

34th District Democrats  
General Meeting Minutes  
Date – May 11, 2016  
Secretary – Kathryn L. Sprigg



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Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Marcee Stone-Vekich

Chair presented agenda for approval – Unanimous

Minutes presented for approval – Unanimous

Treasurer's report – Karen Chilcutt reported we had a beginning balance of \$9,787 on April 13. Revenue for the month was \$6,214, including \$500 from the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters and caucus donations of \$5,278. Expenses were \$3,276 which included T-shirt purchase (for resale) of \$1,639. The May 11 ending balance is \$12,725. There is an outstanding balance from the West Seattle High School caucus expense pending.

**Chair report:** Marcee stated that candidates who had declared prior to the last 24 hours have information posted on the website. Endorsement rules were available on the tables for members to review. Two measures were on the back of the agenda for review. Two fundraisers are coming up, Joe McDermott on Sunday afternoon and the Duwamish Tribe Gala Dinner on June 25. See the website for information. PCO filing week begins next week and sign up can be online or in person. There is a deadline so be sure to get the paperwork in early. See Les Treall for a copy of the application and for questions. Dow Constantine's filing luncheon is during filing week and is a great experience. Check with Marcee if interested.

Ted Barker has lost and found items from the LD Caucuses.

VIPs in room included Barbara Madsen, Supreme Court Justice position #5, who was invited to speak. She is running for re-election to the Supreme Court. Charlie Wiggins spoke; he is running for re-election for Supreme Court Justice position #6.

Other VIPs included Eileen Cody, Joe Fitzgibbon, Lorena Gonzalez, Lisa Herbold, Bill Tracy, and Austin Bell. Marcee thanked Lorena and Lisa Herbold for voting no on the street vacation for a new arena.

### **Program General Meeting:**

#### **Endorsements for August Primary Election**

The consensus slate included candidates US Senator Patty Murray, Governor Jay Inslee, Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Supreme Court Justices Barbara Madsen (position 5) and Charlie Wiggins (position 6), Representative Eileen Cody and Representative Joe Fitzgibbon.

Initiatives included I-735 (yes) and I-1515 (no/decline to sign).

Marcee asked if there were individuals to be removed from the block.

Les Treall asked to pull Senator Patty Murray's name off of the block.

Governor Jay Inslee was removed from the block.

Bob Ferguson was removed from the block by Chris Porter.

The revised consensus slate was approved by the membership. Marcee congratulated the rest of the candidates and asked if they wanted to say a word. All thanked the membership for the support.

Other candidates and endorsements to be considered included:

Lieutenant Governor – Cyrus Habib, Jim Moeller, Karen Fraser, Steve Hobbs

State Treasurer – Alec Fisk

State Auditor – Jeff Sprung, Pat McCarthy

Commissioner of Public Lands – Dave Upthegrove, Karen Porterfield, Mary Verner

Superintendent of Public Instruction – Chris Reykdal, David Spring, Erin Jones, Larry Seaquist, Robin Fleming

King County Superior Court – Position 52 Anthony Gipe

King County District Court SW Electoral District - Position 3 Laurel Gibson

King County District Court West Division – Position 1 Lisa Paglisotti

Initiative 1491 – Extreme Risk Protection Orders was considered for endorsement

Seattle Proposition 1 – Property Tax Levy Renewal for Affordable Housing

Russ Brubaker nominated Senator Karen Fraser for Lieutenant Governor

Chris Porter nominated Senator Cyrus Habib for Lieutenant Governor

Eileen Cody nominated Representative Jim Moeller for Lieutenant Governor

Candidates were given time to speak for and to offer support for the candidates who were nominated.

Ballots were handed out for members to vote

Lieutenant Governor results were announced. Karen Fraser 23, Jim Moeller 10, Cyrus Habib 44, abstention 1

The top 2 candidates were Karen Fraser with 29.4% and Cyrus Habib with 56.4%. Because neither candidate received 60%, a second ballot was required.

The second vote resulted in a total of 62.3% for Cyrus Habib; he was endorsed by the membership.

The floor was opened for nominations for State Auditor

Michael Taylor Judd nominated Jeff Sprung.

Mike Heavey nominated Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive.

Supporters and nominees were given an opportunity to speak for their candidates and/or candidacies.

Sprung received 45 votes; McCarthy received 30. Because neither candidate received 60% we moved to a dual endorsement vote.

The results of the dual endorsement vote for State Auditor supported a dual endorsement with 81% approval.

Marcee gave the credentials report; there were 80 members present and voting.

While waiting for the results, Marcee invited judicial candidates to speak. Matt Williams is running for Superior Court Position 41. Anthony Gipe is running for Superior Court Position 52. Eric Newmann and David Keenan were invited to speak; they were previously endorsed by the membership. Nicole Gaines Phelps thanked the membership for our previous endorsement.

Austin Bell Burien City Council member was also invited to speak; he was elected with help from the 34<sup>th</sup> district and thanked the membership.

Laurel Gibson was nominated for endorsement for SW District Court Position #3. The nomination was seconded. The candidate spoke about her experience. She was endorsed by the majority of the membership.

Anthony Gipe was nominated by Chris Porter for endorsement to Superior Court Position 52. The nomination was seconded. He was endorsed by the majority of the membership.

The floor was opened for nominations for Public Lands Commissioner.

Hillary Franz was nominated by Peter Goldman. Ivan Weiss nominated Dave Upthegrove. Karen Porterfield was nominated by Sarah Kelly. All nominations were seconded.

Supporters spoke for their candidates and/or the candidates spoke.

Upthegrove received 82.8%, Franz received 13.1% and Porterfield received 2.9% of the vote.

Upthegrove won the sole endorsement of the 34<sup>th</sup> District.

Ivan Weiss was invited to tell members why should become PCOs.

In the King County District Court West Position 1, Lisa Paglisotti was nominated and seconded for endorsement. She spoke for her candidacy. She was endorsed by the majority of the membership.

OSPI candidates were at a forum at the Key Peninsula and the endorsement was moved to the June meeting.

Initiatives were introduced for consideration. Ted Barker moved we vote No on I-123 on an Elevated Waterfront Park structure. Eleanor Munro asked the membership to support I-123. The No endorsement position passed.

I-1491 Extreme Risk Protection Orders was introduced for endorsement of signature gathering. Michael Taylor Judd spoke for the endorsement. The endorsement passed.

I-1515 Locker Room Safety and Student Privacy Act was introduced. Ann Martin spoke to take a decline to sign position. The No/Decline to sign endorsement passed.

Alan Munro moved to endorse Patty Murray for US Senate. The motion was seconded. Max Vekich spoke to support Senator Murray. Les Treall spoke against the endorsement. Chris Porter spoke for the endorsement. Jacob Simmons spoke against the endorsement.

Voted for 63%. Voted against 37%. The endorsement passed.

Alan Munro moved to endorse Jay Inslee for a second term as Washington State Governor. The motion was seconded. Alan spoke for the endorsement. Richard Adlum spoke against the endorsement. Bill Schrier spoke for the endorsement. Susan Harmon spoke against the endorsement.

Voted for 71%. Voted against 29%. The endorsement passed.

Alan Munro moved to endorse Bob Ferguson for another term as Washington State Attorney General. The motion was seconded. Chris Porter spoke for the endorsement. Susan Harmon spoke against the endorsement. Eileen Cody spoke for the endorsement. Max Vekich spoke against the endorsement. Votes for 64%. Votes against 36%. The endorsement passed.

The nomination process was closed at 9:15 PM

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Martha Koester Tickets for South King County Spaghetti dinner are still available. They still need help with donations.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:** None

#### **PCO Appointments**

Les Treall introduced a new appointment for Chris Langler; he has moved and will take a new PCO position. He presented 12 other individuals who filed applications for PCO.

Grace Stiller, BUR 34-0824; Danielle N. Buchanan, BUR 34-0900; Jason L. Cheung, BUR 34-0699; Elizabeth Coppinger, SEA 34-1410 (acting) 1419 (registered), Sarah L. Kelly, SEA 34-1490; Rebekah Baker LaSala, SEA 34-1514 (acting) 1248 (registered); Christopher Joel Langelier, SEA 34-1513; Danielle Slota, 34 White Center (acting) SEA 34-1252 (registered); Christopher Daikos, SEA 34-1431; Angela Kristoff, SEA 34-1449; Robert Strunk, SEA 34-1461; Arthur Chippendale, 34 Vashon; Leslie Chertok, 34 Sealath.

Marcee asked all of them questions that they answered together. The appointments were approved unanimously.

#### **GOOD of the ORDER:**

Ann Martin the Get Inspired breakfast to support SWYFS is Wednesday. The West Seattle Democratic Women luncheon will be legislative review meeting. See the website for details or contact Ann.

A petition to sign for yes on I1491 is available, please sign it at back of the room.

Max Vekich reported Sanders supporters have an effort to call Clinton people and form a unified front against the TPP at the Democratic convention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM