



# 34th District Democrats

West Seattle, Burien , White Center, Vashon and Maury Islands ★ 34dems.org

## Message from the Chair

This is an historic time for our country. After electing and re-electing an African-American President, the Democratic Party has nominated a woman to run for the White House. I celebrated last night with my daughter and thought often of my mother. She was no Hillary Clinton fan when she was alive. She was fully on board with Barack Obama in 2008. She passed away right before she received her ballot and was unable to vote for him. As she suffered through lung cancer, she would say, "I can't believe, I'm not going to be able to vote for Barack Obama." But I believe she would have come around to support Hillary Clinton this time, just as I did. She didn't tolerate bullies. She hated injustice. And as I cried and applauded, I wished I could have seen my mom's face, my grandma's face, and my great-grandma's face. I did see my daughter's face. She, who gave money for the first time in politics, a Sanders' supporter, was so excited by the possibilities of his candidacy. Who was sad and angry over the DNC's crap, but knows that she can't turn her back on the country and future now. And I swear, she looked proud and amazed to see this day. There is hard work ahead and we will be stronger together.

Our August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will have a panel on the relationship between our police and our communities of color. Our panel is still forming but includes: Sheriff John Urquhart, Retired Judge Anne Levinson, and Sili Savusa, Executive Director of the White Center Community Development Association. We will also have a post-election wrap-up and will introduce our Coordinated Campaign Field Organizer Drew Estep.

Don't forget to join us on Election Day, August 2nd at Drinking Liberally at 6:00 p.m. at Pizzeria 22 before you hit those election night parties.

Many thanks,  
Marcee Stone Vekich,  
Chair, 34th District Democrats

## August 10, 2016 Meeting Notice

6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting  
The Hall at Fautleroy  
9131 California Ave SW

### Program

Panel on the relationship between our police and communities of color.  
Guest speakers will include Sheriff John Urquhart, Retired Judge Anne Levinson, and Sili Savusa, Executive Director of the White Center Community Development Association.

Post Election Wrap-up

Coordinated Campaign Field Organizer Drew Estep

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**Our Contingent at the Burien Fourth of July Parade**



**Enthusiastic Joe McDermott Supporters, including Senator Sharon Nelson and Representative Eileen Cody**



# 34th District Bulletin Board

## 34th District Democrats Meetings

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

## Executive Board

Wednesday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House  
7020 - 18th Ave SW

## PCO Committee Doorbelling for Democrats in other Districts.

In order to get anything done in the state legislature, we need to take over the Senate and increase our majority in the House. Les Treall, our PCO Committee Chair has talked to our representatives about doorbelling in other districts. They have given him lists and he would appreciate our help with this project. See Les's letter on Page 7

## Other Meetings or Events

West Seattle Democratic Women  
Annual picnic at Lincoln Park

Thursday, August 25,  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hot dogs and drinks provided, please bring a side dish.

## Metropolitan Democratic Club

2nd and 4th Wednesdays (twice a month)

Plaza 600 Building

## Burien Drinking Liberally

Wednesday, Mark Restaurant  
918 SW 152nd St. in Old Burien  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24

## West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 College St.  
Tuesday, August 2 Any time after  
6:00 p.m.

## Patty Murray Fundraisers in the 34th District

Saturday, August 14, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
The home of Matthew and Kim Bergman  
.28604 97th Ave SW, Vashon WA  
and

Saturday, August 14, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
The home of Maryanne Tagney  
and David Jones  
9343 Fautleroy Way SW, Seattle WA  
Guest \$125 / Friend \$250 / Sponsor \$500 /  
Co-Host \$1,000

## King County Democrats

### Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 7:00 p.m.

Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Ave N

## Outreach Events

### Delridge Day

Saturday, August 13,  
11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Delridge Community Center

## Fiestas Patrias Parade and Fair in South Park

Check wth Steve Butts for more information

**Contact Information and  
Committee Assignments  
for Our Legislators**

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**Sharon Nelson**

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**Representative**

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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 . . . newsletter is. . . Mail to Jackie Dupras, 1920 46th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116 or [jdupras@quidnunc.net](mailto:jdupras@quidnunc.net). Phone: 935-9683.

**Endorsed Candidates and  
Ballot Measures**

**Governor - Jay Inslee**

**Lieutenant Governor - Cyrus Habib**  
Cyrus Habib

**Secretary of State Tina Podlodowski**

**Attorney General Bob Ferguson**

**Insurance Commissioner**  
Mike Kreidler

**State Treasurer Alec Fisker**

**Commissioner of Public Lands**  
Dave Upthegrove

**State Auditor**  
Jeff Sprung or Pat McCarthy

**Superintendent of  
Public Instruction**  
Erin Jones or Chris Reykdal

**United States Senator**  
Patty Murray

**7th Congressional District**  
Joe McDermott

**State Supreme Court Position 5**  
Barbara Madsen

**King County Superior Court  
Position 44**  
Eric Newman

**Affordable Housing  
Levy Renewal**  
Proposition 1 - Vote Yes

**Elevated Waterfront Park  
Initiative 123 - Vote No**

# **KCDCC Meeting Notes**

**By Steve Butts and Martha Koester  
34<sup>th</sup> District King County Committeepersons  
July 26, 2016**

The meeting began at 7:10 with Chair Rich Irwin's report , warning us that there is a great deal of rage out there over chaotic social change, mostly economic. People ask "Do I exist only to benefit the few?" We have to listen to people, and convince them that Democratic Party legislative initiatives will be of more help than blaming everything on people who are different.

We continued the endorsement process for the primary. Candidates who were endorsed in June cannot be officially endorsed until we receive their King County questionnaires; Pramila Jayapal (7<sup>th</sup> CD), Pam Smith (9<sup>th</sup> CD), John Paul Comerford (State Treasurer), Erin Jones (OSPI), Helen Halpert (KC Superior Court #31) and Mariane Spearman (KC Superior Court #53). Endorsements for state initiatives 732 (Carbon Tax) and 1491 (Extreme Risk Protection) will be postponed to August so the body can hear from pro and con advocates. Yes for state Initiative 1501 (Vulnerable Individual Protection) and a proposed property tax increase for Normandy Park were approved 39-0.

Pro and con arguments for State Initiative 1491 to create a state campaign finance system for local campaigns were heard. The endorsement committee had recommended not endorsing owing to financing by requiring out of state people to pay state sales taxes. The body voted 29-10 to endorse the initiative. The current recommended slate of endorsed candidates and measures can be seen at [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org).

Nicole Gains-Phelps thanked us for endorsing her judicial candidacy and requested volunteers. Jeff Sprung's campaign for State Auditor thanked us for our endorsement and requested help with phone banking and doorbelling.

The Legislative Action Committee requested that LD organizations in safely Democratic areas help with campaigns for State Representatives in the 30<sup>th</sup> LD, Senate and House campaigns in the 5<sup>th</sup> LD, and the State Senate campaign in the 41<sup>st</sup>. The next meeting will be held at the Mercer Island Library August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Alice Woldt of Fix Democracy First thanked us for our endorsement of initiative 1464. Please see the KC Democrats website for opportunities to boost community presence at events for Jay Inslee. The East Side Democrats Dinner will be held September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in South Bellevue.

The meeting was adjourned in record time at 8:15 pm.

## **In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .**

**An informal meetup of representatives of non profits including Nancy Woodland of Westside Baby, Chris Langelier of West Seattle Helpline, Fran Yates of West Seattle Food Bank, Rick Jump of White Center Food Bank, Steve Daschle of Southwest Youth and Family Services, David Bestock of Delridge Neighborhood Association, combined with Nature Consortium, and Victor Cruz of Navos.**

**Elected officials in attendance were King County Executive Dow Constantine, State Rep Eileen Cody, SW Suburban Sewer District Commissioner Bill Tracy, Seattle School board member, Leslie Harris and Seattle City Councilwoman Lisa Herbold**

**Dow Constantine urged us to support Sound Transit 3. Light rail IS coming to West Seattle. Every person will have access; the proposals are based on our needs to serve all communities and provide connections among them. While awaiting light rail, here, the Rapid Ride C-Line will become more efficient; light rail stations will come to Delridge, 35th and Avalon and the Junction and will extend to Burien.**

**Grace Stiller spoke in favor of I-732, for a carbon tax to address climate change, decrease air pollution, and decrease the sales tax and provide tax rebates for low income families. It is endorsed by Jim McDermott and supported by Joe Fitzgibbon. Judy Clibborn feels that issues around revenue can be sorted out by the legislature. The initiative's co-director, Duncan Clausen, stated that this would be the strongest such bill in the US. Speaking against, Eileen Cody stated that the initiative is not revenue neutral and that it would pose risks at a time the legislature is facing a crisis in funding education. The measure was not endorsed.**

**Mary Fleck spoke about Meyers Way parcel, 30 acres of wetland .**

**At 8:00, Mayor Mayor Murray at his request, spoke to us , and took questions from the membership. If you missed it, the West Seattle Blog has a video and a summary**

## Winning the Legislature

It's a BIG election year, with elections for President, US Senator, Governor, US Congress and many more. It is important that we Democrats win all of them.

It is my belief that control of the Washington State Legislature will have as much impact on our day to day lives as any of them. From funding education to providing incentives for clean energy, we need to control the Legislature. We have seen that nothing moves forward when the Republicans get into position to block, as they did two years ago.

I have decided to focus my energy this year on winning back the Senate and holding and increasing our position in the House. Sen. Sharon Nelson and Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon have orchestrated the Dems efforts to recruit solid candidates across the state. I have gotten a list of candidates in nearby LDs from them and I am rallying folks to go to other Legislative Districts to doorbell for Democratic candidates repeatedly until the November election. At this time, I have nine people enlisted to help, and we will choose which LD's we will work in on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in helping, even if you can give just one day, please email me at [les.treall@gmail.com](mailto:les.treall@gmail.com). The more we people we have the better chance we will have of making a difference.

*Les Treall*  
*PCO Committee Chair*

## Endorsed Candidates & Issues

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**Affordable Housing Levy Renewal**

**Proposition 1 - Vote Yes**

**Elevated Waterfront Park**

**Initiative 123 - Vote No**



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