



AUGUST 2017

Chair's Message for August

State of the 34th

Fellow Democrats,

At our August meeting, we'll turn our focus to the State of the 34th. If I were to write my Chair's Report today, it would be a mixed review: we're strong on membership but on the financial front - and we all know how important that unfortunately is in politics - we're not doing as well. We're just over halfway through the year and have raised less than half of our budgeted income. With the urgency of the fight ahead we need to grow our party and its reach and influence in every district and every election in this nation, including right here in the 34th. We set some aggressive targets when we put together the budget because the need is so great and people recognize the urgency and want to stand up and lock arms with us and make clear we won't permit a bunch of oligarchs to dismantle our democracy, disenfranchising American citizens and destroying the planet.

This is a fight between totalitarian capitalism and democracy

The radical right has worked with the worst, most sociopathic owners of capital for half a century to make irrevocable systemic changes that will undermine and eventually allow them to dismantle our democracy. They've attacked our public education system, the foundation of a stable and functioning democracy. They've eroded public faith in government and public institutions while raising the profile of corporations. They've even debased science, facts and knowledge. And they now control the federal government, save some of the lower courts and the resistance inside the federal government.

This isn't just a national phenomenon

The national Republican party and Koch brothers who funded independent expenditure campaigns are pouring tons of money into the 45th LD. They need to

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August 9, 2017 Meeting Notice

The Hall at Fauntleroy, 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:

State of the 34th

Reports from the Committees

Legislative Update

8:55 Good of the Order

9:00 Adjourn to Whiskey West

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34dems.org

www.34dems.org/contribute/

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Auction Items Needed

If you have items to donate, or wish to help procure items, please contact:

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or **Chris Porter** at: wsdccm@34dems.org

Event volunteers are also needed.

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, August 16, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.
Tuesday, August 1, 6:00 pm

Evergreen Democratic Club

Please Note:

There will be no gatherings for the months of July or August

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, August 25, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle Golf Course Banquet Room
Check www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 7:00 pm
Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168

Treasurer's Report for 2017 August Newsletter

Balance as of July 3, 2017.....	\$ 15,029.83
Add Revenues	\$ 4,289.49
Less Expenses	\$ 1,463.71
Balance as of August 2, 2017	\$ 17,855.61



34th Democrats Adopt a Street
Work Party

Saturday, August 5, 10am

Join our first work party as we clean up 16th Avenue SW, from Roxbury Street north to Elmgrove. The city will provide the tools, and your assistance will be appreciated.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Treina Aronson, vicechair1@34dems.org



Saturday, August 12, 11 - 3pm

Delridge Community Center

This event gets bigger every year! Once again it will be held in conjunction with Seattle PD's "Picnic in the Park"

We will have a booth again at this event.

To help contact Karen Richter or Steve Butts at outreach@34dems.org

**WHITE CENTER
FOOD BANK
BLOCK
PARTY**

**FREE
ALL AGES
CARNIVAL GAMES
MUSIC & DJ
LOCAL FOODS
FOOD BANK TOURS**
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Saturday Aug. 26, 11am-5pm 10829 8th Ave. SW

Join us as we help at this event!

contact Karen Richter or Steve Butts at outreach@34dems.org

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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 September newsletter will be Wednesday, August 23.

Mail to Steve Butts,
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In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

Our July meeting was the follow-up to the mayoral "Showdown in the 34th", won by Jessyn Farrell. The main task of the meeting was picking an endorsee. Four of the candidates who participated in our June forum were placed into nomination: Farrell, Bob Hasegawa, Jenny Durkin and Cary Moon. Only Farrell and Hasegawa were present.

Joe McDermott spoke to the nomination of Durkin, noting her stand against the Trump travel ban.

Marlene Allbright spoke for Hasegawa, reminding us that his was one of only two votes against the Boeing tax relief package. Chris Porter urged us to consider one of the three women candidates, since there hasn't been a female mayor since the 1920's. Chris was countered by Ivan Weiss by saying that Hasegawa would be the first mayor of Asian descent.

Grace Stiller spoke on behalf of Farrell and pointed out her experience in areas of transportation and land use.

Finally, a supporter of Moon spoke to what he called her "proven record on progressive issues".

The voting took four rounds:

The first balloting eliminated Moon.

Hasegawa, with Farrell and Durkin in a tie, went to the second round, with Durkin being eliminated in that balloting.

The third round went in favor of Hasegawa, but he failed to meet the 60% endorsement threshold.

Our last round of balloting left us with both Hasegawa and Farrell as our dual endorsees.



Jessyn Farrell speaks to her Campaign.



Bob Hasegawa gives a short legislative update.



Joe McDermott

Joe McDermott told us about the proposed Veterans and Seniors Levy planned for the November ballot. This is a levy renewal that would cost property owners 10 cents per \$1,000 of property valuation. The funds would be split into thirds, with one-third each going to support veterans, general human services and seniors...an addition to the previous levy.

We also heard from Alexandra Vekich, telling us of the De-escalate Washington initiative, I-940. This initiative would require new police training and tactics to better de-escalate potentially violent confrontations. It would also amend current standards for justifiable use of deadly force by adding a "good faith" standard. It also requires independent investigations. After discussion, the body voted to endorse the signature-gathering effort for this initiative.



Alexandra Vekich

School Board member Leslie Harris told us that there is a Seattle School District budget deficit and that is particularly affecting special education and English language learners. The district is also facing a capacity problem, and that the capital budget is being "held hostage" in the state legislature. She also told us that the board is pushing back against the district over waitlists to get into specific schools. As to an additional issue, the board will be looking at the inequitableness of some schools being able to bring in extra staff through donations.

Treasurer Gina Topp announced the we now have 560 members.



Leslie Harris gives a rundown on the state of Seattle Schools



1st Vice Chair and Volunteer Committee Chair Treina Aronson gives a report on our volunteer status.



Grace Stiller speaks in favor of an endorsement of Jessyn Farrell

34th Democrats Out in the Community

Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, found members of the 34th District Democrats participating at events on Vashon, in White Center and in West Seattle. We staffed booths at two street fairs and marched in two parades. Nick Bonazza led a crew of volunteers on Vashon Island to give us a presence there for the first time in five years.



Bunny Hatcher on volunteers at our Vashon booth



Steven Jamieson and Chair David Ginsberg on Vashon



Nick Bonazza helps with Pin the Tail on the Donkey



34th District Democrats march in the West Seattle Grand Parade on July 22.

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move as quickly as they can, before local groups have a chance to organize a large enough resistance to beat them. And that's exactly what we need to continue doing right here in the 34th: making sure we elect and retain the talented and Democratic candidates our communities produce by giving campaigns the boost they need to GOTV and win elections. And that's where you come in.

We can do this together, and together we will win

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is less than 2 weeks away: a resistance-themed Carnival and Live Auction BBQ at Dakota Place Park on August 11th from 7-10PM. We budgeted \$25,000 in proceeds, nearly 5x what was raised last year but just a little more than was raised in 2014. Since we have a \$2500 deficit to make we'll need to raise \$27,500 at the Carnival and Live Auction BBQ to support our plans, and there are three ways you can help us reach that goal:

1. **Donate Auction Items:** Successful auctions require terrific auction items that generate interest. We've got some great ones already including a stay in Barcelona and coffee with Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal. But we need more. Donate an auction item here:

<http://www.34dems.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Auction-Item-Procurement-Form-fillable.pdf>

2. **Volunteer:** Did you know volunteers get 1/2 off the price of admission? That's right, and it's fun too! Sign up to volunteer here:

<http://www.34dems.org/volunteer-opportunity/help-us-make-the-garden-party-a-success/>



3. **Buy Your Tickets:** This is the easiest part, and purchasing now really helps us plan with our caterers to make sure everyone gets all the sumptuous BBQ they desire without wasting a bunch of food and money. Purchase your tickets here:

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

In solidarity,

David Ginsberg

Chair, 34th District Democrats



Part of our unit at the White Center Parade. (Photos of this event are by Karen Richter.)



Ben Johnson and son carry our banner



One of the colorful entries in White Center



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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Benefactor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Sustaining | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Underwriter | |

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