



JUNE 2017

34<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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**Chair’s Message for June**

**The Seattle Mayor's Race**

The fastest growing large city in America will elect a new Mayor in November, and the vacuum left by the late withdrawal of Mayor Ed Murray has led 21 candidates of varying backgrounds and qualifications to enter the race - making this the most contested race in the August primary. The candidates for Mayor of Seattle are:

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|----------------|----------------------|
| Gary E. Brose  | Harley Lever         |
| Casey Carlisle | Mary J. Martin       |
| Tiniell Cato   | Mike McGinn          |
| Jenny Durkan   | Cary Moon            |
| Thom Gunn      | James W. Norton, Jr. |
| Jessyn Farrell | Larry Oberto         |
| Greg Hamilton  | Nikkita Oliver       |
| Michael Harris | Jason Roberts        |
| Bob Hasegawa   | Alex Tsimerman       |
| Lewis A. Jones | Keith J. Whiteman    |
| Dave Kane      |                      |

With so many candidates, one might wonder how to provide a forum that serves the District and our community without "playing favorites" or "picking winners." Fortunately, here in the 34th we've already solved this problem, and we know just what to do. So saddle up, put on your riding boots and get ready for another

**Showdown in the 34th: Mayor's Edition**

Just as in April, after brief introductory comments from the candidates they'll each draw a question at random and answer it, and after all 21 have had a chance at answering one of our questions we're going to let you choose which candidates you want to hear more from through a process of elimination. We'll let the democratic process determine which candidates get more time to answer the questions that matter here in the 34th.

At the end of the evening we'll endorse one (or more) of the candidates. We want it to be fun, interesting, infor-

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**June 14, 2017  
Meeting Notice**

The Hall at Fautleroy, 9131 California Ave SW  
Across from the YMCA - Parking behind the Hall  
Accessible by Metro “C” Line

**6:30 Potluck Social Time**, please bring a dish to share

**7:00 Call to Order**

**Program:**

**Mayoral Forum and Endorsement**

**8:55 Good of the Order**

**9:00 Adjourn to Whiskey West**

See Page 7 for a special note on our Endorsement Rules. Our full Endorsement Rules in PDF format can be found on our Bylaws page:

<http://www.34dems.org/bylaws/>

**Renew or Become a Member at**

**34dems.org**

[www.34dems.org/contribute/](http://www.34dems.org/contribute/)

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## The 34th Democrats Adopt a Street

As part of our ongoing efforts to increase our visibility to our broader community, we have signed up with Seattle's Adopt A Street program. A one-mile stretch of 16th Avenue SW, between Roxbury and Elmgrove streets has been selected. We will be acknowledged for this chore with signage naming us as caretakers after we fulfill one year's duty.



The minimum requirement is that we perform at least four clean-ups a year. The city will provide the materials and tools. The first work party is scheduled for August 5, at 10 am, and your assistance will be appreciated. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Treina Aronson, to help.

## Volunteer...and Help Elect More Democrats!

The 34th will not have a contested state race in 2017, so please consider volunteering in another district to maintain our edge in the House and re-take the Senate.

Contact Les Treall:  
kcdccm@34dems.org or 206-948-5423.

Help the 31st remove Senator Republican Phil Fortnato. Assist virtual phone banking or door knocking. Contact:

**Brian Gunn** at [gunnbl@comcast.net](mailto:gunnbl@comcast.net) or 253-334-8614.

The 45th LD has a State Senate special election and is looking for phone bankers, drivers, door knockers over the next few months. Contact:  
**Robin** at [robinba137@gmail.com](mailto:robinba137@gmail.com) or 425-753-1847.

To help the 48th retain Sen. Patty Kuderer and Rep. Vandana Slatter in their special elections, contact:  
**Peace Keenen** at [Wademppeace@gmail.com](mailto:Wademppeace@gmail.com)



Terri Lindeke from the 33rd LD and 34th Dems member Nick Bonazza at the 1st Annual Burien Pride event held June 3rd. We shared a booth with the 33rd Dems at the event

# 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, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

### Other Meetings or Events:

#### West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.  
Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 pm

#### Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant  
601 SW 153rd St., Burien  
Tuesday, June 13, 11:30 am

#### Metropolitan Democratic Club

Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 12-1:30 pm

#### Burien Drinking Liberally

##### New Time and Location:

Angelo's Italian Restaurant  
601 SW 153rd St.  
Thursday, June 22, 6:30 pm

#### West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle Golf Course Banquet Room  
Check [www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org](http://www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org)  
For information

#### King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 pm  
Teamsters Hall in Tukwila  
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168

### Treasurer's Report for 2017 May Newsletter

Balance as of April 30, 2017 .....	\$ 16,303.93
Add Revenues .....	\$ 1,680.05
Less Expenses .....	\$ 1,597.69
Balance as of May 31, 2017 .....	\$ 16,221.57

*You are invited to the fourth annual*

## Chautauqua 2017

hosted by the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle

**1 - 5 pm, Sunday, June 11, 2017**

Keynote speaker:

**King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles**

Master of ceremonies:

**Seattle City Councilmember Lisa Herbold**

at

**Ann Martin's Home,  
3618 SW Orchard, Seattle**

Suggested donation: \$25

To sponsor this event: \$125

Contact Jayson Morris, 206.257.9206  
[morris.jayson@gmail.com](mailto:morris.jayson@gmail.com).

### Save the Date!

For the Annual 34th Democrats

### Garden Party and Auction

**August 11, 6:30pm**

at The Dakota, 4304 SW Dakota Street

**Contact Chris Porter with your theme ideas**

[wsdcm@34dems.org](mailto:wsdccm@34dems.org)

**Volunteers needed**

Contact Treina Aronson at

[vicechair1@34dems.org](mailto:vicechair1@34dems.org)

### Become a PCO!

Precinct Committee Officers are the backbone of our party. Consider taking on this vital role as either an appointed or acting PCO.

Contact Brooks Salazar at:

[pco@34dems.org](mailto:pco@34dems.org)

**Check to see if your precinct is vacant:**

[www.34dems.org/get-active/pco/](http://www.34dems.org/get-active/pco/)



## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

### Senator

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Olympia, WA 98504  
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### Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

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Finance  
305 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7952



## 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 June newsletter is Wednesday, June 28.**

Mail to Steve Butts,  
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146  
or email to swbutts@comcast.net

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



First we heard from candidates: Pete Holmes is running for his third term as City Attorney. Bob Hasagawa, State Senator from the 11th LD, asked us for his endorsement for Mayor. John Urquhart is running again for Sheriff to continue the progress in the culture of his office. Dow Constantine, Lorena González, Liz Giba and Nancy Tosta also requested our endorsement.

*Councilmember  
Lorena González*

Lisa Plymate and Chris Porter gave us an update from the April 22 State Committee meeting in Walla Walla. Lisa told us that the State Party is in good hands with Chair Tina Podlodowski. A new meeting system is in place that makes more time for committee work. Lisa is on the Election and Endorsement Committees, and Chris is Co-Chair of the Affirmative Action committee. The Heroes' Narrative from Fuse Washington is being utilized as it recognizes the value of messaging, and not just the recitation of facts and figures. We as a party need to take a page from the GOP's play-book and create a narrative. The State Party budget has leapt from \$2,000 to \$17,000 a month. And, if someone is a good Democrat and is prepared to run, the party will support them. Every race matters.

We learned how this first year of the Democracy Voucher program is performing from Program Manager Rene LaBeau. The goals are to increase the number of people contributing to campaigns, and to increase the number of people running for office. As of the May 10 meeting, 3 candidates have qualified for vouchers and 8 more are in the process of being so. June 2nd was the deadline to apply. There were also 3,300 unique contributors and \$200,000 paid to candidates as of May 10.



*Seattle Democracy Voucher Program  
Manager Rene LaBeau*

In total, 2 million vouchers were sent out in January, and there will be announcements coming soon on how to replace them if lost.

In his Chair's report, David Ginsberg informed us that after consultation with County and State parliamentarians that the April Meeting's endorsement vote for Seattle City Council Position 8 was illegal according to the bylaws. Going forward, candidates must attest that they are Democrats to be eligible for endorsement consideration.

We resumed the endorsement for Council Position 8 from the April meeting. Declared Democrats Teresa Mosqueda, Hisam Goueli

and Sara Nelson were nominated. Supporters of Jon Grant urged a no-endorsement position, as Grant would not declare as a Democrat. **Mosqueda** received our sole endorsement.

**A slate of candidates seeking re-election was then endorsed:**

- King County Executive - **Dow Constantine**
- KC Sheriff - **John Urquhart**
- Seattle City Attorney - **Pete Holmes**
- Seattle Position 9 Councilmember - **Lorena González**
- KC District 5 Councilmember - **Dave Upthegrove**
- Burien City Councilmember - **Nancy Tosta**
- North Highline Fire Commissioner - **Liz Giba**
- Port of Seattle Position 3 - **Stephanie Bowman**

**John Persak** received our endorsement for Port Position 4 out of a field that also included Jacob Richardson and Brooks Salazar. Our endorsement for Port Position 1 went to **Ryan Calkins**, winning out over Norman Sigler and John Creighton.

**David Mann** was endorsed for Washington Court of Appeals Position 1.

Three additional Burien City Council candidates were endorsed: **Krystal Marks**, Position 7, **Pedro Orguin**, Position 1 and **Jimmy Matta**, Position 3.

Our membership for 2017 is now stands at over 500.



*Ryan Calkins speaks to his candidacy for Port of Seattle Commissioner.*



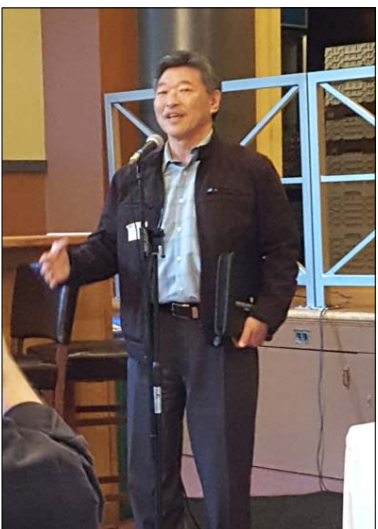
*David Toledo urges us to vote for a "No Endorsement" for Council Pos. 8*



*Jimmie Haun gives a strong endorsement for Burien Council candidate Jimmy Matta*



*Seattle Councilmember Lisa Herbold tells us of her city income tax plan*



*11LD State Senator Bob Hasegawa asks for our endorsement for Mayor*

## Our 2017 Election Endorsements to Date

### City of Seattle

- City Council No. 8: Teresa Mosqueda
- City Council No. 9: Lorena González
- City Attorney: Pete Holmes

### King County

- County Executive: Dow Constantine
- County Sheriff: John Urquhart
- County Council No. 5: Dave Upthegrove
- North Highline Fire District Pos. 1: Liz Giba

### Port of Seattle

- Port of Seattle Pos. 1: Ryan Calkins
- Port of Seattle Pos. 3: Stephanie Bowman
- Port of Seattle Pos. 4: John Persak

### Burien

- City Council Pos. 1: Pedro Orguin
- City Council Pos. 3: Jimmy Matta
- City Council Pos. 5: Nancy Tosta
- City Council Pos. 7: Krystal Marks

### Judicial

- WA Court of Appeals Position 1: David Mann



# It's Parade and Festival Season!

Our short but glorious summer is beginning, and it's time for community street fairs and parades...and your help is needed to help make these events a success. We'll register voters, promote our endorsed candidates and make our presence known by marching in parades. Please consider volunteering for one (or more) of these fun events.

Please contact Karen Richter and Steve Butts at outreach@34dems.org or Treina Aronson at vicechair1@34dems.org



2016 West Seattle Grand Parade



2016 Burien Strawberry Festival, with volunteers from the 33rd.

## June Events

- Morgan Junction Festival** Saturday, June 17
- Burien Wild Strawberry Festival** Saturday and Sunday, June 17, 18  
*A Joint Event With The 33rd Dems*
- Seattle Pride Parade** Sunday, June 25  
*March With The King County Dems*

## July Events

- Burien Independence Day Parade** Tuesday, July 4
- West Seattle Summerfest** Friday - Sunday, July 14 - 16  
*Register Voters*
- The Big Weekend in the 34th...HELP!**
- West Seattle Grand Parade** Saturday, July 22
- White Center Jubilee Days** Saturday and Sunday, July 22, 23
- White Center Parade** Sunday, July 23
- Vashon Grand Parade** Saturday, July 22
- Vashon Strawberry Festival** Saturday and Sunday, July 22, 23

# 34th Dems Meet Other South KC Dems at 7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner



Joy Pakulak with her winning sauce

Members of the 34th gathered with Democrats from the 11th, 30th, 33rd and the 47th LD Democratic organization for the South King County Democrats Annual Dinner.

The Keynote Speaker was Mark McDermott, a board member of *Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action*. He spoke about Social Security and its current inequities. He laid out ways to expand the program to create a more secure retirement. Mark is the brother of our former Congressman Jim McDermott.

This annual event features a "Sauce-off". This year the panel of judges selected 34th's Joy Pakulak's contribution as worthy of the Albert D. Rosellini plaque.



Gina Topp and Karen Richter



Steven Jamieson and Chair David Ginsberg build a door...not a wall

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mative and valuable for our members and for the candidates alike. Hope to see you there!

### **A note about voting: according to our bylaws:**

"Only members in good standing by the end of the prior month's meeting may vote, except that any member who had paid dues in the previous calendar year may vote if the membership is renewed at or before the meeting where the endorsement takes place."

If you were a member last year but haven't renewed yet, you can click [here](#) to pay your dues and renew your membership in time for the April meeting. If you weren't a member by the end of the last meeting you won't be eligible to vote at the April meeting but can join now to be eligible to vote at our big May endorsements meeting.

<http://www.34dems.org/contribute/>

### **A note about decorum**

After our big May endorsement meeting, a number of new members contacted me to share concerns that might keep them from attending future meetings, and I take their concerns very seriously because we've been working hard to build this organization and welcome new members. Several people expressed frustration at the noise from the

back of the room. So please be respectful and if you must have a conversation during the program take your conversation outside. But by far most of the concerns had to do with an unsubstantiated personal attack launched against one of the candidates during the endorsement process. That was uncalled for, unhelpful and it's the sort of thing that turns people away, so for the sake of this organization and the important work we need all hands on deck for, let's resolve to do better than that, let's all come to the meeting next Wednesday remembering the words of Michelle Obama: "When they go low, we go high."

Let's continue to build an organization that welcomes newcomers and new ideas, that treats others with respect, that reaches out and engages our community to build connections that make all of us more resilient.

Let's show by example what it means to be a Democrat and why it matters.

In solidarity,

**David**

David Ginsberg  
Chair, 34th District Democrats

## **34th Dems Cook Book Project Needs Your Recipes**

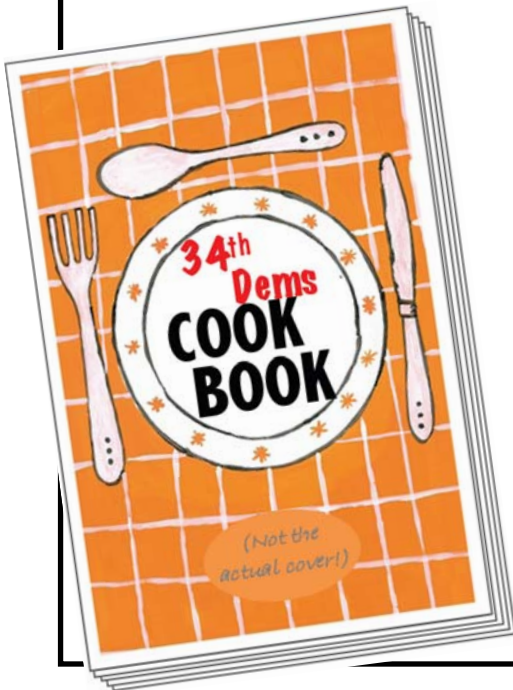
The Volunteer Committee is launching an exciting project! We're creating a cookbook that will serve as both fundraiser and outreach activity. More than a collection of recipes, it will tell the story of the diverse members of our community through something that connects all of us- food. The recipes will be organized by neighborhood and will feature stories and pictures of the contributors.

We are calling for submissions of recipes from people who live, work, have businesses or run organizations in the 34th District. They need to be original recipes and include a story about the recipe or the organization submitting the recipe. *You do not have to be a 34th member in order to contribute.*

To submit a recipe please contact Treina Aronson at [vicechair1@34dems.org](mailto:vicechair1@34dems.org) or fill out the form under our [Get Active page](#).

### **Examples of recipe stories:**

- The recipe was handed down within a family, the recipe celebrates traditional ethnic cuisine,
- The recipe represents an historical event within the district,
- The recipe is from an established business or nonprofit within the district,
- The recipe is from an important figure/trailblazer/activist within the district,
- The recipe is from an elected 34th official, the recipe is from a historical location/property within the 34th





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If you use a P.O. Box, do you live in the 34th District? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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\* Required by Washington State Public Disclosure Commission/ Contributions are not tax deductible.

**If interested in paying your dues in monthly installments contact the treasurer for more information.**

- \$3 Living Lightly
- \$34 Friend of the 34th
- \$50 Sponsor
- \$1,000 Endowment
- \$100 Benefactor
- \$250 Sustaining
- \$500 Underwriter

In the interest of protecting our environment and building funds to support endorsed candidates, the 34th District Democrats wish to communicate electronically.

**Please check this box if you do not have access to electronic communications and need to receive a mailed newsletter**

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