IAM 751 hall in South Park.

Seattle Pride 2019

There will be a Booth at PrideFest Capitol Hill, Saturday, June 29, on Broadway from

11am - 6pm.

The Parade is Sunday, June 30th, with staging beginning at 8:30am. RSVPs would be appreciated to help track the logistics for water, snacks etc. Currently there is no exact place in line, but if attendees show up at 4th and Pike Street, a KCDCC rep will be present to help guide folks to the location.

Notable attendees will be Reps. Adam Smith, Kim Schrier, Pramila Jayapal and Suzan DelBene. Hilary Franz, Bob Ferguson and Dow Constantine will also be in attendance.

PARADE VOLUNTEERS: People are needed to keep the group together and moving. People are needed to pass out water and to pass out fun stuff to the crowd.

Signup: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4eada823a3f58-parade1

PRIDE BOOTH VOLUNTEERS: For Saturday June 29 2019 when the King County Democrats will have a booth on Broadway. We will have two volunteers in the booth at one time as well as any elected official who would like to participate. Sign up for as many one hour shifts as you would like. We will also have volunteers to work the crowd for voter registration, PCO recruiting and to direct people to the booth.

Signup: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4eada823a3f58-pride

PARADE MARCHERS: Please let us know who you are and how many marchers you are planning to bring. This is just so we can estimate our total group size. Please supply at least an email address so we can give you updated details as they become available.

Signup: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4eada823a3f58-parade

A special custom-designed Tee-shirt produced by Rivers Strategic Services for the King County Democrats has been released. It commemorates the 50th anniversary of Stonewall. Proceeds from T-shirt sales go to the benefit of the KC Democrats, and can be purchased at:

www.actionnetwork.org/fundraising/2019-pride-stonewall-50-commemorative-t-shirt/

The following endorsements were approved at the May meeting:

Judicial

Averil Rothrock, King County Superior Court Position 16

Marshall Ferguson, King County Superior Court Position 31

Aimee Sutton, King County Superior Court Position 49

Mike Ryan, King County Superior Court Position 37

Maureen McKee, King County Superior Court Position 5

All five of these judges are running unopposed and are aligned with KCDCC's platform and values.

Municipal in the 34th LD

Sofia Aragon, Burien City Council Pos 6

Lisa Herbold, Seattle City Council Dist. 1



34th District Bulletin Board

Executive Board

Open to all of our members
Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 18th Ave SW
Wednesday, June 19, 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, May 11, 12pm

Metropolitan Democratic Club
Please note new meeting place
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
911 Stewart St., Seattle 98101
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 12-1:30 pm

Burien Drinking Liberally
Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.
Wednesday, June 26, 6:30pm

West Seattle Democratic Women
For more information regarding upcoming meetings check:
www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org
Or inquire at: contact.wsdw@gmail.com

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting
Carpenters Union Hall
231 Burnett Ave N
Renton, WA 98057
Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 pm

PCO Training Sessions

Nick Bonazza has been holding PCO training at local libraries this spring. Here are the last of the PCO trainings scheduled at this time

These are forums to review the role of a PCO and talk about ways to make connections and build relationships with voters, and a review of VoteBuilder.

West Seattle Library — June 8, 1:00 to 3:00
White Center Library — June 15, 2:45 - 4:45
Southwest Library — June 22, 2:45 - 4:45

Contact Nick Bonazza to schedule:
pco@34dems.org
206.259.0820



Volunteer at our Events!

Register Voters, Promote our candidates and our organization at these fun community affairs!

Burien Strawberry Days

Saturday June 15
Sunday, June 16

10am to 6pm

We will be joined by fellow Democrats from the 33rd LD

The Morgan Junction Festival

Saturday, June 22th

Burien Independence Day Parade

Thursday, July 4, 3 - 5pm

Let's fill the streets with Democrats!

To volunteer, contact Karen Richter or Steve Butts at outreach@34dems.org



Sunday, June 9 12:00 — 5:00 PM

3618 SW Orchard St. Seattle

Hear candidates in the primary election tell us why we should endorse them at this fun-filled outdoor meet and eat event. This year's event takes place noon - 5 pm, June 9, at the home of Ann and Tony Martin.

Plenty of classic picnic fare will be available throughout the afternoon. We suggest a donation of \$25, but we emphasize that this is entirely optional.

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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Joe Nguyen

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Appropriations

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(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.

Mail to Steve Butts,
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146
or email to newsletter@34dems.org

In Case You Missed Our May Meeting...

Two main segments made for the program of the May meeting. After the initial reports and acknowledgments of officials, and first-time attendees we heard from our representatives as they relayed their accomplishments in the legislative recently concluded session. "Majorities matter" was the unofficial theme of their report.

First up was our freshman senator, Joe Nguyen. He paid respect to Reps. Eileen Cody and Joe Fitzgibbon as he made note of his hectic first legislative session. He is proud of the \$47 million for capital projects that is to come to the 34th district: Money for South Seattle College, Mary's Place, traffic improvements in White Center, and for Madison Middle School. In addition, the legislature approved \$188 million that will go into the ferry system for new boats. He was pleased with the vacation of marijuana state convictions, an accomplishment made in conjunction with Rep. Fitzgibbon. The REIT property tax was made more progressive, lowering the tax for 80% of property owners. Return ballots are now postage paid going forward.

Rep. Eileen Cody presented successes in health care legislation. It was a "big year for mental health" as Democrats and Republicans worked in unison in an unprecedented manner. The opioid epidemic across the state served as a catalyst in bringing the parties together to address that problem, and for increased funding for mental health including a new training hospital to be sited on the University of Washington campus. A bill that will give individual insurance purchasers a public option starting in 2021 was passed, dubbed "Cascade Care". Cody said that it is hoped that the option will bring down the cost of individual plans. Another bill was passed that killed the personal exemption from vaccination. Eileen was a bit gleeful as she recounted that she "got to shut down RFK Jr.", a noted vaccine skeptic, who came to Olympia to speak against the bill. A tax on vape products was also passed. And overtime for nurses was approved.



Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon relays a few of the highlights from a successful 2019 legislative session.

Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon said it was the most intense session in his 9 years in Olympia, and it was by far the most progressive session he's seen...the work we've done to elect progressive candidates in other LDs over the past few years is paying off. Legislation moved quickly; moderates and progressives worked together much better than in the past. Joe ran quickly down a list of accomplishments. Robbery 2 will no longer count as a 3rd strike, affecting the lives of 60 people sentenced to life in prison due to that offense. The detention of youth for status violations was eliminated to ease the pressure at-



Burien City Council Candidates Omaha Sternberg (l) and Sofia Aragon

Chair Jordan Crawley and Vice Chair Rachel Glass. Two candidates were present. Sofia Aragon is running for Position 6, a seat that is being vacated by Austin Bell. Omaha Sternberg is running for Position 4. Another Position 4 candidate, Kevin Schilling, was unable to attend. A progressive candidate for Position 2, Cydney Moore, was unable to participate as she does not identify as a Democrat.

Issues of affordability and increasing homelessness were frequently brought up, as the Burien area is growing. Burien has many ethnic groups with language differences that need to be brought into the decision process. Climate change and its effects on the shoreline will also need to be dealt with in the coming years. See the video on our Facebook page of the May meeting to watch the forum.

A resolution to oppose new and expanded gas infrastructure in Washington State was presented to the body. There was discussion around whether it was still a timely issue, as Governor Inslee had just signed a bill that banned fracking and issued a statement against LNG and methanol production in the state. Marcee Stone-Vekich argued that the state party's environmental caucus and unions involved with facilities construction and overseas shipping should be allowed to have input regarding the remaining issues the resolution addressed. Chris Porter felt that the appropriate committees of the state party should be given the chance to rework the resolution. Speaking in favor was Emily Hazelton from 350 Seattle and Elena Perez. The resolution was passed as submitted.

We heard from 2 representatives from UFCW 21, who came to give an update on the New Seasons grocery chain. New Seasons, though they present an environmentally friendly face to the public and claim to be for worker rights, but the company is aggressively anti-union. One of the speakers, an ex-employee, asked us to keep the pressure on them.

Seattle Public Utilities issued certificates of appreciation to individuals who took part in the Adopt-A-Street program the 34th is taking part in. Outreach Co-Chairs Karen Richter and Steve Butts handed out the awards to those volunteers that were present.

Two new PCOs were approved. Jen Nye is in 1527 and Carla Rogers recently moved into precinct 1257.

Terique Scott of "Balance Our Tax Code" spoke about a possible capital gains tax initiative...info at www.balanceourtaxcode.com



Chair Gina Topp is excited to tell us everything that goes on behind the scenes in the 34th Dems.



Representatives from UFCW Local 21 explain labor issues with the grocery chain New Seasons.



Elena Perez speaks in favor of the anti-fracking resolution.



Terique Scott from "Balance Our Tax Code" speaks of a possible capital gains tax

Photos by Jon Shields



The 34th Democrats have been doing street clean-ups along a stretch of 16th Avenue SW for two years...and we have qualified for a sign, and certificates of appreciation from Seattle Utilities for our efforts, which were handed out at our May meeting.

Present to receive awards in the photo above are (Left to right) Laurence Redman, Bruce Bergman, Bob Farrell, Karen Richter, Ted Barker, Steve Butts and Chris Porter. Chris Weiss, Melinda Grant, Jeryka Taft, Britnique Taft, Treina Aronson, Eric Cameron, Carol Aronson, Anna Orton, and Ben Olsen were not present.



At our sign at the corner of 16Ave SW and Henderson May 18. Selfie by Chris Porter.



Top photo: Burien City Councilmember Krystal Marx and family at our booth. To the left, just some folks we met.



34th Dems at the 3rd Annual Burien Pride!

Elizabeth Warren	35	Burien Pride is proving to be a great annual event, now in its third year. It has a friendly and inclusive vibe. We joined up with the 33rd LD Democrats for a double-space presence, where we registered 23 voters, many of the first-timers.	
Kamala Harris	24		
Pete Buttigieg	23		
Bernie Sanders	15		
Joe Biden	10		
Jay Inslee	4		
Cory Booker	4		
Marianne Williamson	3		
Mike Gravel	1		
Beto O'Rourke	1		
My Dog	1		
Undecided	8		
			Just for fun, we ran a presidential straw poll, the tally from which is at the left. Judging from the penmanship of the person who voted for "My Dog", it will be a couple of decades before they will be able to vote for real!



PCO Committee Chair Nick Bonazza introduces new PCO Jen Nye who will serve in Precinct 1527.



Carla Rogers is the new PCO for Precinct 1257.



David Ginsberg points the way to the fun.



The tablecloth was Blue...of course!



Les Treall and Karen Richter tackle a reluctant bottle of 18 year old scotch.

A Few Scenes From Our June Fundraiser

Photos by Jon Shields



Fundraising Chair DeLancey Lane stirs up punch.

New Membership Chair!



Dawn Rains has taken over the position of Membership Chair, in addition to being head of our Finance Committee. She looks forward to greeting you at our monthly meetings!



Treasurer Ben Reilly keeps a track of the donations



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