



34th District Democrats

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

Chair Report

The past 2 months have been an emotional rollercoaster for me and many others across the district and the country. We just finished our presidential caucus and Senator Sanders won Washington State by a large margin. As we continued our process of selecting delegates, our city council had a vote on vacating a street to facilitate building a new privately owned sports venue. While some agreed with the decision to not grant the vacation, it was very disturbing and hurtful for the female council members, who all voted against it, to receive such hateful, vitriolic, and threatening emails. Most disturbing was the language about rape. This language, known as “rape culture” language, is used exclusively by men and directed at women as the worst kind of intimidation; it must stop. Women who dare voice an opinion or who are doing the jobs they were elected to do, now have the increased risk of rape or the threat of rape to contend with in the course of their lives.

This hit especially close to home for me. As a teenager who narrowly escaped an attempted sexual assault, I was reminded of the helplessness that happens at that moment. It is hard to believe that the men that used this language would want that directed at their mothers, sisters, daughters, girlfriends, wives, nieces, or aunts. Once this language as threats enters someone’s life, it never goes away. The Seattle councilwomen wrote an Op-ed and talked about their resolve and shared that they were determined to continue to do their job. I know, first hand, that at the back of their minds, the threats remains real and their lives are forever changed. It is time for Democrats to call an end to this. It is time for male Democrats to call an end to this. This language has to be as unacceptable as the “N” word. We must learn what this language is and call out other men who use it. We are better than that. The health and safety of all humans should always be our priority.

We entered our process of endorsements and I was excited to see all the candidates come forward. I was especially eager to hear from the judicial candidates. Washington State incarcerates people of color at a rate higher than the national average. Racial disproportionalities remain significant in Washington State, yet every judge interviewed by King County Democrats’ endorsement committee was asked about conscious and unconscious bias. Each candidate reported that bias was not an issue for him or her on the bench. However, our incarceration rates, fees, and fines imposed remain disproportionate. Before we give another rubber stamp to judges, I ask that members take notice of the judicial forum hosted by KCDCC on the 6/22/16 at Seattle University. Asking about bias and the answers given will and should shock some members. It is not possible that all the judges presenting for office have no bias, but our rates of incarceration remain above the national average and disproportionately affect people of color. I have two questions for members: Are we rubber stamping endorsements to judges without understanding the issue of conscious and unconscious bias and the significant impact on people of color across the state of Washington. How do they contribute to the school to prison pipeline/machine?

So as we rush to the polls to vote for our candidate(s) of choice, we should remember the work that remains down - ballot: addressing judicial bias, gun violence, transgender discrimination, under funding of schools, and putting an end to the language of rape culture. United, our voices are as powerful as ever.

Chris Porter, State Committeeman

Meeting Notice

Wednesday, July 13

6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting
The Hall at Fauntleroy
9131 California Ave SW
Across from the YMCA

Happy hour with local non-profits

With Hors d’oeuvres and a beverage of your choice

Distribution of sample ballots and walk lists to PCOs and volunteers

Mayor Ed Murray will be our guest 7:15 p.m.

Possible Endorsements Sound Transit 3

Endorse Yes on I-124 – Unite Here Local 8 (Protect Hotel Housekeepers)

- Meet the Mayor of Seattle
 - Question and Answer Period
- 8:15 Possible Endorsements of non-

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34th District Democrats Summer Picnic

We will meet at Shannon Braddock's home right after the West Seattle Grand Parade on July 23 At Shannon Braddock's Home, not too far from the parade route.

The 34th District Democrats will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and this year, since we're not in a public park where alcohol is not allowed, we'll provide beer and wine in addition to soft drinks.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

PCO TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 7.

A training session for PCOs has been scheduled for July 7th, from 6 PM until 8 PM, at the Kenny, 7125 Fautleroy Way SW, Seattle, 98136. The C line is the best bus route.

This training is for current PCOs and candidates for PCO for next year, but anyone who wants to learn about canvassing is welcome. We have 159 candidates for PCO for next year and many are new to the process, so this event is geared to present the basics.

We will cover basic party structure, the roles, responsibilities and expectations for PCOs, and how PCOs can get things done in their neighborhood. We will cover our Get Out The Vote (GOTV) methods, work distribution, and tools that we use. We will have demonstrations on how to doorbell and gather voter information and an opportunity to practice doorbelling.

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, July 20, 7:00 p.m.
Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 - 18th Ave SW

Other Meetings or Events

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 College St.
Tuesday, July 5,
Any time after 6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
Tuesday,

Burien Drinking Liberally

Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.
Mark Restaurant 918 SW 152nd
in Old Burien

West Seattle Democratic Women

Check westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For time, place and program information

Metropolitan Democratic Club

(2nd and 4th Wednesdays) twice a month
Thursday,

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N

PCO Training

Thursday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
The Kenney, 7125 Fauntleroy Way SW

Outreach Events for July

West Seattle Summer Fest

Friday, and Saturday, July 8 & 9
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 10,
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

White Center Jubilee Days

17th Ave between
SW Roxbury and SW 100th
Saturday, July 16,
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 17,
12 noon - 6:00 p.m.

West Seattle Grand Parade

July 23, 11:00 a.m.

White Center Parade

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Starts near McDonalds
on 16th Ave SW

Delridge Day

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

Fiestas Patrias Parade and Fair in South Park

Time and Details later

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

Report from the July meeting of the King County Democrats

The meeting began at 7:15 with Chair Rich Irwin's report on a successful Pride Parade. 250 people turned out to walk with the KC Dems. Numerous campaigns joined, as well as contingents for Bernie and Hillary.

The main order of business was the continuing of the endorsement process for the primary. A recommended slate of candidates from the Endorsements Committee was presented. A special rule was adapted to allow us to vote for Gov. Jay Inslee: While he did fill out the KCDCC's questionnaire, he was unable to do an interview with the Endorsements Committee, but did agree to attend the June KCDCC meeting and answer questions from the body. His race was pulled from the slate, as was Seattle housing levy Prop. 1 and Seattle I-123, the elevated waterfront park proposal. The recommended slate of remaining candidates and measured was endorsed and can be seen at www.kcdems.org.

Steve Butts and Martha Koester

34th District Democrats Annual Garden Party

**Friday, July 29 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m
Duos Lounge 2040 SW Avalon Way**

Feeling Lucky?

**This year we're trying our luck
with a special casino night at Duo's Lounge**

Complimentary beer and wine

Duos specialty small-plates and appetizers

*-Six casino tables, including blackjack, roulette,
craps and a special celebrity blackjack table!*

Live music, Silent auction, Raffle prizes



\$50 per person or \$90 VIP

VIP includes preferred parking, entrance to the VIP Lounge, extra chips and a special High Roller drink.

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Marcee Stone-Vekich. After amendments and approval of agenda, minutes of the May meeting were approved, Treasurer Karen Chilcutt gave her monthly report: The balance on May 11 was \$12, 725. We collected \$1,054 in membership dues and \$300 from T-shirt sales. The largest expenses were outreach at \$300 and the meeting venue at \$724. A deposit for the Garden Party Casino Night fundraiser was \$545. Total expenses were \$1,764, leaving an ending balance as of June 8 of \$12,315 . Karen stated that this year is difficult to project because of the caucus costs. She is conservatively budgeting revenue from the garden party of \$10,000, and anticipating \$50,183 in revenue for the 2016 year. Expenditures are projected to be \$59,993 with an ending balance of \$11,457. | The budget was approved by the membership unanimously.

In her report Marcee announced that over 150 people have filed to be a PCO in the 34th District. The caucuses and the enthusiasm for the candidates seems to have spurred people on to run for PCO. Some races are contested, and some of those have as many as three people running for the same precinct. Even so, there are still precincts that need a PCO. If interested, check with PCO Chair Les Treall.

Abby Lawler of Unite Here Local 8 is a sponsor of Seattle Initiative 124. This initiative would protect Seattle hotel workers. 80% of hotel workers in Seattle are women. The proposed law would protect Seattle's hotel housekeepers from sexual harassment and inhumane workloads. Housekeepers suffer higher rates of on the job injuries than coal miners. It would also improve access to affordable medical and provide basic job security.

Grace Stiller, Burien PCO, passed around I-732 for those who had not signed it. The initiative addresses reduction of carbon emissions. The initiative would reduce the state sales tax by 1%, fund the Working Families rebate, effectively eliminate the B&O tax for manufacturers, and institute a carbon tax of \$25 per metric ton co2 on fossil fuels consumed in the State of Washington.

PCO Appointments

Rachel Ostandler was unanimously appointed to Burien 0402.

Endorsements

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Candidates were Chris Reykdahl, David Spring, Erin Jones and KumRoon Maksirisombat

On the first ballot, no candidate received the required 60% for endorsement, so voting went on to the top two candidates: Reykdahl and Jones. Neither candidate received 60%, so we moved to a dual endorsement, which passed. Reykdahl and Jones are both endorsed.

Alan Monroe nominated Greg Hirikawa for District Court 4

Ivan Weiss nominated Marianne Spearman for Superior Court

Ivan Weiss nominated Helen Halpert for Superior Court

All three were endorsed.

Motion was made to endorse I-732. The motion did not pass.

Legislative Report

Senator Sharon Nelson spoke about health legislation and the budget.

Republicans blocked education funding again. The lack of investments concerns her considering what the Supreme Court may do next. We need to look at other revenue sources. She is concerned about the Transgender Bathroom Bill HB 1515. It was defeated in the senate , but an initiative is in the works.

Representative Cody spoke about progress on the health care bills. They made progress on mental health. Western State Hospital has been a problem; Eastern doesn't have the problems. They're trying to figure out what the difference could be. There aren't enough psychiatrists to hire. They passed a bill dealing with chemical dependency: Ricky's Law. And a bill to regulate vaping.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke about a bill banning six flame retardant chemicals. Washington is the first state in the country to ban them, but other states are following our lead. It was not a landmark session; he had low expectations. They passed a bill to address the achievement gap and a bill addressing opiate use. They've been working on recruiting good candidates to run for State Legislature.



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