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Fellow 34th District Democrats,

White nationalists at our back door

In January when I was elected chair I told you all that Buren would be our #1 priority for 2017. The urgency has increased unimaginably since then. The fight between fascism and democracy has been brought to our front door. Anti-immigrant white nationalists are targeting Burien - one of the most diverse communities in the state - as the next place to bring their hate-fueled anti-immigrant ideas. They're led by West Seattle resident Craig Keller, who organized Respect Washington's petition to repeal Burien's Sanctuary City ordinance, an effort which narrowly succeeded in getting enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot. Respect Washington is primarily funded by US Inc., an anti-immigrant group that publishes white-nationalist and white supremacist literature. They've got allies on the Burien City Council, they've got a slate of candidates running for each of the open positions on the Burien City Council, including a lunatic white nationalist beauty salon owner who's challenging our endorsed candidate, incumbent Nancy Tosta - and before you shrug it off as unthinkable someone like that could win it's important to note that she led Nancy in the primary. This could happen, and it could happen here of all places.

Hate has no home in the 34th

If white nationalists are successful in Burien, a diverse community just 10 miles from downtown Seattle, they will do terrible things. Expect raids on homes of people who "don't look American," expect laws requiring teachers, doctors and other caregivers to report on student, patients and customers who "don't look or sound American." Laws like these likely wouldn't survive legal challenges, but that wouldn't stop them from sending immigrants into the shadows, making even legal immigrants afraid to go about their daily lives. We mustn't let this happen, not on our watch. We need to come together, to stand arm in arm with immigrants and other decent, caring Burienites and send Keller and the white nationalists a clear message that hate has no place in Burien, and no home in the 34th!

The campaign to save Burien

Community leaders and elected officials are joining together to save Burien. We'll be partnering with the 33rd District and Labor to save Burien. No organization is positioned to do more in that effort than the 34th District Democrats. With our PCOs and volunteers we could knock on every door in Burien and leave no voter behind. We have the organizing talent to make that happen. We have one of

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September 13, 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

Opening Ceremonies

Pledge of Allegiance

VIP Acknowledgements

Recognition and awards

Carrie Alexander, Treina Aronson and the Garden

Party volunteers

Steve Butts, Karen Richter and the Outreach Com

mittee and Volunteers

Laborers 242

Review and Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Adoption of the Agenda

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Reports of Officers

Chair's Report

Membership and Treasurer's Report

7:30 Program: Let's Save Burien!

Unfinished Business - None

8:30 New Business - *Consideration of Resolutions*

Resolution Urging Our Elected Officials to Defend DACA

Recipients (See Page 6)

Resolution Urging Opposition to Unconstitutional S. 720

and HB 1697 (See Page 6)

Announcement re: Winning as an Intersectional Candidate

with Congresswoman Jayapal

Appointment of PCOs

Endorsements may be considered

8:50 Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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KCDCC Meeting August 22, 2017

Although the King County Democrats monthly meeting mostly revolved around the endorsement of the Seattle Mayoral race, the beginning of the meeting featured the Chair's Report from Bailey Stober where he revealed that the KCDCC has chosen an Executive Director, (name to follow).

Next on the agenda was a report from King County Labor Council's Deputy Executive Director, Katie Garrow. She stated that they are focusing on candidate recruitment and have endorsed 24 candidates. She also said that there is a lot of overlap between the Democratic Party and the labor movement. They have seen an increase of 9% voter turnout where labor had canvassed. In Burien, 38% of voters are labor members. There are 90,000 union voters in Seattle. They also discussed the upcoming Supreme Court decision regarding the right to work law.

There was a Mayoral candidate forum between Cary Moon and Jenny Durkan where several questions were asked, which included the housing crisis, homelessness, HALA, relating to people of color, public transportation, as well as their political inspiration. At the end of the forum, the body voted on whether or not to endorse Jenny Durkan (who needed 60% of the vote, having received the endorsement from the endorsement committee during the primary, but not receiving final endorsement) and she was not endorsed. We then voted on whether or not to endorse Cary Moon (who needed 66% of the vote, having not received either the endorsement of the endorsement committee nor the final endorsement during the primary) and she was endorsed.

It was then suggested by someone who voted for Jenny Durkan that we reconsider and also endorse her. Because the motion did not come from someone who voted against her, it was invalid.

We moved on to endorse Chris Reh for Issaquah City Council Position 1, Denise Daniels for Kent School Board Position 4, Voted to support a NO vote on Burien Prop 1 and finally, Ryan Calkins for port was endorsed.

It was once again suggested that we reconsider endorsing Jenny Durkan for Mayor by someone who voted against her the first time around, so we voted again. Jenny Durkan once again did not get the endorsement.

The last item of business was to vote on supporting a resolution to hold the state accountable for funding education, which passed.

Submitted by Carrie Alexander, King County Committeewoman



West Seattle Food Bank's 2nd Annual "A Grand Affair" Cocktail Benefit will be on Friday, Sept. 29 beginning at 6 pm at Westland Distillery in Seattle's Sodo District. **Come celebrate the Food Bank's achievements in those in need!**

More information and Tickets at:

<https://westseattlefoodbank.ejoinme.org/AGrandAffairTickets>
Or Contact Judi Yazzolino at: judi@westseattlefoodbank.org

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, September 20, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.
Tuesday, September 5, 6:00 pm

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Tuesday, September 12, 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, September 28, 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, September 26, 7:00 pm
Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168

Treasurer's Report for 2017 August Newsletter

Balance as of August 3, 2017.....	\$ 17,962.61
Add Revenues	\$ 24,008.57
Less Expenses.....	\$ 11, 337.98
Balance as of August 30, 2017	\$ 30,633.20



The 34th Democrats will be participating in **South Park's Fiestas Patrias on Sept 16.**

Be a part of this colorful parade and spend time at our booth.

Parade: 11am - 1pm. Assemble at: Sea Mar Community Care Center, 1040 S. Henderson St.

Fiesta: 1 - 6pm at the South Park Community Center, 8319 8th Ave. S.

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



Join members of the 34th at the White Center CDA's annual fundraiser. Special guests will include the heroes in the fight against Trump's travel ban: **Hawaii Attorney General Doug Chin and Bob Ferguson!**

Friday Sept. 22, 6 pm at South Seattle College

More info and tickets at: <http://www.wccda.org/banquet>

Contact Steve Butts to join the 34th's table.

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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 October newsletter will be Wednesday, September 27.

Mail to Steve Butts,
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Why we should vote “No endorsement”

I don't live in Seattle, so why do I care about this Mayor's race, right? Well I'm urging a vote for “no endorsement” because I care about the 34th District Democrats, how effective we are to be going forward, and what message we want to send to the voters.

In Seattle politics, some trends are unmistakable. A Socialist sits on the City Council. A “People's Party” member is in the general election for Position 8. Another People's Party member just missed the general election for Mayor. Our presidential caucus in 2016 was dominated by Bernie Sanders supporters. And even though Bernie ran as a Democrat, many of his supporters—too damn many of them—wouldn't support Hillary Clinton when she became the nominee. Even 10-15 years ago, this would have been unthinkable. Sawant couldn't have won without running as a Democrat, and Grant and Oliver wouldn't even dream of ignoring the Democratic Party altogether.

We cannot afford to put our fingers in our ears and say “La-la-la, I don't hear you” when young people, people of color, poor and homeless people, working class voters who can't find a place to live in Seattle, are deciding, in growing numbers, that the Democratic Party is irrelevant to their needs. If you don't believe that, ask any Nikkita Oliver supporter.

I for one would rather not lose an entire generation of voters. I for one do not want our party, and our organization, to be regarded by an entire future generation of voters as some rubber stamp for comfortable, bourgeois Seattle. Yet I contend that is exactly the road we will be going down if we endorse either one of these candidates.

Just look at them. One is the anointed candidate of big business, with a million dollar war chest, who 72 percent of primary voters did NOT support, and the other is by and large self-funded, with her family's money, who 82 percent of primary voters did not support. Neither of them has ever held any elected office, and one of them has never even worked in the public sector.

We didn't endorse either one of them in the primary. Did we somehow get it wrong? I don't think so. Just because they are in the general election, does that automatically transform them into something other than the candidates we rejected in the primary? I don't think so. We are under NO OBLIGATION to endorse either one of them—or anybody at all—now. I want that option on our endorsement ballot from the start.

One of these candidates will be Mayor; there's nothing we can do about that. But endorsing either one of them sends exactly the opposite message to the voters that we need to be sending. That message should be: “If you want our endorsement, perform in office first. Show us some results. And if you don't, we'll be right up in your grill till you do. Because we're the 34th, and we don't endorse just to go along,” or because “That's the way we have always done it.”

Respectfully submitted,

*Ivan Weiss, PCO, Shawnee Precinct,
Former chair, 34th District Democrats*

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

The August meeting was dubbed “The State of the 34th” and we heard from the various standing committees as they gave us an update on their efforts and progress in 2017. Some of the highlights included in the presentations were:

Michael Taylor-Judd (Bylaws) is looking at eliminating ambiguity in our endorsement rules as to eligibility of candidates seeking our endorsements. Shall we include those that do not call themselves Democrats, but share our core values?

Kate Riley (Hospitality) talked about the way beyond providing refreshments that we are assisting new members by having greeters welcome them and working to assure that members have nametags.

Carrie Alexander (speaking for Digital Communications) spoke about the goals of that group as they continue to make efforts in promoting events in the 34th to members through pictures and posts.

Sean Riley's report (Diversity and Inclusion) told us of the contacts he has established with organizations in White Center and local non-profits. He is working on venues to hear of the issues of our various communities and helping them connect with our elected officials to lobby on their behalf.

Karen Richter and Steve Butts (Outreach) highlighted some of the new events we have been taking a part in this year, working with both Diversity and Volunteer committees. Burien Pride, Peace in the Hood, and the White Center Food Bank Block Party are new this year. The District also adopted a stretch of 16 Ave. SW to keep clean 4 times a year.

Treina Aronson (Volunteer) told us we have 73 members who have signed up to volunteer, with 23 volunteers and board members offering to help with the Auction. Our "Get Active" page lists all of the upcoming volunteer opportunities and is regularly updated. She listed the events that volunteers have helped with including street fairs, canvassing in the 45th and marches in support of our causes.

Ann Martin (LAC) told us that the most important item is to see that we gain control of the state senate by working to elect Democrat Manka Dhingra in the 45th LD.

In his role of State Committeeman, **Chris Porter** informed us that the Washington State Democrats will be holding their



Our Reps. Joe Fitzgibbon, Eileen Cody and State Senator Sharon Nelson give an end of session briefing

next meeting in our district at South Seattle College on September 9th.

Treasurer **Gina Topp** announced that we have 588 members currently, and that we have as of the meeting over \$16,000 in the bank.

We also heard from a representative of **Pramila Jayapal**. Congresswoman Jayapal is currently the Vice Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee. She also serves on the House Judiciary Committee and the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, the “Access to Counsel Act”, to make certain that those held or detained while attempting to enter the United States are guaranteed access to legal counsel was one of her first acts. She is also Senior Whip of the Democratic Caucus and the First Vice Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. We will continue to hear from her office at our meetings.

We received an update on the completed legislative session. The state made progress on funding the McCleary ruling, using a combination of raises in property and internet sales taxes and the closing of loop holes. The capital budget was not passed due to a stalemate with Republicans over rural water development. The carbon tax was not passed, but there was progress toward climate issues, including the funding of Inslee’s Clean Air Rule and the extension of solar energy incentives. An oil refinery loophole was also eliminated. The legislature also passed a paid family leave bill, said to be the best in the country.

Leslie Harris asked us to consider a slate of progressive Seattle School Board candidates. We voted to endorse **Eden Mack, Zachary Pullin** and **Betty Patu**.

Dow Constantine introduced a resolution against the expansion of New Seasons Market planned for West Seattle. This non-union chain is partly owned by the Murdock Charitable Trust, which funds anti-progressive issues around the country. It was passed.

New people were appointed: **Lynne Randall** is our new Digital Communications Committee Chair, and **Wes Morris** was named Technician. **David Hyllegard** is now PCO for Precinct 1501.



Technician Wes Morris



New PCO David Hyllegard

Resolution Urging Our Elected Officials to Defend DACA Recipients

Whereas the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) executive order has provided as many as 800,000 young people (“Dreamers”) relief from deportation since 2012, as well as the ability to obtain a driver’s license, work permit, and social security number, and to travel abroad; and

Whereas Dreamers have, in order to receive their DACA status, given our government, in good faith, their addresses, school records, fingerprints, and even DNA samples; and

Whereas Dreamers were, by definition, brought into this country by their parents and have lived here since at least 2007, graduated from high school, and been law-abiding residents who call the United States their home, despite having been given no path to citizenship and no certainty regarding their long-term ability to live in this country; and

Whereas on September 5, 2017, the Trump administration rescinded President Obama’s Executive Order establishing DACA and demanded that Congress take action within six months if it wants to re-establish the program, putting Dreamers at risk if Congress fails to act; and

Whereas Dreamers make our country greater by contributing to and strengthening it; and

Whereas the Trump administration could use the Dreamers’ registration information against them to deport hundreds of thousands of law-abiding immigrants; and

Whereas Dreamers are parts of our family - our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, our students, our spouses – we fear for their safety if they are deported,

Now therefore, be it resolved the 34th Legislative District Democrats urge Washington State senators and representatives to take the following actions:

- Sponsor DREAM Act (S. 1615; H.R. 3440) or similar legislation to permanently establish DACA in law;
- Demand that the Department of Homeland Security keep the promise to secure its data on Dreamers so that data cannot be used to pursue and deport DACA recipients or their families.

Be it further resolved this resolution be shared widely, but also sent specifically to our Democratic US senators and representatives.

Adapted from a similar version adopted August 9, 2017 by the 32nd District Democratic Organization

Submitted by Ann Martin, PCO, 34-1502

Resolution Urging Opposition to Unconstitutional S. 720 and HB 1697

Whereas Senate Bill 720 and its companion House Bill 1697, known as the Israel Anti-boycott Act, would make it a federal crime to support the international campaign to Boycott, Divest, or Sanction Israel for its continuing occupation of Palestinian lands;

Whereas the bill prohibits any U.S. person engaged in interstate or foreign commerce from supporting:

- any request by a foreign country to impose any boycott against a country that is friendly to the United States and that is not itself the object of any form of boycott pursuant to United States law or regulation, or
- any boycott fostered or imposed by any international governmental organization against Israel or any request by any international governmental organization to impose such a boycott;

Whereas the ACLU (<https://www.aclu.org/letter/aclu-letter-senate-opposing-israel-anti-boycott-act>) have denounced this act as a limit on free speech, and labor unions and J-Street have asked legislators to actively oppose this legislation;

Whereas it appears these bills are unconstitutional on their face; and

Whereas some of our Washington State Congressional Delegation have signed to co-sponsor these bills;

Therefore, be it resolved the 34th Legislative District Democrats ask the Washington State Senators and Representatives to take the following actions:

- Refrain from signing either S. 720 or HB 1697, and remove signatures if already a co-signer; and
- Oppose the legislation if it comes before the Senate or House and vote against such a measure.

Be it further resolved the 34th Legislative District Democrats send a copy of this resolution to all members of the Washington State Congressional Delegation.

Submitted by Ann Martin, PCO, 34-1502

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the strongest Democratic organizations in the state. In Seattle there is bickering among Democrats about whether your Democrat or my Democrat should be elected mayor. From where we sit in the 34th, that's small potatoes. Burien is facing a choice between a radical right-wing cabal aiming to make life very uncomfortable for everyone who isn't white and a set of candidates who will respect the entire community in all of its beautiful diversity.

Burien needs all of us, and that means YOU

What can you do to help? Come to our next meeting on September 13th and hear from local elected officials and community leaders about what's at stake in Burien. Learn about canvassing efforts under way to reach out to voters. Learn about the new Burien for All PAC that's been formed by State Representative Joe Fitzgibbon, Burien City Councilmember Lauren

Berkowitz and nightlife entrepreneur Dave Meinert to help raise money to support candidates who will defend all of Burien: Krystal Marx, Pedro Olguin, Jimmy Matta, and [Nancy Tosta](#). Sign up to walk a Burien precinct or two or three or more. Contribute to the 4 Democrat candidates we've endorsed: [Krystal Marx](#), [Pedro Olguin](#), [Jimmy Matta](#), and Nancy Tosta. Contribute to Burien Represent. Contribute to Burien for All. This fight has never been more real, more urgent, more close to home. We need all hands on deck in the fight to Save Burien.

See you Wednesday, September 13th at 7PM.

In solidarity,

David Ginsberg

Chair, 34th District Democrats

A Case For Supporting Jenny Durkan for Mayor

Dear 34th District Friends:

I urge you to endorse Jenny Durkan for Mayor. Here is why she is the most qualified and, I would add, the most appropriate person for the 34th District Democrats to endorse.

1. Jenny has unmatched credentials as a Democrat.

She Interned with Mike Lowry when he was a member of Congress. She successfully fought the Republican's efforts to thwart Christine Gregoire's election as Governor. She was appointed as US Attorney by President Barack Obama

2. Jenny is a progressive and effective leader.

As U.S Attorney she was on the frontlines for social justice and was the first openly gay person appointed as US Attorney. Jenny promised to work for police reform and she did in face of fierce opposition of Mayor McGinn.

She fought for LGBTQ rights including marriage equality, and prioritized hate crime prosecutions and enforced fair housing laws. She has successfully worked with civil rights and immigrant rights organizations in including:

- ACLU
- El Centro de la Raza,

- Mothers for Police Accountability,
 - NAACP,
 - The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) and OneAmerica
- 3. She has given freely of her skills and training while in the private practice of law.**
- Recently she went to SeaTac with the ACLU and NWIRP to make sure people who arrived here lawfully could stay when Trump sought to ban Muslims

4. She is the right person to lead this City at this time.

In her announcement speech, she said "neither Donald Trump, nor Jeff Sessions is going to tell us how to run our city, protect our people or build our future. And they do not want to pick a fight with me."

Given her life-long record of courageous progressive and successful leadership as a Democrat and as US Attorney, Jenny Durkan is the candidate for Mayor we should endorse for Mayor.

Thank you and see you soon!

Tom Rasmussen



34th Democrats volunteer for our first Adopt-a-Street work party



Eric Cameron labels drains on 16th Avenue SW.



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