



Hello Democrats,

The 34th District Democrats Endorsement Meeting is on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. You must [REGISTER](#) to be able to participate in the meeting.

In order to assure you receive the confirmation email and link for the meeting, please add no-reply@zoom.us to your email address book. If you are having trouble logging into the meeting or do not receive a confirmation email from Zoom reach out to [Carla Rogers](#).

In order to vote you must be a member or precinct committee officer and register for the meeting. Since we will be using Zoom to vote each voter must individually register and log into Zoom via a computer or your phone. If you need to log in via smartphone, we recommend you download the Zoom app prior to the meeting.

If you are uncertain about whether you are a member of the 34th District Democrats, please reach out to [Ben Reilly](#). 2019 members who have not renewed their membership dues for 2020 may do so before 6:30pm on July 8. Please note if you are a new member you can vote 30 days after you pay membership dues.

If it is unclear whether you are a voting precinct committee officer, please reach out to [Nick Bonazza](#).

To renew or pay your dues please [click here](#). The 34th District Democrats does not turn anyone away from being member for inability to pay, we accept and greatly appreciate whatever level of support is comfortable to you.

In preparation for the meeting, you can view the endorsement positions in the agenda at the right. Currently, the executive board does not recommend candidates for endorsement or require any questionnaire for candidates. We will be reviewing and updating our endorsement process in the coming months.

In order for a candidate to be endorsed a member must nominate the candidate and the candidate nomination must have a second. For our full endorsement rules please see our [bylaws](#). Questions about the process and an overview of the process will be provided during the 6:30pm virtual potluck.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the endorsement meeting, the voting process, or anything else.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Stay Healthy-

Gina Topp, Chair

34th Legislative District Democrats

July 8, 2020

Online Meeting Notice

You Must Register to Attend:

<https://bit.ly/MeetingJuly8>

6:30 pm - Virtual Potluck: Miss the opportunity to connect with other 34th members? Grab your favorite snack and beverage and log on to the meeting at 6:30pm for a chance to catch up with friends from the 34th and to ask questions about our endorsement process. The official meeting will start at 7:00pm.

7:00 pm - Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies -

- VIP Acknowledgements
- Adoption of June Minutes
- Adoption of July Agenda

7:10 pm - PCO Appointments

7:15 pm - Hear from available candidates and ask questions

7:45 pm - Endorsements (in the following order)

- WA Governor
- U.S. Representative District 7
- WA Lieutenant Governor
- WA Secretary of State
- WA Treasurer
- WA Attorney General
- WA Commissioner of Public Lands
- WA Superintendent of Public Instruction
- WA Auditor
- WA Insurance Commissioner
- WA Representative, District 34 Position 1
- WA Representative, District 34 Position 2
- Judicial Candidates

8:45 pm - A Resolution - Whereby the 34th Legislative District Democrats Join Local Efforts to Support the Green New Deal at the Federal Level

8:55 pm - Confirmation of Diversity and Inclusion Chair

9:00 pm - Adjourn

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Notes From the June 23rd KC Democrats Meeting

Business started with a rules refresher from Scott Forbes. Following, much debate time was spent on a motion to turn the Zoom Chat feature on. The motion failed. Endorsements of races of concern for the 34th LD are the endorsement of Mike Kreidler, WA State Insurance Commissioner and Pat McCarthy, WA State Auditor Partner Spotlight: LGBTQIA Pride Month/Immigrant Heritage Month. Guest Speaker was Krystal Marx, Seattle Pride Executive Director. She mention several events online for the coming Pride weekend.

Black Lives Matter Update

Guest Speaker Joe Seia, Community Policing Commission, spoke on the need to hold police unions and police accountable and to keep the consent decree. There have been 29 deaths since the consent decree, so there is still a lot of work to do. There has been retaliation from the Mayor's office that has kept the commission from doing its work.

An update on 940 was given by Sara Franklin and Teri Rogers Kemp. Training on de-escalation has begun as a result of 940. The second phase is beginning for



independent investigations. Julia Reed said the King County Democrats released a statement in support of the protests for black lives. It is important for folks in the 34th to continue to email city officials in support of police reforms.

Resolutions

A resolution regarding Water Utility Assistance was passed. A group of four resolutions related to the community safety, racial equity, and justice for Black lives were passed. These resolutions were drafted in coordination with and in support of community organizers working on the ground to build more just and equitable King County communities. Read them at www.kcdems.org

- Resolution in Support of Defunding the Police and Investing in Community
- Resolution in Support of the Political Consultants of Color Coalition
- Resolution in Support of Initiative 1776, the Washington Anti-Discrimination Act
- Resolution Calling for Justice in the Killing of Unarmed Jogger Ahmaud Arbery

Submitted by Leah Griffin, KCDCC Committeeperson



The West Seattle Democratic Women
are delighted to announce that
on July 4th their long awaited newly revised
website will be published.

We hope everyone will take a look to see what's new!

Our next meeting will be virtual via Zoom on **Thursday, July 25th** in the evening from **6:00pm-8:00pm**. We will be hosting our second meeting on Racism/Institutional Racism.

Go to our new website for additional information.

www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org

For more about WSDW or if you have questions,
email wsdwomen@yahoo.com or call Karen at (206) 920-2231

PCO Committee Report

Nick Bonazza, PCO Committee Chair—June 17, 2020

JUNE-JULY PRIORITIES: Recruitment, Training, Voters Registration, Phone Banking (phone banks & individual precincts)

PCO Recruitment & Training

We voted 15 PCOs to their precincts at the June 10th Membership meeting. Many who filed for precincts that were uncontested and were notified they will be elected as of 12/1/2020 want to begin the work now. Others have moved or precincts have become available for Precinct Coordinators to be Appointed. There may be an equal number at the July meeting. There is a lot of energy in our group. I'm contacting new PCOs, working on training materials and calling on experienced PCOs to assist with orientation and ongoing support. King County is planning trainings as well for new and experienced PCOs.

Appointed PCOs for June are Mary Fisher (1430), Regan Conley (1455), Brendan Kolding (1488), Mahmud (Jeff) Sbaih (1499), Gabe Bell (1513), Leah Griffin (3264), Rebecca Wells (Haines), Sheila Ghaibi (3682), Christopher Daikos (1431), Jess Zimbabwe (1464), Marco Mazzoni (0913), Janel Lordizabel (1543), Marshall Foster 1475. Precinct Coordinators are Michael Cubbin (1510) and Brianna Thomas (3785).

Coordinated Campaign

We're in the final stages of planning for the 34th District Democrats/WA State Coordinated Campaign phonebank. We'll be contacting lists provided by the Coordinated Campaign that include 34th LD Democrats throughout the 34th, including the newly registered who haven't voted, and others who are not yet counted. Phone banking is scheduled for Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning July 9th and continuing to election day. PCO leads Max Brown, Leah Griffin, Jeff Sbaih, Colleen Hinton, Carla Rogers or Nick Bonazza will be available during the sessions to answer questions as they come up. Carla has developed a Google form for interest available now on our 34th website and volunteers can also sign up on the WA State Coordinated Campaign site.

Our PCOs continue to reach to their precinct members out by phone, mail or email to touch base and make sure everyone in the household is registered, and again to GOTV when we are closer to elections.



Phone Bank with the 34th Every Thursday and Saturday!

With COVID-19, we have shifted entirely to virtual voter contact.

Nick Bonazza and 5 of our Rockstar PCOs will be leading bi-weekly phone banks starting July 9. We will be calling into the 34th LD, and reaching into unrepresented precincts.

Are you are ready to help elect Democrats and win big in 2020? On the fence about phone banking and want to learn more? [Sign up online](#) and one of our leads will contact you. Then get to work...

....Please sign up directly for shift available on the [Coordinated Campaign website](#).

....Look for the **Thursday and Saturday 34th LD events**.



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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 August newsletter will be Thursday July 30, 2020

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In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

The June 10th meeting was our 2nd done virtually using Zoom.

A virtual "social time" preceded the meeting. Chair Gina Topp asked: "What have we learned the past 3 weeks?" Attendees



Chair Gina Topp Leads the meeting from her home.

mostly expressed themselves about the nationwide protests against police violence. One person found themselves thinking of white privilege. Another was amazed by the worldwide support for the protests. Someone paraphrased an athlete who felt that the pandemic eliminated distractions such as

sports, allowing to folks to focus their attention and actions on more serious events. Kathy Minsch said that she's been reading a lot news, and we need to listen more to the voices of BLM. 2nd Vice Chair Jesse Greene helped organize the march and rally the previous Saturday in the Junction and thanked those that turned out.

Rep. Eileen Cody announced that there will be a special legislative session in August to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic downturn it has caused. Budget cuts will be made, as well as ways to increase revenue – both will be required.

KC Councilmember Joe McDermott spoke about his activities. He is part of the West Seattle Bridge Task Force, and they had just recently met for the first time, as they take the first steps to developing a plan. He also had just chaired his first



First-timer James Williams spoke to his work as a lawyer, currently representing an arrested protester.

meeting in that role of the King County Board of Health the day of the meeting. There is recognition of the impact of race on our current public health crisis, we need to start dealing with it.

Rep Joe Fitzgibbon had just returned from the BLM march in White Center earlier in the evening. He said this issue has taken a long time to be fully recognized, but it's good that it is being addressed now. He's looking forward to electing more Democrats this year...here and across the country. (Joe is on the board of the national Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee). He is afraid that the state budget shortfall will exceed 7 billion dollars.



André Taylor addressed us from his car. The past month found him busy.

He spoke up about injustice where it is seen...at work, schools, or in the neighborhood.

André Taylor spoke to us. He is a founder of Not This Time! a grassroots organization for police accountability that came out of the killing of his brother Chè by Seattle police in 2016. He was also chair of De-Escalate Washington I-940, that passed in 2018, an initiative to provide to improve de-escalation and mental health crisis training for police and allow for increased criminal liability in cases of deadly force by law enforcement agencies.

He holds that when America faces a problem, it just throws money at it such as after September 11th – but not when it comes to black and brown people. Current policing is “not from this century” and does not address the underlying problems and life trauma that shape the lives of gang members and others that fall into trouble. Police are simply not equipped to deal with social issues, like mental illness and homelessness.

Taylor pointed out that the stories of all races include the same trials, and these communities can come together once they recognize their commonality and funnel their peoples into action and education.

When Whites participate in marches and protests for Black Lives, is there a danger of coopting the BLM movement? Taylor said no one can “give” Blacks a voice and place. Instead he suggested that Whites use their White privilege to organize their own people to be allies.

There is a good article about Taylor in a recent issue of The New Yorker

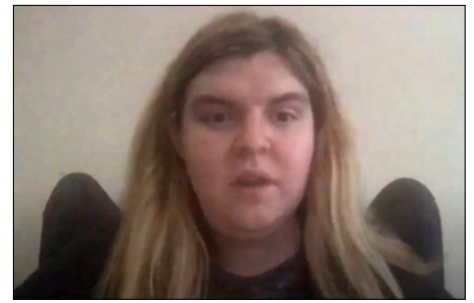
<https://bit.ly/Taylor-NY>

To start the business portion of the meeting, we approved the minutes from the May meeting, as well as the evening’s agenda...both electronically via Google forms.

Nick Bonazza summarized our strategy for the GOTV effort here in the 34th. Max Brown, Colleen Hinton, Carla Rogers

Chris Porter led a 30 second moment of silence in remembrance of George Floyd. But first he spoke about how he was “blown away” to see the turnout the previous weekend in West Seattle for BLM. We must challenge people to think what they can do as individuals, and to

and Jeff Sbaih will assist as PCO Leads. Nick introduced Cat Floate, the Coordinated Campaign Regional Field Organizer for King County. Cat laid out the goals statewide: Maintaining and improving our legislative majorities and retaining our statewide leaders. We will be looking to elect Gael Tarleton Secretary of State – and take this office that has been in the hands of Republicans for 56 years. We will also work to elect Mike Pellicciotti as the next State Treasurer.



Cat Floate is Regional Field Organizer for King County for the Coordinated Campaign.



Gael Tarleton is a candidate for Secretary of State



Mike Pellicciotti is running for State Treasurer.

Joe Fitzgibbon introduced the two candidates that we will be working to elect in the 26th LD, our adopted district for 2020. Carrie Hesch and Joy Stanford are running for the two Representative positions. Colleen Hinton talked about the candidates in North Carolina we are supporting, part of a plan by the organization Common Purpose, founded by University of Washington professor David Domke.

We finished the meeting by hearing from two candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Denny Heck and Marco Liias.

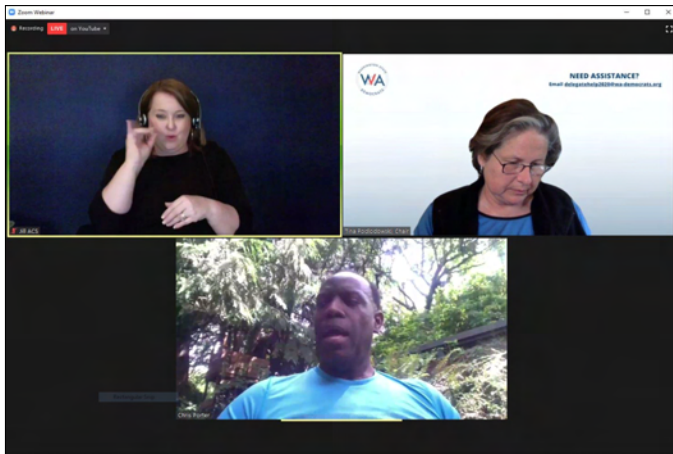


*Carrie Hesch (Left) and Joy Stanford (Right) would like our help to win seats in the 26th Legislative District. **Stay tuned for more info!***

The 2020 Washington Congressional District Caucuses and State Convention

It's a new world. Every two years, Washington State Democrats hold a convention as a culmination of the caucus/convention cycle in this state. Usually, this involves a gathering of Democrats from across the state, wearing a variety of political paraphernalia. It's a party building opportunity and a chance for people to show and share their values and the values of the Democratic Party.

This year was different. First, and perhaps luckily, we had a statewide primary via mail-in ballot, just as the pandemic was emerging in this state. Secondly, the planned Legislative District (LD) caucus (scheduled for April 26 at Sealth High School) was moved to a virtual



Chris Porter gives the "For" argument for a minority report calling for legislation requiring all complaints of police use of excessive force to be investigated by outside agencies...while Chair Tina Podlodoski follows along. On the left is one of the ever-present ASL signing interpreters.

format in which Precinct Committee Officers elected delegates to the Congressional District (CD) caucus. The CD caucus election of national delegates became an electronic ballot distributed to the delegates elected from the LDs.

The convention, which focuses on passage of a platform, was held via Zoom, Facebook and on phone on June 13. It



Presidential Candidate and presumptive Nominee Joe Biden and US Senator from Massachusetts Elizabeth Warren sent video addresses to the convention.



was also streamed and recorded on YouTube. Up to 2,000 people attended the convention virtually, with most votes involving 1,200 to 1,300 delegates.

The delegates voted on a series of "Minority Reports".

These proposed

changes had a strong percentage of the Platform Committee agreement, but not enough support to include in the Committee's Report to the convention. Those committee members that supported the changes presented a "For" argument, while others spoke against. The Minority Reports that were passed have been included in the final platform document. While the electronic ballots were being tallied, elected officials and candidates spoke.

A YouTube recording of the convention is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00BXjnS8lBg>

The 2020 Platform is at: https://bit.ly/WA_Platform

Party Leader and Elected Official national delegates, at-large national delegates and alternates and electors were elected by state committee members via electronic ballots on June 13 through 15. These individuals join the CD national delegates to make up the Washington State delegation to the national convention. At this time, the mechanics of that convention, which was delayed a month early in the cycle, have not been finalized, but may, depending on the pandemic status, consist of both in-person and virtual participation.

It is definitely a new world! Stay safe!

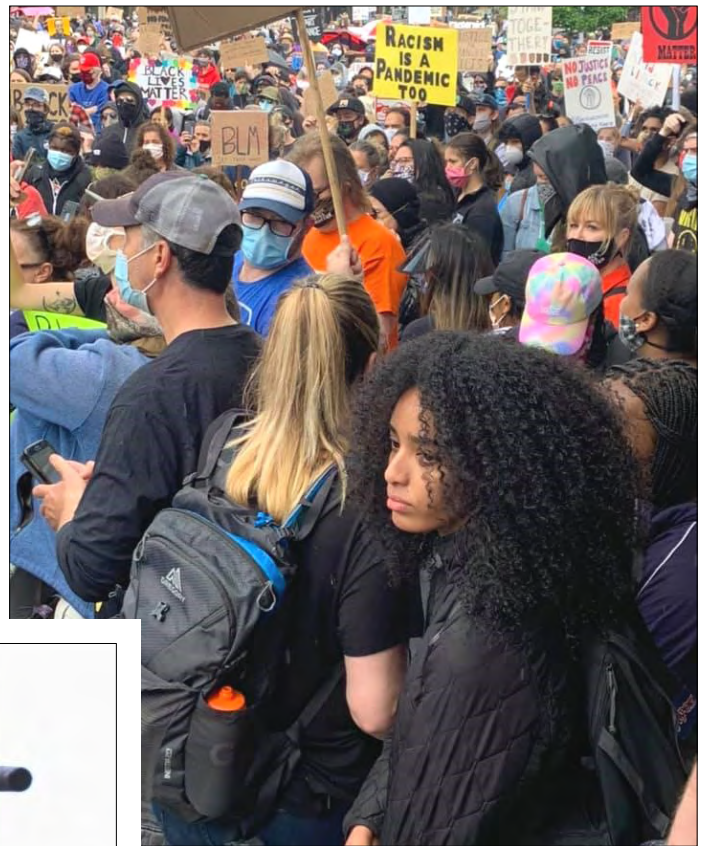
A special thanks to the 34th LD Democrats who represented this district on the convention committees: Platform - Bunny Hatcher and Rules - Jordan Crawley.

Congratulations to our National Convention Delegates Bunny Hatcher (Sanders) and Sofia Aragon, Chris Porter and Joe McDermott (Biden) as they represent the 34th LD in August.

Submitted by Ann Martin and Chris Porter, State Committeepersons



Fawn Sharp, President of the National Congress of American Indians and also of the Quinault Indian Nation gives Acknowledgement of the Land



A couple of scenes of the Black Lives Matter protest in the West Seattle Junction June 6th, pulled from our Facebook page.

Chris Porter was one of the speakers at the event. His photo was taken by the West Seattle Blog and used with permission.



Be sure to see the OpEd in the Seattle Times by Krystal Marx,

The Executive Director of Seattle Pride, Burien Deputy Mayor and Councilmember...and a PCO and member of the 34th District Democrats

“ Throughout history — here and around the world — there are countless examples of discrimination and violence against entire populations. From the genocide of Indigenous communities, to the forced relocation and concentration camp incarceration of Japanese Americans, to hate crimes against those identifying as LGBTQIA+. We’ve also seen systemic racism — both blatant and subtle — perpetrated against BIPOC communities which continue to play out with the killings of George Floyd in Minnesota, Tony McDade in Florida, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia and too many others.

This month, as we recognize LGBTQIA+ Pride, Seattle Pride and the region’s other Pride organizations also dedicate ourselves to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities with which our struggles are intertwined and inextricable. They deserve our full measure of solidarity, love and action — through police accountability and reform, speaking out against racism, and helping elevate too long unamplified voices...

...Read the rest in the Seattle Times <https://bit.ly/K-Marx>



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