



# 34th District Democrats

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

## Message from the Chair

At our August meeting, we brought together a panel on the Police and Our Communities of Color.” Thanks to our organizers and the panelists for an excellent presentation and one that deserves more focus than one meeting. The complete video can be seen on the West Seattle Blog., and as a follow-up, please see a link below regarding the August 15, 2016 hearing with presiding U.S. District Judge Robart. As you will recall, the 2012 consent decree requires the City of Seattle to adopt reforms to address Department of Justice allegations of biased policing and excessive force. I’m certain not all of our presenters were completely satisfied with the direction of the hearing but it was clearly historic to hear the Judges declare from the bench that “Black Lives Matter.

So there’s an election going on! I’ll be wearing my Hillary Clinton shirt at our next meeting and I invite all supporters to do the same! The hate rhetoric isn’t cooling off on the Republican side and it’s time to come together and defeat the odious cipher. Yes, I know, you supported Bernie (so did everyone in my family). But listen, it’s over. Your vote is valuable. Why throw it away by not voting or voting for someone who doesn’t have a chance. ; take it from someone who wishes she could say she didn’t vote for independent John Anderson in 1980. He tried to buck the two-party system and now, when I just searched for him on Wikipedia his name doesn’t even come up in the first 6 suggestions. You never know what can happen and your choice can help elect he-who -shall- not- be-named, as my vote helped elect Ronald Reagan.

At our September 14 meeting, Seattle City Councilmember Lisa Herbold will give us an update on what she’s been up to (a lot!) We will also officially nominate the 34th District’s endorsed candidates for the State House, Representatives Eileen Cody and Joe Fitzgibbon. And we will have a mini-forum for the 7th congressional district candidates Pramila Jayapal and Brady Walkinshaw, and then proceed to an endorsement an endorsement in that race

Marcee Stone Vekich, Chair

## Meeting Notice

### September 14

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

## Meeting Agenda

**Nomination of Eileen Cody City for Council Position 2 and Joe Fitzgibbon for Position 1**

**Lisa Herbold Question and Answer Session**

**Mini Candidate Forum:  
7th Congressional Representatives :  
Pramila Jayapal and  
Brady Pinero Walkinshaw**

**Commissioner of Public Lands Representative for Hillary Franz**

**Endorsements:  
7th Congressional District and Lands Commissioner**

**Campaign Contributions  
State House and Senate Campaigns  
Old Business  
New Business  
Appointment of PCOs  
Good of the Order  
Adjourn to Elliott Bay Brewery**

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**We are sorry to say that our endorsed candidate for 7th Congressional District, , Joe McDermott, did not make it to the general election. We still have two good choices in Pramila Jayapal and Brady Walkinshaw. Below is Joe's message to us:**

**I sincerely congratulate Senator Jayapal and Representative Walkinshaw on the positive and engaging primary campaign they ran.**

**I remain confident and hopeful that real work can be done on the important issues we've led on during this race – campaign finance reform including overturning**



**Citizens United, and tackling the public health epidemic that is gun violence in our country. I remain just as passionate about these issues moving forward as I was in 2008 when passing statewide campaign finance reform, in 2013 when we declared gun violence a public health crisis in King County, and over the past seven months of this hard fought campaign.**

**More than ever, I am excited to continue serving the people here in**

**King County and work together to build and support a growing and equitable economy that provides opportunity for all families throughout the Pacific Northwest. From the Best Starts for Kids levy to juvenile justice reform to implementing an aggressive regional plan to reduce carbon emissions, I am incredibly proud of the work I have been a part of at the County and am eager to continue that progress for our community.**

**It is an honor to serve the people of King County as Chair of your Council and I look forward to everything we can accomplish together in the coming year.**

**I sincerely thank you for your support throughout this campaign. Your support and confidence in our campaign made it possible to bring critical issues from the back-burner to the forefront of this race and truly shape the debate moving forward. And very importantly, your support and confidence in me made my personal experience dealing with the often withering public eye not just bearable, but exhilarating. I am and will remain extremely grateful and humbled by that. Thank you.**

# 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, September 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House  
7020 - 18th Ave SW

### PCO Committee

September 27, 7:00 p.m.  
Uptown Espresso on California

### Other Meetings or Events

#### Evergreen Democratic Club

No meeting this month

#### Burien Drinking Liberally

Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 p.m.  
Mark Restaurant 918 SW 152nd

#### West Seattle Democratic Women

Check [westseattledemocraticwomen.org](http://westseattledemocraticwomen.org)  
for meeting information

#### Metropolitan Democratic Club

**Diamond Jubilee at Salty's on Alki**  
September 18, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
\$120 Individual, check website for group

#### King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.  
Renton Carpenters Hall,  
231 Burnett Ave North

#### West Seattle Drinking Liberally

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

## The last event of 2016 season: Fiestas Patrias Parade and Fiesta/Community Fair

Celebrate the independence of Latin American countries at this colorful event. Please join us.

The parade staging area will be at the Sea Mar Community Care Center and ends at the South Park Community Center, 8319 8th Ave S. This is not your ordinary parade. The beautiful costumes and the prancing horses are like no other parade in the area.

The The Fiesta and community fair will follow the parade at the Community Center from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.



## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

### Senator

#### Sharon Nelson

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### Representative

#### Eileen Cody

Chair, Health and Wellness  
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### Representative

#### Joe Fitzgibbon

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Olympia, WA 98504  
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## Report from the August Meeting of the King County Democrats

The meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

Rich Irwin's chair report focused on the general election. He urged us to find four people who don't vote and get them to do so, and to seek out volunteers to help make electoral gains this year. He has contact information for the 110,000 precinct caucus attendees and will reach out to them.

We were to have pro/con presentations on both initiatives I-1491 (Extreme Risk Protection Orders) and I-732, Carbon Tax, but neither passed. Motions to support a A recommendation of "NO" for both initiatives also failed.

We heard the pro I-732 position from Greg Rock, a lobbyist from Carbon WA, and the Anti position from Jeff Johnson, President of the WA State Labor Council. While both speakers support the goal of lowering carbon emissions, they differed on potential state tax losses that I-732 may create and the initiative's ability to bring clean energy alternatives to market. A vote to endorse failed, as did the proposal for a Vote NO recommendation.

Candidate endorsements began with a vote on a slate of the Endorsement Committee's recommended candidates. State Representatives endorsed in this manner were Zack Hudgins (11th) Mike Pellicciotti (30th) Cindy Ryu (32nd, Mia Su-ling Gregerson (33rd, Gael Tarleton (36th) Linda Wright (39th) and Brooke Valentine from the 47th

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## September News Updates

Congratulations to all our newly elected 2017 PCOs! Thanks for knocking on all those doors to remind your neighbors to vote in the August Primary! We have all the updated information on [our website here](#), thanks to our webmaster Bill Schrier!

Many thanks to [Les Treal](#), PCO Coordinator, and the PCO Committee for all their dedication to the 34th Dems and for bringing in fresh ideas. Les is also the contact for arranging canvassing in the 30th LD, an important district to win in November.

September Dates: for Phone Banking

- Thur. 1st -- Phone Bank @ Aerospace Machinist Union Hall, 9125 15th Pl S, Seattle, WA 98108, 5-8:30
- Sat. 3rd -- Canvass Launch @ Cascade Middle School, 11212 10th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98146, 12-3
- Sun. 4th -- Canvass Launch @ Seatac Botanical Gardens, 13735 24th Ave S, SeaTac, WA 98168, 12-3
- Mon. 5th -- Phone Bank @ Kathy Marshall's, 3620 59th Ave. SW, from 5-830 (Alki)
- Tues. 6th -- Phone Bank @ Des Moines Public Library, 4-7
- Thur. 8th -- Phone Bank @ Shamah Gramrath's, 4310 SW Atlantic St, from 5-830 (Admiral)
- Thur. 8th -- Phone Bank @ Aerospace Machinist Union Hall, 9125 15th Pl S, Seattle, WA 98108, 5-8:30
- Sat. 10th -- Canvass Launch @ Normandy Park City Hall, 12-3
- Sun. 11th -- Canvass Launch @ West Seattle Department of Licensing, 8830 25th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98106, 12-3

## Results from the 2016 Primary

### Governor

Jay Inslee D 687,183 votes  
Bill Bryant R 543,359 votes

### Lt. Governor:

Cyrus Habib D 294,518 votes  
Mary McClendon R 253,626 votes

### Secretary of State

Kim Wyman R 645,420  
Tina Podlowski D 621,510

### State Treasurer

Duane Davidson R 322,274  
Michael Waite R 299,674

### State Auditor

Mark Miloscia 481,765  
Pat McCarthy 381,724

### Attorney General

Bob Fergusson D 906,227  
Joshua Trumbill L341,805

### Public Lands Commissioner

Steve McLaughlin R  
Hilary Franz D 296,971

### Insurance Commissioner

Mike Kreidler D  
Richard Schrock R

### Superintendent of Public Schools

Erin Jones 295,226  
Chris Reykdal 240,131

### State Senator

Patty Murray D 745,193  
Chris Vance 380,886

### 7th Congressional District

Pramila Jayapal 82,699  
Brady Walkinshaw 41,760

### 34th District Representative Position 1

Eileen Cody 26,178  
Matthew Benson 5,767

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Treasurer Karen Chilcutt was unable to attend the meeting, so Marcee Stone gave us an update. Our approximate balance is \$11,914, \$1,137 of which came from the South King County Spaghetti Dinner.

Joe McDermott thanked the membership for their support in his run for the 7th Congressional District primary race. He urged us to work with him on campaign finance reform and gun violence and to overturn Citizens United. Locally, he asked us to pass transit upgrades.

Marcee mentioned several upcoming events: a Check the Bulletin Board on page 3 for information about these these events.

Les Treall spoke about the effort to expand our margins in the State Senate and House. Here in the 34th we do quite well but some other districts don't have the same advantage we have and could use our help. Please sign up to help with doorbelling in targeted districts and do whatever you can do to help. Contact Les Treall if you want to be a part of this and help win the legislature back.

The program was a panel on the Relationship Between Our Police and Our Communities of Color, and the May 13 2012 consent decree between the City of Seattle and the Justice Department. Fe Lopez reminded us that we are three years into the consent decree

If you missed it, the whole presentation is on the West Seattle Blog.



*Photo courtesy of the West Seattle Blog*

From left to right:  
Sheriff John Urquhart,  
Retired Judge Anne Levinson,  
Auditor, Office of Professional  
accountability;  
Fe Lopez, Executive Director,  
Community Police Commission

This resolution will be considered by the membership at our September meeting

## **Resolution Asking Seattle City Council to Budget for School Construction**

**Whereas, Seattle is experiencing unprecedented population growth, and Seattle Public Schools (SPS) has consistently increased enrollment by about 1,000 students annually since 2010; and,**

**Whereas, Seattle is critically and urgently short hundreds of permanent classrooms, with insufficient funding for this capital gap, at great and immediate cost to the quality of education outcomes; and,**

**Whereas, basically all previously surplus permanent classroom space has been reclaimed, and SPS teaches about 4,800 students in 200 “temporary” portable classrooms; and,**

**Whereas, Seattle needs approximately 350 more classrooms to lower class sizes to 17 students in grades K-3, as required by Washington state basic education laws; and,**

**Whereas, a voter-approved program for quality preschool education is requesting space in SPS school buildings; and,**

**Whereas, the 2016 SPS capital levy is mainly directed to the maintenance backlog and is not intended to address enrollment growth and class-size reduction needs; and,**

**Whereas, Seattle is experiencing a 40,000-unit housing boom with no plans to add schools to accommodate this growth; and,**

**Whereas, the Growth Management Act (GMA) empowered local jurisdictions to impose developer impact fees so that growth pays for growth, and these fees are an essential source of school construction funds in most other growing Puget Sound cities; and**

**Whereas, according to King County “Countywide Planning Policies,” the City is required “[to] Plan, through a cooperative process between jurisdictions and school districts, that public school facilities are available to meet the needs of existing and projected residential development consistent with adopted comprehensive plan policies and growth forecasts...”; and,**

**Whereas, developer impact fees are a vital and necessary funding source for SPS school construction;**

**Therefore be it resolved that we urge the Seattle City Council to recognize this capacity crisis and to pass a developer impact fee ordinance dedicated to funding Seattle public school construction.**

**Originated by Sarajane Siegfriedt with Eden Mack**

**Submitted by Ann Martin, August 15, 2016**



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