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Chair's Message: Let's Celebrate!

As we enter the holiday season there's cause for good cheer. Here in the 34th Burien's Fantastic Four were all elected to the Burien City Council, defeating some truly awful candidates who'd aligned themselves with unsavory elements in national politics and used fear tactics and lies to hoodwink the people of Burien to vote for them. It didn't work. In the end hope, compassion, a sense of common purpose and common sense prevailed, and Krystal Marx, Jimmy Matta and Pedro Olguin will be joining Nancy Tosta who voters returned to the Council for a second term. Our Fantastic Four join Austin Bell on the Council, flipping control of the Burien City Council from red to blue.

In fact, all over the country we saw a big blue wave sweeping Republican incumbents from office and electing Democrats in areas where Dems hadn't even bothered to run in as long as a generation. This portends well for the mid-term elections in 2018. We have much work to do - Republican gerrymandering means that Democrats have to win by more than 7 points to gain control of the House of Representatives. The elections in November provided ample reason to believe that we can in fact win by more than that, perhaps as much as 10 or 11 points. The GOP Tax Scam that was just passed by the House and Senate, rewarding GOP donors at the expense of the middle class, the elderly and the poor, may just come back to bite those crooks next November. We'll certainly be doing our part to make sure that's true here in the 34th.

Winners' Ball

We won't have a regular membership meeting this month, instead we'll be gathering to celebrate, thank our local Democratic heroes and share good cheer. We hope to see you there on Wednesday, December 13th from 6:30-9:30PM in the Vashon Room at the Hall at Fauntleroy. The theme this year is Winners' Ball, in honor of Burien's Fantastic Four and the 95% of our endorsed candidates who went on to win their races.

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Let's Celebrate!
AT THE
WINNER'S BALL

THE 34TH DEMOCRATS
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU
TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF
OUR AMAZING LOCAL CANDIDATES
AND THEIR RECENT WINS!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
6:30PM
THE HALL AT FAUNTLEROY
VASHON ROOM
POTLUCK DINNER, DESSERT,
COCKTAILS AND WINE

**BRING A FOOD DONATION FOR
THE WHITE CENTER FOOD BANK AND WE WILL GIVE YOU
A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A FUN PRIZE!*

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KCDCC Meeting November 28, 2017

Javier Valdez thanked us for supporting his appointment as 46th Legislative District representative. Chair Bailey Stober reported that 75% of our endorsed candidates won.

The “Olympia Stand” assembly has demanded that the Port of Olympia cease all fossil fuel-related and military shipments, and they blocked a train carrying oil fracking supplies from leaving the Port of Olympia on the Salish Sea. The blockade camp prevented a possible shipment of ceramic proppants from being shipped to the Bakken oil shale basin in North Dakota.

State Party Chair Tina Podlodowski gave a short presentation and answered questions from the body. The party is focusing on maintaining involvement in local communities instead relying on one-off election centered activity. “Every race—every place.” The party has hired organizers for this. For the first time in a long time we ran two Democratic candidates in the 7th LD, who got 32% of the vote. If we can raise this to 38%, this could have a very significant impact on statewide race. The party will work more closely with the House and Senate election committees. The 8th CD is a possible pick-up and we need to put serious effort into that race.

State Committeewoman Jessa Lewis resigned upon moving to the Spokane area. Jamie Smith, who had previously run for a position on the Renton City Council, was elected as replacement.

The Resolutions Committee presented a Resolution of Urging a Congressional Investigation Regarding Impeachment of President Donald J. Trump, a Resolution Against a Renewed Nuclear Arms Race and a Resolution for a KCDCC Code of Conduct to Address Aggression and Sexual Harassment. All were passed.

The Finance Committee reported that we raised \$136K this year. The treasurer reposted a balance of \$23K, after candidate expenditures.

We will have our holiday party on December 15th at Luma Condos, 1321 Seneca St, Seattle. Food will be provided by of Keyz to the Kitchen Catering. order tickets here https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed_events/kcdcc-holiday-party

The Islamic Federal Way Islamic Center (3304 S 272nd St., Kent, WA 98032), has been harassed lately. Local community members are providing defense on Fridays. To participate, contact Tim Burns at chair30lddems@aol.com.

Submitted by Martha Koester, KCDCC Committeewoman Alternate

King County Democrats Hires an Executive Director - Meet Natalia Koss Vallejo



Ms. Koss Vallejo has been involved with Democratic advocacy and outreach her entire life. Her mother, a Colombian immigrant and mental health professional, and her father, an electrician member of IBEW Local 494 and long-time activist, instilled progressive values in her from a very young age. She has worked with organizations like Exhale Pro-Voice, Planned Parenthood, and NARAL Pro-Choice Washington. She has also worked as a consultant and field organizer for several grassroots political campaigns in her home state of Wisconsin. She earned her degree from University of Wisconsin with a dual major in Latin American Studies and Women’s Studies.

Natalia is thrilled to join the King County Democrats and is ready to get to work helping Democrats win in King County! You can contact Natalia at:

natalia@kcdems.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, December 20, 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, December 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

Special Date for December

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.
Thursday, December 7, 6:30 pm

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

No meeting in December

Looking for more ways to get involved with the 34th? Did you hear about an upcoming event at our monthly meeting and need details? You can find all of this information on our online Calendar and on the Volunteer Page under the "Get Active" tab on our website

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

Treasurer's Report for December Newsletter

Balance as of October 29, 2017.....	\$ 22,608.65
Add Revenues	\$ 2,651.28
Less Expenses.....	\$ 4,060.15
Balance as of November 30, 2017	\$ 21,199.78

West Seattle Democratic Women Service Party

Thurs, Dec. 21, 2017, 11:15 am- 1:15pm, Location TBD

Contact Rachel Glass for more info: werdachel@aol.com

After our luncheon at our December meeting, we'll fill 100+ gift bags with sample- and hotel/travel-size items, which members bring (shampoo/conditioner/lotion, lip balm, tooth brush/& paste, cosmetic samples, perfume samples, spa/facial masks, aromatherapy products, mani-pedi products, individually wrapped gourmet chocolates, etc.). These "goody bags" will be given to the White Center Food Bank to distribute for Christmas.

We will be collecting the above items at the 34th Democrats' December Holiday Party.

Please bring any of these items if you can!

With the time remaining, those wishing to participate bring a humorous wrapped gift or something they wish to re-gift (wrapped) and we have a "White Donkey" gift exchange where we can share some laughs and maybe, if someone is lucky, go home with something they actually want!

Anyone is welcome to attend this festive Holiday-Gathering-to-Do-Good. Bring a wrapped White Donkey gift if you want to participate in the exchange.

An event that may be of interest...

Jenny Durkan, Manka Dhingra, and Teresa Mosqueda Electing progressive women with fresh ideas

Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:30PM

Hale's Palladium

4301 Leary Way NW

\$5 – Tickets at:

<http://www.strangertickets.com/events/50006875/jenny-durkan-manka-dhingra-and-teresa-mosqueda>



Join local activist blog Civic Ventures for a live recording of their podcast The Other Washington as they interview newly elected Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, Seattle City Councilmember-elect Teresa Mosqueda, and State Senator-elect Manka

Dhingra (45th LD). Learn and ask about the issues that drive them and their experience as ringleaders of their campaigns.

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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 December newsletter will be Friday, December 1.

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In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

The November meeting found members of the 34th District Democrats gathering in the Vashon Room in the Hall at Fautleroy instead of our regular meeting room upstairs. In step with the change of venue was the difference of the mood compared to the atmosphere of the meeting a year before, also the day after Election Day.

Last year we gathered in shock as we attempted to come to grips with the outcome of the day before and the consequences that would unfold. At the end of that meeting, we took defeat in hand and vowed to go forward with determination to continue to fight for our progressive agenda and to work for our candidates and causes.

This year's meeting was upbeat as we celebrated our successes locally, regionally and across the country. David Ginsberg's Chair's Report made the contrast to 2016, and laid out the good news from this year's election. Manka Dhingra's election and the Democratic Party's control of the West coast as well as the success of Democratic State Delegate candidates in Virginia were just part of his good news message. (See David's complete November address on page 6.)

The program featured a talk by George Cheung speaking on behalf the Seattle Charter Amendment 27 initiative campaign to bring Ranked Choice Voting (RVC) to Seattle city elections.

Cheung was the Director of the Win/Win Network, an organization active in linking causes and organizations to achieve progressive goals. He has also worked to facilitate fairness in



George Cheung explains Ranked Choice Voting.



Rachel Glass talks about the West Seattle Democratic Women's service party at their December meeting....See page 3

voting in various regions of the country. In Washington State, he was involved in the effort to get a city council district system in place in Yakima that led to the first Latinos elected there. He sees RCV as a good tool for racial inclusion in the voting process.

The Seattle CA-27 initiative is now collecting signatures now through March of 2018. It would change the city charter to allow for RCV (also known as instant run-off elections) and thus the way Seattle picks the top to primary candidates. Voters would rank candidates by preference (or the top 5 or 6 in an overly-crowded field). If the voter's first choice was in last place and eliminated, that vote would go to the voter's second pick, and so on until two top candidates emerged. If allowed by changes in state law, this process would be used in the general election, eliminating the primary all together. If the signature drive is successful and approved by the voters in 2019, it would be in place for the 2021 elections.

Cheung sees RCV as a way to:

- Provide more possibilities for minorities to get elected
- Create positive campaigns based on substantive issues rather than mudslinging
- Encourage more candidates to run for office
- Decrease the "spoiler" effect - he cited the 2016 election for State treasure in which the fact that more Democrats ran, splitting the vote, allowing two Republicans to go to the general election.
- Increase majority support for those elected.

Currently RCV is in use in: Berkeley; San Francisco; Oakland; Minneapolis; St. Paul; Portland, Maine, Takoma Park, Maryland, Cambridge, and Massachusetts. Maine voters recently passed a RCV system, largely in reaction of the "spoiler" effect that elected unpopular Gov. Paul LePage twice with a minority vote.

Cheung said that King County Elections would be able to accommodate RCV on the same ballot with other jurisdic-

tions with software changes, and not require a separate ballot solely for Seattle.

A resolution to restrict homeless encampment sweeps and to redirect money used for that purpose to fund homeless services was introduced by Carrie Alexander. It was previously approved by the 36th LD Democrats and by the King County Democrats. A motion to table the resolution was put forth, but it was defeated. An amendment was made by Lisa Plymate and approved. The amended resolution was passed.

Good of the Order had Rachel Glass speak to the West Seattle Democratic Women's party to prepare "Goody Bags" of personal items made up of products in sample-sized containers. Donations of such items were requested. These bags will be delivered to the White Center Food Bank. The party will be December 21, location to be determined.

Elizabeth Heath rose to acknowledge the members that canvassed on four occasions in the 45th LD for Manka Dhingra that she organized through the West Seattle Democratic Women.



New PCO:

Nic Layton, who recently returned to West Seattle, was appointed to be the Precinct Committee Officer for Precinct 34-1422 at the November meeting.



Elizabeth Heath thanks those who canvassed in the 45 LD.

Chair's November Meeting Address

What a day to be a Democrat! One year ago today in the most catastrophic election in our nations history Donald Trump was elected president through a combination of stupidity big three years of Republican effort to disenfranchise voters, fake news Russian meddling and poor decisions on the part of the Clinton campaign. We gathered in this hall the next night and it felt like a funeral in here. We were still shellshocked, we were scared for the fate of our friends and neighbors in vulnerable communities. I saw many tears in this room. It seemed all hope was gone. Well today we woke up to a different reality, and so did Donald Trump.

Trump wanted a wall, well we gave him a big beautiful blue wall that now stretches from Mexico to Canada.

With the election of Manka Dhingra, Democrats now have complete control of the governors offices and state houses from Mexico to Canada. Manka's 11 point lead is impressive for a seat that's traditionally been Republican. Democrats now control all 3 seats in the 45th.

In Virginia, Democratic Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam defeated GOP operative Ed Gillespie by 9 points. And in New Jersey, Democrat Phil Murphy defeated Chris Christie's lieutenant governor Kim Guadagno by 13 points to retake the governor's mansion for Democrats.

In exit polling voters in Virginia by a 2:1 margin said they were casting their votes to show opposition to Trump. In New Jersey the margin was 3:1.

But here's a tidbit the media missed: In Virginia, Northam, rated "F" by the NRA, tied Gillespie among voters who said guns were their #1 issue.

The good news in Virginia didn't stop at the governor's mansion. Down ballot Democrats picked up the Lieutenant Governor's seat, held onto the Attorney General and flipped at least 15 House of Delegates seats, including unseating the majority whip. The at least 15 seats locked up by the Democrats represent the largest electoral gain in Virginia for as long as we have records.

Lee Carter, member of Democratic Socialists of America, ran as a Democrat and unseated the house majority whip.

Donte Tanner defeated majority caucus leader Tim Hugo who had never won with less than 57% of the vote prior to last night.

In another former news anchor Chris Hurst, whose girlfriend, reporter Allison Parker, was shot and killed live on the air in Roanoke in 2015, ran as a Democrat on a gun control platform and defeated three time Republican opponent Joseph Yost.

But perhaps the most karmically satisfying race of the night was the race where openly trans candidate Danica Roam challenged 13 term incumbent Bob Marshall, the author of the anti-trans bathroom bill who called himself Virginia's chief homophobe. Marshall refused to debate Danica or call her "her" or "she". Well last night he was defeated by her. When asked last night if she had anything to say about

the homophobic and judge mental race her opponent ran Danica replied that she doesn't denigrate her constituents and Bob is her constituent now. And this morning his own sister called him out for his judgmental and homophobic campaign and said while she wasn't happy her brother lost his job all she could say is "karma brother".

Democrats picked up 2 seats in the Georgia state legislature.

Maine became the 33rd state to expand Medicare despite the opposition of its troglodyte governor Paul LePage, who'd vetoed Medicare expansion 5 times. It won by more than 20 points.

Manchester New Hampshire elect Joyce Craig as Mayor, the first Democrat hold that position in 14 years.

In North Carolina both Fayetteville and Charlotte elected Democrats as Mayors. Democrat Vi Lyles won the mayoral race in Charlotte, North Carolina, becoming the city's first African-American female mayor. She was heavily outspent by her Republican opponent yet she still managed to take home 58 percent of the vote.

In Hoboken New Jersey Robbie Bala became the first Sikh mayor in the city's history despite a campaign that included shameful flyers that labeled him a terrorist.

In Ohio Tom Coyne, who was Mayor from 1982 to 2001 and again from 2013 until this year jumped ship and switched parties to support Trump. Last night he went down in flames.

And in Philadelphia a civil rights attorney who's represented Black Lives Matter and Occupy movements, who's opponent has been endorsed both by the local police guild and the Philadelphia Inquirer, who ran on the most left-wing platform in the primary and won, in a city that has traditionally been more centrist, where Hillary Clinton outperformed Bernie Sanders by 2:1 in 2016. Pundits thought his Republican opponent had a shot at an upset heavily Democratic Philadelphia, they were wrong. With 73% of the vote this civil rights attorney will be the next District Attorney in Philadelphia.

There so much more good news. Progressives won up and down the ballot in municipal and county elections all across the country.

So how did our endorsed candidates and campaigns do? 80% of our endorsed candidates and campaigns won last night, and several others are undecided. When all is said and done we have a good shot at reaching 90%, that's just incredible!

Thank you all for your heard work, for doorbelling and calling and giving your time and hard-earned money. This is why we do this work, and now, once we've finished chasing down ballots for Burien it's time to celebrate at our annual holiday party next month. See you there!

In solidarity,
David Ginsberg

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As always it's a potluck dinner, please bring a dish to share. We'll supply desserts, cocktails, beer and wine.

Bring a food donation for the White Center Food Bank and we'll give you a raffle ticket for a fun prize!

Time to Renew Your Membership in the Fighting 34th!

We've had a very successful year, from becoming the largest LD organization in the State, to our most successful fundraiser ever to winning 95% of our endorsed races, but the biggest challenges lie ahead. We can't do it without you!

About Us

We are the Democratic Party of the 34th Legislative District. We work to elect Democrats, uphold Democratic values, and support Democrats in Seattle, White Center, Burien, Vashon/Maury Island and beyond.

We are our elected officials. We are our candidates. We are the activists who knock on doors in neighborhoods from Alki to Tahlequah and the voters who make their voices heard each election.

We are all volunteers. We are your neighbors. We are your co-workers. We are your friends. We stand up for the marginalized and the voiceless among us. We join arms with allies to fight against injustice and fight for equity. We are engaged in our communities and we are committed to a brighter future for all of us.

We believe in inclusion, that unity is better than division, that we are stronger and better when everyone has an equal shot at living up to their potential. We believe diversity is a source of strength and that inequality is a threat to democracy itself. We believe it's important to stand up to tyrants and bullies. We believe in the power of individuals working together to make great progress against incredible odds. We believe in you.

Join us in the fight of our lives. It might not be easy, but it will be rewarding. And we will win.

Join or Renew Today!

This year was all about resistance. Next year will be all about organizing to take back control of our national government from this evil cabal while continuing to elect and support the best local Democratic candidates.

Renew your membership or join us as a new member by visiting here:

34dems.org/contribute/

We're looking forward to celebrating with you on the 13th!

In solidarity,

David

Election Results - Nearly all of our endorsed candidates (in bold) were successful !

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: Mitzi Johanknecht

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**

Pos. 4 Peter Steinbrueck*

COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION 1, DISTRICT 1

Judge Pos. 2: **Michael Spearman**

Judge Pos. 5: **David Mann**

PROPOSITIONS

King County Prop 1 - **Approved**

*The 34th had no endorsee for this position.



Long-time member Kathryn Sprigg, who recently moved to Ocean Shores, continued her activism by serving as campaign manager for a City Council candidate. She is pictured with Wendell Sprigg and candidate Susan Conniry, who won her election, defeating an incumbent. (Photo by Ed Dupras)



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- \$50 Sponsor
- \$1,000 Endowment
- \$100 Benefactor
- \$250 Sustaining
- \$500 Underwriter

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