



34th District Democrats

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

Last night in a home across the street from mine in High Point, a young person died from a self-inflicted gun-shot. The police were here for hours, and still were when I went to bed at midnight. I saw a woman on her porch being consoled by a police chaplain. We heard sobbing from across the street and many neighbors stood outside the home in silence. Candles were put in windows to show some small sign of sympathy.

An unbidden memory came of a violent night when my parents' marriage exploded. I was 17 when I heard my mother scream my name in the middle of the night. At a full run from my bedroom to theirs, I opened the door to find them in their bed with a gun in his hand. Shaking his head, he calmly explained that he wasn't going to shoot her but wanted her to put him out of his misery. At 17, I learned what it meant to have ice run through your veins. He left that night and I at such a young age was put in the role reversal of protecting my mother and younger sister. There's obviously more to this, including the mental illness he had and that he had been a former police officer. Guns were always in our house and readily available. He always told me never to touch his gun and I never did. And I never have to this day. I'm publicly for the first time speaking about this to ask you to please support Alliance for Gun Responsibility's Extreme Risk Protection Orders ballot initiative 1491.

Congratulations to Dinea Evans for winning a national delegate spot for Bernie Sanders and to Statecommitteeman Chris Porter for being elected Elector at the 7th CD Democratic Caucus. Our June 8th meeting will focus on our Olympia delegation: Senator Sharon Nelson, Reps. Eileen Cody and Joe Fitzgibbon. We will endorse candidates for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and any others that haven't come up yet. Don't forget to join us on June 7th at Drinking Liberally at 6:30 p.m. at Pizzeria 22.

Marcee Stone-Vekich
Chair, 34th District Democrats, 206-465-1963

June 8, 2016

Meeting Notice

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

7:00 call to order

Campaign for
Seattle Initiative 124

Endorsements

Candidates -
Office of Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Initiatives

Legislative Report from Senator
Sharon Nelson and Representatives
Eileen Cody and Joe Fitzgibbon

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South King County Democrats Annual Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday, June 4

**Festivities will kick off at 5:00 pm, with
our auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. and
our dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

At the Machinists Hall

9125 15th Place South

**Washington State Democrats Chair
Jaxon Ravens will be the keynote speaker!**

**Tickets \$25 plus service fee
\$35 if you wait until June 4**

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, June 15, 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, June 7
Anytime after 6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
Tuesday,

Burien Drinking Liberally

Mark Restaurant 918 SW 152nd
Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.

West Seattle Democratic Women

Metropolitan Democratic Club

(2nd and 4th Wednesdays)
June 8 and June 22

King County Democrats Monthly

Meeting Tuesday,
Renton Carpenters Hall,
231 Burnett Ave N

June Outreach Events

The Burien Strawberry Festival,
Saturday and Sunday June 18-19

The Morgan Junction Festival
Saturday June 18.

Pride Parade with KC Dems
Sunday June 26

Burien 4th of July Parade

Let Steve Butts know if you are
interested in participating in any of
these events

West Seattle

Meaningful Movies

Love Is a Verb, a Documentary

Friday, June 2, 6:00 p.m.

High Point Neighborhood House
6400 Sylvan Way SW

Love Is A Verb is an examination of a social movement of Sufi-inspired Sunni Muslims that began in Turkey in the 1960s and now spans across the globe. The group is called Hizmet, the Turkish word for "service" or The Gülen Movement after its inspiration and teacher, Fethullah Gülen, a man *TIME* magazine named as one of the most influential leaders in the world in 2013 for "...preaching a message of tolerance."

Initiatives, the good and the bad

I-735, WAmend, will be on the ballot this November. Be sure to vote yes on this initiative to get big money out of our elections.

I-124 is a Seattle initiative to protect women working in Seattle's hotels. More than 80% of hotel workers in Seattle are women. The proposed law would protect Seattle's hotel housekeepers from sexual harassment and inhumane workloads by limiting the square footage housekeepers clean in a shift to safe levels. Housekeepers suffer higher rates of on the job injuries than coal miners.

It would also improve access to affordable family medical care and provide basic job security for employees of large hotels.

The third is a bathroom initiative. I-1515 would require transsexuals to use the bathroom for the sex on their birth certificate, not the one that they identify with.

It would require a transgender boy to use the girls bathroom, or maybe the nurse's bathroom, which is more than likely a bit of a walk, which is not always that easy if you're in a bit of a hurry.

Washington State Primary Election

There have been a few questions about why we're having a primary election when we select our delegates by caucus. In 1989, the voters approved I-99 which called for a presidential primary every four years, but there was nothing requiring us to do anything with the results. It is up to the parties to choose their candidates, and we choose ours by caucus. Often the primary is cancelled, but in years such as this one, when there is no incumbent seeking election, we hold a primary, but our delegates are still selected by caucus.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of the May Newsletter
\$11,840.77

Add Revenues of \$1,331.00

\$13,171.77

Less Expenses \$ 402.16

Balance as of May 25, 2016
\$12,769.61



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Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

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PO Box 40600



Report from the May 24 Meeting Of the King County Democrats

By Steve Butts and Martha Koester
34th District King County Committeepersons

Endorsement committee chair Randy Gordon described the slate and the processes of the endorsement committee.

State legislature candidates who had questionnaires in were endorsed as a bloc. See <https://s.kcdems.org/candq/index>. King County Superior Court positions 31 and 53, and state legislator representative positions 30-2 and 32-1 will be considered in June due to late submission of questionnaires.

Endorsed by approval of endorsement committee recommendations were Jeff Spring for State Auditor, Suzan Delbene for CD 1 and Adam Smith for CD 9. Separate votes were taken on the following offices.

Hilary Franz was endorsed for State Commissioner of Public Lands. A motion to also endorse Dave Upthegrove failed.

Cyrus Habib was endorsed for Lieutenant Governor. A motion to also endorse Karen Fraser failed.

John Comerford was endorsed for State Treasurer. A motion to also endorse Alec Fiske failed. Marko Liias could not be considered for failure to submit a questionnaire on time.

Pramila Jayapal was endorsed for 7th Congressional District Representative. A motion to also endorse Joe McDermott failed, despite an excellent advocacy speech by Marcee Stone-Vekich.

Santiago Ramos was endorsed for 8th Congressional District Representative. A motion to also endorse Alida Skold failed.

Nicole A. Gaines Phelps and David Greenspan were both endorsed for KC Superior Ct Judge Pos.#14. John McHale was endorsed for KC Superior Ct Judge Pos.#43. Cathy Moore and Eric Newman received a dual endorsement to KC Superior Ct. Pos. #44.

Finance Committee Chair Omaha Sternberg noted that the King County Convention was a fundraising success. If you have not donated this year, please do so online at <https://act.myngp.com/Forms/4972948756300695552>. We will be switching from NGP to a cheaper option within a month. The summer picnic will be held at Seward Park July 16th.

The next Legislative Action Committee meeting will be at the Renton Library on June 26th from 2-4pm.

The Disability Committee chair Ginamarie is seeking more members. It is not necessary to be disabled in order to join. There will be a meeting June 13th 7pm at 8310 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle.

New Business: The I-735 campaign needs donations and volunteers. See <http://www.wamend.org/> for more information.

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

More Events and Fundraisers

Summer Celebration with Representative Eileen Cody at her beautiful West Seattle Home with the incredible view of the sunset from her front porch.

6714 38th Ave SW
Thursday, June 9,
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

RSVP

eileencody@comcast.net
or 206-935-9176

Joe McDermott

34th District
Democrats' Endorsed
Candidate for
7th Congressional
District Representative

Sunday, June 12

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

*At the Home of Jeff Cacy
and Curt Black*

3601 35th Ave SW

To RSVP or for more
information, email

events@joemcdermott.org or
call 206.328.2969.

10th Annual Duwamish Tribe

Gala Dinner and Art Auction

Saturday, June 25, 4:30 p.m.

Duwamish Longhouse Cultural Center

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chair Marcee Stone-Vekich

After approval of the minutes and the agenda, Treasurer Karen Chilcutt gave her report. She reported that 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 \$12,275. There is an outstanding balance from the West Seattle High School caucus expense pending.

Chair Report: Candidates who had declared prior to the last 24 hours have information posted on the website. Two fundraisers are coming up: Joe McDermott on Sunday afternoon and the Duwamish Tribe Gala Dinner on June 25.

PCO filing week begins on May 16 and ends on May 20. You may file online, in person or by mail. King County Elections is located at 919 SW Grady Way in Renton, 98057.

If you are missing an item and think you may have left it at the LD caucus, Ted Barker has lost and found items ,

VIPS in the room include Supreme Court Justice Barbara Madsen, who is running for re-election, position 5. Charlie Wiggins is running for reelection for Supreme Court Justice Position 6.

Other VIPs in attendance included Eileen Cody, Joe Fitzgibbon, Lorena Gonzalez, Lisa Herbold, Bill Tracy and Austin Bell.

Marcee thanked Lorena Gonzalez and Lisa Herbold for voting no on the street vacation for a new arena.

The main business of the June meeting was endorsements for the August primary election. The consensus slate included candidates US Senator Patty Murray, Govaernor 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 (vote yes) and I-1515 (no, decline to sign.)This initiative is one See more information on these initiatives on page

Chair Marcee Stone asked if there were individuals to be removed from the block. Les Treall asked to pull Senator Patty Murray's name off the block

Governor Jay Inslee was removed from the block Chris Porter asked for Bob Ferguson to be removed from the block

The revised consensus slate was approved by the membership.

**Other candidates and endorsements to be considered included Lieutenant Governor: Cyrus Habib, Jim Joeller, Karen Fraser, and Steve Hobbs
State Treasurer: Alec Fisken
State Auditor: Jeff Spring and Pat McCarthy
Commissioner of Public Lands: Dave Upthegrove, Karen Porterfield and Mary Verner
Superintendent of Public Instruction: Chris Reykdahl, 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**



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