



34th District Democrats

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

Chair’s Message for November

I’ve given 10 years of my life to an organization that I love – the 34th Legislative District Democrats. But what is this organization? It’s a society of like-minded people who often agree to disagree. It’s a membership that makes decisions collectively and by majority vote. It’s a body composed by law and run by rules that they have collectively created. Anyone can join – anyone. Anyone can be involved. PCOs are automatically members whether they’ve paid dues or not. The point is that the door is wide open to new membership. Somewhere, either in this newest elected group of PCOs that start their term immediately after the November 8th election, or a longstanding or new member, is the person who will lead the 34th Dems next. It’s time for new fresh leadership. I am proud of the work that this organization has done. I’m so very proud of our executive board and thankful for their kinship. But my biggest disappointment is that I’ve been unable to develop a likely Chair in January 2017. I know you’re out there. No matter what wing of the Democratic Party you are in, I’d like to talk with you. I’d like to help you get elected. I invite you to meet with me at C&P Coffee on November 12th. I’ll be there from 10 to 11:30 to answer your questions. Our re-organization is 3 months away. Help me get some sleep after the election by letting me know you’re interested.

There’s an election on and please contact me or Drew Estep (drew@wavictory16.com) to find out how you can get our down ballot Democrats elected. It’s very close for Secretary of State and Lieutenant Governor.

The last Drinking Liberally before the November 8th election is on Tuesday, November 1st. Please join me at Pizzeria 22 in Admiral for conversation and great food and drink.

Marcee Stone-Vekich

Nov. 9, 2016 Meeting Notice

The Hall at Fauntleroy
9131 California Ave SW
Across from the YMCA

6:30 Social Time

7:00 Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report

7:05 Chair Welcome

- First Vice Chair
- Lisa Plymate, State Committeewoman – 34th Dems Awards
- Joy Pakulak & Lois Schipper – NAVOS Holiday Giving Tree

7:15 Election Celebration

- Champagne Toast to the Winners!
- Hear from the Winners!
- Member soap box – Why is this election historic for you?

8:15 To Be Announced

8:20 Old Business

8:35 New Business

- Appointment of PCOs
- Resolution

8:55 Good of the Order

9:00 Adjournment to Elliott Bay Brewery

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Celebrate

Dow Constantine's Annual 39th Birthday! November 17th, 5:30pm

At Kells Irish Pub, 1916 Post Alley, Seattle

Contribution Levels \$55/\$100/\$250. Be a sponsor at \$500/\$1,000
10% Senior discount for those born before 11/15/61

RSVP online at www.DowConstantine.com

For questions contact Sarah at events@DowConstantine.com or 206-328-2969



Washington State Democrats

Nov. 8 Election Night Party!

Watch live election results, hear from our top candidates, and celebrate the final countdown to an historic election.

Join Governor Jay Inslee, US Senator Patty Murray, and all of your favorite Washington State Democrats at

The Westin Seattle Doors open at 6:00 PM.

Register At:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/election-night-party-registration-28443791145>

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, Nov. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 College St.
Tuesday, Nov. 1
Any time after 6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m.

Metropolitan Democratic Club

Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m.

Burien Drinking Liberally

Mark Restaurant
918 SW 152nd St

Special Date!

The 5th Wednesday
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:00 p.m.

West Seattle Democratic Women

Check westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 22

Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N
Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.

A Town Hall Seattle Event That May Interest you

Post-Election: 'What's Next?'

with Jim McDermott
7 PM, Tuesday, Nov. 15,
Great Hall
\$5



As the dust settles after one of the most contentious elections in years, we pause to ask what's next? Join Jim McDermott and Town Hall's Edward Wolcher for an evening of participatory discussion about how our country can move forward from the deep divisions and unprecedented rancor of this campaign cycle. McDermott and Wolcher will focus the conversation around two interrelated questions:

- Was the election year a symptom of something fundamentally broken in American politics?
- Now that the election is over, how should passionate, politically engaged citizens organize?

<https://townhallseattle.org/event/post-election/>

A Special Thank You to Jackie

As the Newsletter Editor, Jackie Dupras has been the chronicler of the activities of the 34th District Democrats for the past 15 years, while at the same time serving in other important positions in our organization. It's no wonder she received the *Cherisse Luxa Lifetime Achievement Award* in 2011.

Now Jackie wishes to do other things in life, and not be tied down with this monthly duty. So I've agreed to take over this little publication, the vehicle that drew me into our district organization a decade ago. Thanks Jackie!

Steve Butts

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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 December newsletter will be Thursday, Dec 1.

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KCDCC Meeting Report for Oct. 25, 2016

Rich Irwin launched into the chair's report, as there were none of the usual campaign updates by candidates or their representatives. "Keep going" was his message, as Democrats find themselves in a great position to make gains this year. He also informed us that the KC Democrats reorganization will be 12pm Sunday, Dec. 4th at the Aerospace Machinists Hall in South Park.

The first item of business was the election of a new First Vice Chair. Cat Williams, the Female KCDCC Representative from the 45th LD, was nominated and elected. She brings her experience as an events manager, and will seek to expand the donor base and to propose additional fundraising events.

Sara Franklin had proposed several days prior to the meeting that we consider rescinding our endorsement of Erin Jones, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Jones had been given donations from a backer of Tim Eyman. Upon request, Jones returned the money and Sara withdrew her proposal.

We adapted the proposed agenda for the King County Democrats reorganization, and a recommended agenda could be used for the various legislative district reorganizational meetings. There was a motion for a requirement that KCDCC officer candidates submit a written statement prior to the election, but it was defeated. Later in the meeting we voted to establish a committee to recruit candidates to assure that all offices will be filled.

Renton City Council is to be soon voting on an ordinance to ban income-based eviction of renters. This move is in reaction to recent evictions of Section 8 housing recipients at a large apartment complex in the city. We approved an emergency resolution in support.

The state legislative session begins on January 9th. The Executive Board will need to approve the legislative action agenda for 2017 at our November 22 meeting. Prior to that, the LAC committee must finalize that plan at their November 20 meeting. It will take place at the Renton Highlands Library at 2 pm. Input is requested.

We discussed our campaign donations. At the September meeting, we agreed to spend up to \$7,000 on a media buy to reach out to under-represented communities. During a tele-meeting on October 16 we voted to spend an additional \$5,250 on this effort. We also voted to allow the Chair to spend up to \$5,000 on Mark Mullet's campaign, \$20,000 for Jason Ritchie (a special 21-day rule applies) and \$500 each to Kristine Reeves, Darcy Burner and Jason Ritchie. At the meeting, we agreed to add \$2,500 to the amount for Jason Ritchie, as additional money has been received.

Good of the Order announcements included a big GOTV push in the 30th LD October 29 featuring Gov. Inslee, Sen. Patty Murray and Tina Podlowoski. Mike Pellicciotti and Kristine Reeves have received the endorsement of Barak Obama.

Submitted by Steve Butts, KCDCC Male Representative

Our Endorsed Candidates

Federal Office

Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine, U.S. President/Vice President
 Patty Murray, U.S. Senator
 Pramila Jayapal, U.S. Representative Dist. 7

State Office

Jay Inslee, Governor
 Cyrus Habib, Lieutenant Governor
 Tina Podlodowski, Washington Secretary of State
 Pat McCarthy, Washington State Auditor
 Bob Ferguson, Washington State Attorney General
 Hilary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands
 Erin Jones and Chris Reykdal,
 Supt. of Public Instruction (Dual Endorsement)
 Mike Kreidler, Washington Insurance Commissioner
 Mary Yu, State Supreme Court Justice Pos. 1
 Barbara Madsen, State Supreme Court Justice Pos. 5
 Charlie Wiggins, State Supreme Court Justice Pos. 6

State Legislature

Eileen Cody, State Representative, Pos. 1
 Joe Fitzgibbon, State Representative, Pos. 2

King County Court

Nicole Gaines-Phelps, Superior Court Pos. 14
 David Keenan, Superior Court Pos. 26
 Helen Halpert, Superior Court Pos. 31
 Eric Newman, Superior Court Pos. 44
 Anthony Gipe, Superior Court Pos. 52
 Mariane Spearman, Superior Court Pos. 53
 Laurel Gibson, Southwest District Pos. 3

Initiatives

I-735 - Overturn of Citizens United Decision -
 Vote YES
 I-1433 - Minimum Wage (Endorsed by Washington
 State Democrats) - **Vote YES**
 I-1491 - Extreme Protection Orders - **Vote YES**
 Initiative I-1501 - Increasing Penalties for Crimes against
 Vulnerable Individuals (such as seniors) - **Vote YES**
 Seattle I-124 - Hotel Workers Protections - **Vote YES**
 Sound Transit Prop. 1 - **Vote YES**
 Highline School District Bond Measure - **Vote YES**

Final Week GOTV Opportunities...Let's Finish This !

Contact Field Organizer Drew Estep to Help
 drew@wavictory2016 (406) 529-4552

Tuesday Nov. 1	Wednesday Nov. 2	Thursday Nov. 3	Friday Nov. 4	Saturday Nov. 5	Sunday Nov. 6	Monday Nov. 7	ELECTION DAY
Phone Bank: 5-8 pm West Seattle Marcia Berenter, 3824 35 th Ave SW, Seattle Canvassing 3-7 pm West Seattle Guy Thompson, 1226 SW Web- ster St, Seattle. Phone Bank: 5-8 pm South Park Aerospace Machinists Hall, 9125 15 th PL S.	Phone Bank: 5-8 pm South Park Aerospace Machinists Hall, 9125 15 th PL S.	Phone Bank and Canvassing: 3-8 pm South Park Aerospace Machinists Hall, 9125 15 th PL S.	Phone Bank and Canvassing: 3-8 pm South Park Aerospace Machinists Hall, 9125 15 th PL S.	Canvassing: 11am - 2pm West Seattle Riverview Playfield 7226 12 th Ave SW	Canvassing: 11am -2pm West Seattle Department of Licensing, 8830 25 th Ave SW, Seattle Phone Bank and Canvassing: 3-8 pm South Park Aerospace Machinists Hall, 9125 15 th PL S.	Phone Bank and Canvassing: 3-8 pm South Park Aerospace Machinists Hall, 9125 15 th PL S. Phone Bank: 5-8 pm West Seattle Kathy Marshall's Home, 3620 59 th Ave SW	Phone Bank: 5-8 pm West Seattle Marcia Berenter, 3824 35 th Ave SW, Seattle Phone Bank and Canvassing: 3-8 pm South Park Aerospace Machinists Hall, 9125 15 th PL S.



In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .

The October meeting, dubbed “Oct-VoterFest”, focused on the two main events facing the 34th District Democrats. The upcoming election and the GOTV effort will be our immediate task. The future of our organization as we reorganize in January will become important as some of the officers and committee chairs making up the Executive Boards will be stepping down from their posts, and others will need to assume those roles.

In keeping with the Oktoberfest theme, we enjoyed draft beer from Big Al Brewery along with pretzels and a variety of mustards during the “Hoppy Hour”. Board members circulated prior to the meeting, conversing with members and answering questions about their positions.

Once the meeting began, each board member gave a presentation of their position from the chair down to each of the standing committees. They described what tasks were expected of them, and how they preformed their duties. Marcee encouraged members to consider volunteering for a role in the organization.

Senator Sharon Nelson and Representative Joe Fitzgibbon (*pictured at right*) gave us a run-down of the status of legislative races around the state. Sharon is leading the State Senate Campaign Committee to re-take the state senate. We will need 2 seats and there are 5 in play. The average cost of a state senate race is 1 million dollars. She urged us to make calls to help retake the senate. Joe is in charge of the equivalent state house effort. He feels that there are 12 seats we could pick up this year.



One note of concern is that money isn’t going to the Trump campaign and is being funneled into local legislative races instead. A point of which we can take pride in: Out of all the LDs, the 34th District has contributed the most funds. Later in the meeting we approved a motion to donate an additional \$3,000, to be split between the two campaign committees.

Tom Rasmussen talked about what PCOs do and why they are so important. He discussed the benefits of walking a precinct and relayed his recent canvassing experiences door bellling for state senate and house candidates in other LDs.

Drew Estep, our coordinated campaign field worker, laid out our district’s GOTV strategy and had lists for PCOs and walk literature, including our Sample Ballot.

We also added to our list of endorsements by endorsing the Highline School Bond, Proposition 1. Joe Fitzgibbon asked us to endorse I-1501 to stop fraud and protect seniors. The body voted for a YES position.



2015-2016 Executive Board of the 34th District Democrats

Resolution to Support the Coalition to Build 1000 Homes

WHEREAS the 2016 One Night Count by the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness found 4,505 people living on the streets; and

WHEREAS the crisis of homelessness has gotten so bad that the City of Seattle has declared a State of Emergency on Homelessness; and

WHEREAS working people are being priced out and forced into increasingly precarious economic circumstances; and

WHEREAS Seattle rents have gone up at more than three times the national rate, with rent for the average two-bedroom apartment at nearly \$2400/month; and

WHEREAS the profiteering of big developers is driving working people, students, people of color, and immigrants out of our city; and

WHEREAS, with the shelving of plans for a new police precinct building, the City now has available bonding capacity and cash to fully fund the construction of 1000 units of affordable housing, the majority of which will be accessible to the families most vulnerable to homelessness; and

WHEREAS an Office of Housing Affordability Covenant could guarantee that six out of seven of the 1,000 affordable homes would be rented to a person or family making 0-30% area median income (AMI) and one out of seven would go to a person making 0-60% AMI, ensuring that the communities who are among the hardest hit by the affordable housing crisis, communities of color in particular, will benefit the most from funding;

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats support the Seattle Human Services Coalition, the Seattle King County NAACP, Church Council of Greater Seattle, Latino Advocacy, El Comité, Tenants Union of Washington State, Seattle Indian Center, Transit Riders Union, Washington CAN!, Got Green, Real Change, Nickelsville, SHARE, Steps Housing, Justice Works, Upgrade Seattle, Faith Action Network, Socialist Students, in addition to hundreds of ordinary working people in Seattle, in support of the Coalition to Build 1,000 Homes.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats send copies of this resolution to the Seattle City Council members and Mayor Ed Murray.

Submitted to the 34th Legislative District Democrats meeting of November 9, 2016 by Martha Koester, PCO Sylvan Precinct

Treasurer's Report for October 2016

Balance as of October 12, 2016	\$ 5,229.20
Add Revenues.....	\$ 1,750.00
Less Expenses	\$ 3,074.61
Balance as of October 27, 2016	\$ 3,904.59



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