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WEST SEATTLE ★ WHITE CENTER ★ BURIEN ★ VASHON AND MAURY ISLANDS

Fellow 34th District Democrats,

October 11, 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

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

Program

King County Human Services, Veterans and Senior
Services Levy renewal

Trick or Vote

Unfinished Business

8:30 New Business

8:50 Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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Lyndon Johnson said the right to vote is the "lifeblood of our democracy". While there are amendments to our constitution that prohibit discrimination, no affirmative right to vote exists. The Supreme Court in Bush v Gore ruled "the individual citizen has no federal constitutional right to vote..." Although many, myself included, would argue that voting should be a right, it is not. Voting is a privilege.

I grew up with my grandmother who was born before women could vote. As I toddled along with her to the voting booth I learned early, the privilege to vote was something to be held dear, protected and never taken for granted. Later, while working in Central America, I saw desperate single mothers line up weekly at the Prime Minister's door step. With no social services, they came with simple requests to meet their basic needs. Their wishes were granted only after they promised him their vote. Witnessing this Wizard of Oz style government, I held our privilege to vote even more dear.

Currently, there is a concerted effort to dismantle our democracy. Nationally, we are contending with an increase in voter suppression laws and unbelievably, calls to repeal the 19th amendment. Globally, we have seen foreign actors attempt not only to disrupt our election but those of France and Germany. To confound matters, there are progressives among us disillusioned by last year's election, proposing a prohibition of voting to punish an unfair system; a ridiculously dangerous idea.

We have important races to win this year. Winning these elections will prevent a white supremacist agenda in Burien and turn the Washington legislature blue again. While voter turnout in King County during the 2016 election was 82%, this percentage doesn't hold during non-presidential years. The average for the years 2013 to 2015 was only 46%.

It is not enough that we cast our own ballots. To be good stewards of democracy, we must encourage our

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Executive Board

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Help support **White Center Food Bank** by attending their

13th Annual Harvest Dinner and Auction

Help support them continue their vital role in serving our community.

October 14th, 2017 from 6-10 PM.

At The Foundry at Herban Feast

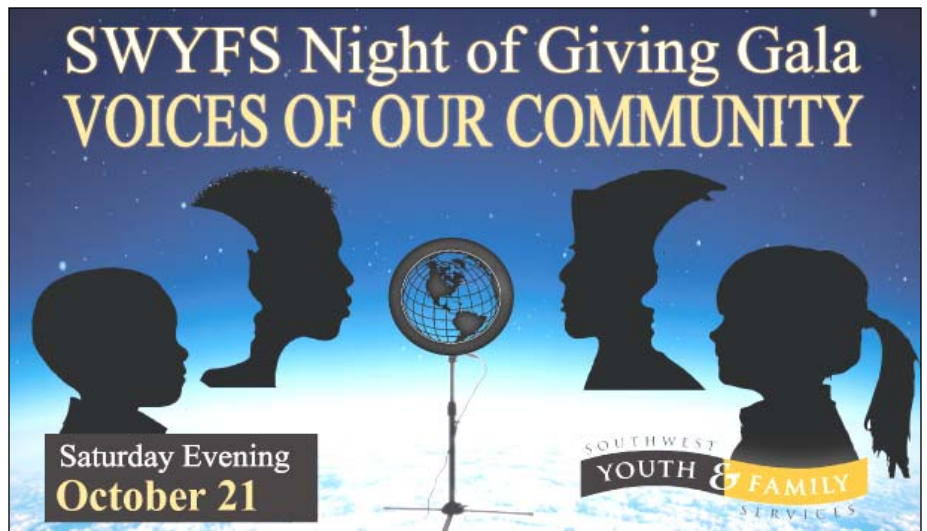
4130 1st Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134

More Info at:

<https://www.whitecenterfoodbank.org/harvest-dinner>

Tickets Available at:

<http://whitecenterfoodbank.maestroweb.com/>



Southwest Youth and Family Services Night of Giving Gala 2017

Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Georgetown Ballroom

Join Southwest Youth & Family Services (SWYFS) to celebrate, cultivate and grow support of immigrant and refugee families in our community. This year's theme is "Voices of Our Community".

Cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m. with activities such as a raffle, wine toss, photo booth and an opportunity to learn more about SWYFS. Dinner program at 7.

For More Info and to Register, visit:

<https://swyfs.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/NightofGivingGala2017/tabid/886251/Default.aspx>

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, October 18, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

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

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Tuesday, October 10, 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, October 26, 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, October 24, 7:00 pm
Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168

Treasurer's Report for October Newsletter	
Balance as of September 1, 2017	\$ 30,633.20
Add Revenues	\$ 699.37
Less Expenses	\$ 1,898.80
Balance as of September 26, 2017	\$ 29,433.77

Day of Action in Burien with Pramila Jayapal



Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal is planning a canvassing event in Burien on **Saturday, October 7th**, along with the MLK County Labor Council, the 33rd LD, Seattle Indivisible and the 34th! **Meet at 10am at Burien Press.** The Congresswoman will be there and will speak at the launch!

Flip the Senate!

The West Seattle Democratic women are organizing volunteers to canvass in the 45th LD to ensure a win by Manka Dhingra and a Democratic majority in the state senate. You are encouraged to join them! Mild exercise and camaraderie guaranteed!

For more information contact: Heather Engel at 206 935-4380 or heather@truenorthrelocation.com

2 Dates to Participate!
October 7 and October 22.

34th Dems Street Clean Party!



October 21

1 PM

Meet us at 16th Avenue and Roxbury at 1:00. Bring some water. We'll have vests, gloves, trash bags, picker uppers and everything you'll need. After we finish we go to Happy Hour at the Noble Barton in White Center to reward ourselves!

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Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

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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 November newsletter will be Thursday, November 26.

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

Our Endorsed Candidates for the November 7 General Election

SEATTLE

Mayor: **Jenny Durkan**
City Council Pos. 8: **Teresa Mosqueda**
City Council Pos. 9: **Lorena González**
City Attorney: **Pete Holmes**

KING COUNTY

Executive: **Dow Constantine**
Sheriff: **John Urquhart**
Council Pos. 5: **Dave Upthegrove**
North Highline Fire District Pos. 1: **Liz Giba**

BURIEN

City Council Pos. 1: **Pedro Olguin**
City Council Pos. 3: **Jimmy Matta**
City Council Pos. 5: **Nancy Tosta**
City Council Pos. 7: **Krystal Marx**

SEATTLE SCHOOL BOARD

Pos. 1: **Eden Mack**
Pos. 5: **Zachary DeWolf**
Pos. 7: **Betty Patu**

PORT OF SEATTLE

Pos. 1: **Ryan Calkins**
Pos. 3: **Stephanie Bowman**

COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION 1, DISTRICT 1

Judge Pos. 2: **Michael Spearman**
Judge Pos. 5: **David Mann**



DE-ESCALATE WASHINGTON

*Building Bridges Between Communities
and Police*

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

The main program centered on Burien. We heard from current Burien City Council Members **Lauren Burkowitz**, **Austin Bell** and **Nancy Tosta**, who is running for re-election. We also heard from three Burien Council candidates **Krystal Marx**, **Pedro Olguin** and **Jimmy Matta**.

The city faces divisions on the city council and are working to defeat an initiative that would end the city's "Safe City" ordinance prohibiting public employees, including police, from asking about a person's religious affiliation or immigration status. This law was passed in January, and aligns the city with the King County and the Sheriff's office guidelines. The initiative drive was promoted by West Seattle resident Craig Keller and his group "Respect Washington", which is funded by out-of-state astroturf money from a Michigan white nationalist group. Several current city council members had signed this initiative. (NOTE: This initiative was pulled from the ballot on September 14 by King County Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Berns issued a preliminary injunction, declaring the ballot measure invalid.)

Berkowitz decried what she called "crazy-making denial of facts" coming from some city council members and their supporters. More Democrats are needed at the council meetings. Fitzgibbon noted that the initiative and a push to end source-of-income discrimination against renters has contributed to an extremely polarized environment reflected in the city contests. Tosta felt that antagonism and rhetoric was too strong on both sides.

When asked about a plan for council districts, Bell said that would not be happening anytime soon. Instead progressives need to see better turnout in under represented areas, and noted that Burien is 26% Latino, compared to 9% county-wide and this group needs to be targeted.

Burien City Council meetings are held at 7 PM on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 400 SW

152nd St, in Burien Town Square. They can also be seen on TBC21, cable channel 21.

In his Chair's Report, **David Ginsberg** said that we have met our fundraising goal for the year. Burien is the area to concentrate our efforts in our district he emphasized.

Recognition was given to **Carrie Alexander** and **Treina Aronson** for their efforts in making our Garden Party/Auction a success. It raised \$27,000, an amount beyond our goal of \$25,000. **Karen Richter** and **Steve Butts** were also thanked for their efforts throughout the spring and summer representing the 34th at events.

We received a report **Lisa Plymate** and **Chris Porter** covering the recent state party meeting, the first to be held in West Seattle. (See Lisa's report on page 6 for details.)

We also heard from **Sheriff John Urquhart**, and also from Judge **Michael Spearman** who is running to maintain his position on the Court of Appeals. Spearman was later endorsed by a show of credentials.

In continuing our endorsement for mayor, as neither of our endorsees cleared the primary, **Jenny Durkan** received our endorsement. The vote took two ballots. A position of "No Endorsement" was advocated as part of the race between Durkan and Cary Moon. That position was eliminated on the first ballot. Durkan won the second ballot with 65%.

Two Resolutions were presented by **Ann Martin** and passed by membership. One was to urge our elected officials to defend DACA recipients. The second resolution called for opposition to US congress bills S. 720 and HB 1697. These bills would make it a federal crime to support the international campaign to boycott, divest, or sanction Israel for its continuing occupation of Palestinian lands.



Nancy Tosta



Pedro Olguin



Krystal Marx



Jimmy Matta

Washington State Democrats Meeting -- September 17, 2017 South Seattle College - First Meeting Ever in West Seattle!

Under new leadership of Tina Podlodowski, meeting reformatted and expanded. Committees are doing work, including on-line and in-person meetings, between quarterly state party meetings. Both caucuses and committees were given more meeting time, and state committee meeting filled all day on Sunday.

That said, caucuses (some of which will be re-designated "councils" to correlate with DNC terminology) were interesting, particularly the brand new environmental caucus, which elected its first leaders, then dealt with several valuable resolutions that went before the entire body, including resolutions on nonnative aquaculture, a methanol refinery proposed for Kalama, and McMorris-Rodgers' bill to require an act of Congress before making changes to dams or even studying impacts of taking down dams. The African American, Jewish, Native American and Hispanic/Latino caucuses worked together to put out a joint statement in support of DACA recipients.

Sunday began bright and early with a review of the "summer of canvassing" so far. We are using new approaches, including gathering information on just what voters are interested in.

The burning issue of the summer by far was health care, beating out the education, the economy and the environment, in that order. All Democratic activists are invited to join the Resistance and to head out and canvas in this new way. Of note, the field director for all of this, Dylan Cate, has just moved to the 34th LD!

Getting the meeting off to a great start was our own leader, David Ginsburg, who did an outstanding job of forcefully speaking out about the White Supremacists taking over Burien; we need to drive them out, as you'll hear at our September meeting. Sept 23 is a day to canvas in Burien, followed by our annual picnic in Lincoln Park. So everyone, let's make a difference in our own LD!

State Chair Podlodowski next spoke of what's happening nationally and in our state. There will be 38 gubernatorial races over the next 2 years, plus the opportunity for us to turn over multiple House seats. Washington has received its largest infusion ever of funding from the DNC for our upcoming legislative races. Our goal is to put a candidate in every race. Another task of the Elections Committee is to identify what races are

available, as well as appointed positions, so we can get candidates in at all levels. DNC spent \$3m in our primaries, and is allotting us \$10m in grants for elections. We want to win in the 45th and 31st LDs; we have a candidate in the 7th LD for the first time in decades. We are working to bring rural Dems back into the party. "Resistance" movement is doing well and needs to expand. We are going beyond "resistance" to "rise and organize." WA state has best record for making low-fund donations of any state in the country.

Under new business, we established an Advocacy Committee to promote the Party's platform. Their task will be to advance Democratic causes, track and evaluate legislation and follow up on resolutions.

The Affirmative Action committee presented a code of conduct, to be used as a guideline not only for the state party but also for the counties and LDs. This passed, goes on to Rules, then will be posted for further comments before being finalized.

DNC Report

At next DNC meeting in Las Vegas, Chair Tom Perez will propose his slate of 75 candidates to the DNC at-large. Out of total 445 members of DNC, 200 are elected by state parties. Chair chooses 17% of national committee, under current rules. Unity reform commission was created by the national convention in Philadelphia to resolve problems with this and to make recommendations re super-delegates. Unity reform suggestions must be made by the beginning of the year and must be reviewed by the Rules committee and by the entire body of 475. To pass, their proposal requires 330 "yes" votes. This process is fraught with problems, as many of the 700-800 superdelegates are in Congress. Many appointed to the commission are new to the party process and do not understand how it operates.

New Chair Perez is rebuilding from the ground up. He wishes to look at all elections, from school boards to the Senate. In addition, he is operating a "57 states and territories" solution regarding party financial investments.

For list of resolutions passed (post lengthy lively discussion) see state party website:
<https://www.wa-democrats.org/meetings/current>



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fellow citizens to participate. High voter turnout not only increases our chance of winning, it's how we prove to ourselves and the world at large that we will not allow our democracy to be destroyed. It is how we honor and protect our privilege to vote.

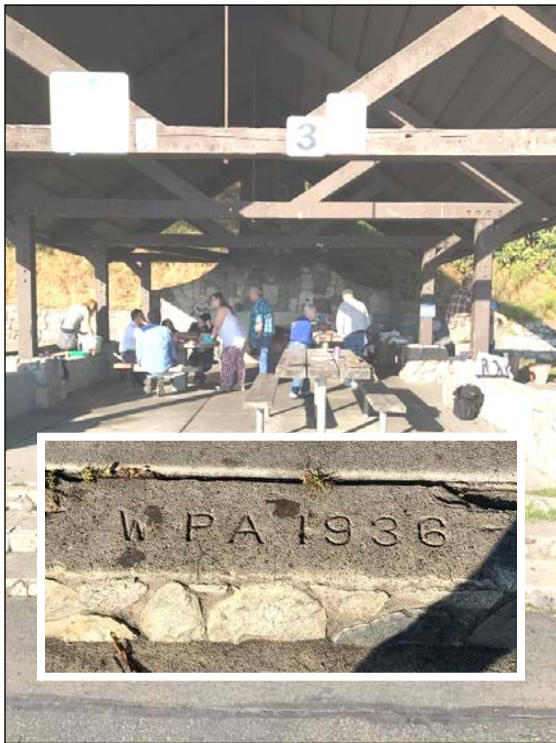
Face to face contact is a proven winning strategy. According to The American Political Science Review, canvassing increases voter participation by 8.7%, whereas direct mailers see only a 0.5% uptick in turnout. The overall decline in voter participation since 1960 has been correlated with campaigns using more impersonal forms of media.

Over the weekend of September 23rd, we had two canvassing events, one in Burien and one in the 45th District. In Burien, four of our members came to canvass. Only three members participated in the 45th. Their efforts are valued and appreciated. Yet, we can do better

than this. We must do better than this. The 34th has over 500 members. Not all our members are able to walk the streets to canvass. But for those of us who can, just imagine the difference we could make if we each gave a couple hours to speak directly with voters.

Whether it's with the 34th or individual campaigns, I urge you to participate in a canvassing event. It's rewarding and fun and you'll leave feeling good knowing you've done this crucial work. Information on future events will be posted on the Calendar and "Get Active" page of our website. Walking your precinct is also vitally important. If you are a PCO, thank you for the work you do. We'll have walk lists and literature available at our October meeting. So, let's get knocking and see you on the 11th!

Treina Aronson,
1st Vice Chair, 34th District Democrats



On Saturday September 23rd, we held our annual picnic. Although it was late in the season, the weather was perfect.

Ted Barker noted the inscription at our shelter marking the fact that it was built as part of the WPA effort devised by Franklin Roosevelt. He took the picture as a reminder of this 80-year legacy that continues to serve us today. Progressive politics in action!

South Park Fiestas Patrias 2017

The 34th Democrats participated in the South Park Fiestas Patrias Parade and at the following Community Fiesta on September 16. This was our 7th year at this colorful event just to the east of our district boundary.

This year we were joined by members of the 11th District Democrats. We shared a booth, and the 11th got a new PCO recruit!



Photos by Karen Richter





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