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**Chair's Message for April**

**Sharon Nelson: A Progressive Champion Retires**

Like many of you I was deeply saddened to hear that Senate Majority Leader Sharon Nelson announced her retirement from politics last week. Sharon became our State Representative the year I got involved in the 34th - 2008 - and has been a powerhouse for progressive change ever since. She's accomplished so much over her distinguished career, from leading the fight against Glacier Northwest's attempt to expand mining on Maury Island to passing marriage equality to the impressive legislative accomplishments this past session on education funding, voting rights, net neutrality, reproductive parity, conversion therapy, bump stocks, protecting marine life in Puget Sound and so much more. Sharon leaves having secured a Democratic majority in the Senate, and the 34th District will be in good hands with Representatives Eileen Cody and Joe Fitzgibbon.



**A Big Election in the 34th**

On Sunday Joe shared that he'd decided to remain in his seat in the House of Representatives to ensure that 2019 will be a "watershed year in the Washington State Legislature on fighting climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions." While we think Joe would make a terrific State Senator we applaud his decision to remain where he can have the greatest impact on the biggest issue of our times. This opens something not often seen in the 34th: a wide open race for our State Senate seat. There were a handful of people who were considering running for Joe's House seat if he'd decided to seek election to the Senate, now that he's decided to remain in the House we'll see how that changes who decides to run. The 34th is a rare combination of urban and rural areas, and we hope to see candidates step up to run from across the 34th District, especially Vashon-Maury Islands.

**Upcoming Programs at our Monthly Meetings**

In April Senator Sharon Nelson and Representative Eileen Cody will give us a briefing on the exciting legislative session they just completed. Following the legislative session report we'll have a panel discussion on what sorts of common-sense gun control we can enact in the aftermath of the Parkland shooting in light

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**April 11, 2018  
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**

- Gun Control
- Post Legislative Session Report

**Unfinished Business**

**8:30 New Business**

**8:50 Good of the Order**

**Adjourn to Whiskey West**

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# KCDCC Meeting Notes - March 27, 2018

During Chairs report, Bailey Stober accepted voluntary suspension of all Chairs duties. Per a motion from the special meeting on March 19, DNC member Sharon Mast will serve as Chair pro tem.

Chair Bailey Stober reported that 75% of our endorsed candidates won.

Julie Ann Kemp announced that, per request of some PCOs, there will be a formal trial with witnesses for the prosecution and defense. David McDonald stated that rules for removal of officers as specified in Robert Rules will be followed. Penalties may be considered.

There will be a pretrial conference of PCOs on April 8th, and the trial will be held on April 15th. Jeff Manson and Sophia Danenberg will stand for removal. The quorum for PCOs will be 25%.

Brian Kesterson asked for people to volunteer for a Rules Committee. The rules will be voted on at the King County Convention to be held on April 22nd.

An election was held for Fourth Vice Chair. Melissa Taylor and Patrick Allcorn ran. Taylor was elected 26 to 25.

There will be canvassing in the 8th congressional district on weekends. On April 6th and April 7th.

Organizing workshops will be held featuring Keith Ellison.

The South King County spaghetti feed will be held June 2nd. Tickets are available, with the price \$20 until May 1st.

*Submitted by Martha Koester, KCDCC Alt. Committeewoman and Les Treall, KCDCC Committeeman*

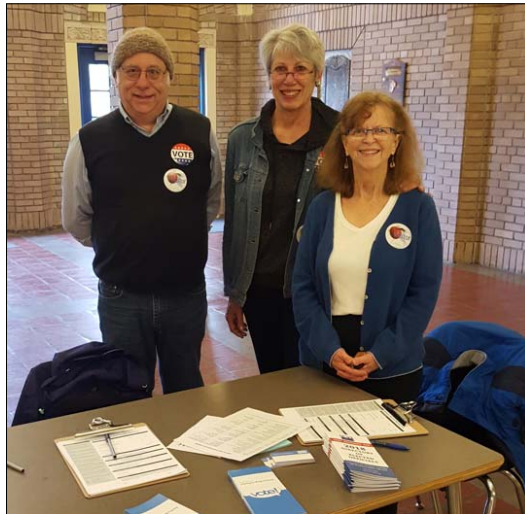


Photo by Karen Richter

Outreach Volunteers Steve Butts, Karen Richter, Jeanne Merritt and Nick Bonazza (not pictured) spent the morning of March 28 at West Seattle High School to participate in their special Equity Day.

Diversity Chair Sean Riley, a West Seattle HS teacher, asked us to come to register students to vote. We signed up 15 soon-to-be first-time participants in coming elections. (We would have had more, others had registered the previous Saturday at the March For Our Lives.)

# 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, April 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, April 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

Angelo's Italian Restaurant  
601 SW 153rd St.  
New Day - Wednesday April 25, 6:30 pm

#### West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle YMCA's Rotary Room,  
3622 SW Snoqualmie St.  
Check [www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org](http://www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org)  
For information

#### King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Teamsters Hall in Tukwila  
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168  
Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 pm



## White Center Cambodian New Year Festival

Saturday April 28, 10:30am to 5pm

The 34th District Democrats will have a booth again at this colorful event. Stop by for great food and entertainment.

SW 97th Street, between 15th and 16th Ave. SW

Please contact Karen Richter or Steve Butts if you wish to help us register voters and talk with our neighbors our booth!

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



## A Free Preview Performance of the play "An Octoroon"

By Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, Directed by Brandon J. Simmons

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

7:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

ArtsWest Playhouse & Gallery

4711 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116

Presented By Arts West



West Seattle Food Bank's Biggest Fundraiser

## 11th Annual Instruments of Change Dinner/Auction

Saturday, May 12th @ 6pm - Seattle Design Center

Buy Tickets before April 22 and save

Contact Judi Yazzolino at 206.932.9023

[judi@westseattlefoodbank.org](mailto:judi@westseattlefoodbank.org)

## an MDC soiree

Featuring a discussion with environmental lawyer and visiting scholar Phil Boxell on

### Climate Change: US and China

At the home of MDC lifetime honored member Kay Bullitt

1125 Harvard Ave E, Seattle

Wine and light refreshments

No suggested donation

Space strictly limited to the first 50 people who confirm to [walkere1@msn.com](mailto:walkere1@msn.com)

Presented by the MDC Climate Change Task Force

[www.metrodems.org](http://www.metrodems.org)



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### Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

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Finance  
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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 May newsletter will be Thursday April 26.**

Mail to Steve Butts,  
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146  
or email to [swbutts@comcast.net](mailto:swbutts@comcast.net)

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

The meeting began with a few remarks from Rep. Eileen Cody that basically expressed her happiness "to be back home" after the state legislature adjournment. Addresses from a string of candidates for judge came next. We heard from King County Superior Court hopefuls; Michael Diaz, who immigrated from Peru to Seattle as an infant, and had been appointed to U.S. District Court for Western Washington by Barack Obama, but was unconfirmed due to lack of action by the US Senate; and Karen Donohue, who had spent 7 years on the Seattle Municipal Court.

Those running for judgeship on Seattle Municipal Court are Assistant City Attorney Andrea Chen, current public defender Maureen McKee and Adam Eisenberg, who touted his traffic court work involving youth offenders, using peer panels. We also heard from a spokeswoman speaking on behalf of Supreme Court Justice Stephen Gonzales, who is seeking re-election.

Then we heard from our KCDCC committee persons about the issues surrounding alleged abuses of office by KC Dems Chair Bailey Stober. Les Treall and Martha Koester gave us what information they could from a closed-door executive board meeting in February. There was a lack of evidence given at that meeting. They said that media reports of a "search for leakers" to the press was overplayed, and overshadowed the bulk of the meeting.

Their feeling was that there was a general lack of information and is "a mess". A meeting of all King County PCO's may be called. A review regarding activities and financing of the King County Dems was also discussed at the meeting.

The main program was devoted to a presentation by Health Care for All Washington. The speakers were Bevin McLeod, Program Director and 34th Democrat's Martha Koester, long associated with the group. HCFA WA is a state-wide organization that is working to get a single-payer health care system established in the state. They have had a bill before the legislature since 2013, the Washington Health Security Trust. The goal is to pass it in 2019, and it has some bipartisan support. The group is working with the private sector to



*Les Treall, KCDCC Male Committeemember, informs us about developments at the King County organization.*



The Health Care for All Washington panel: Martha Koester and Bevin McCleod, Program Director

conduct surveys with small businesses through entities such as The Mainstreet Alliance.

At the current time there is no funding method. The first step would be to do an actuarial study to define costs. This would be a rollout process requiring waivers from federal regulations such as the ACA and Medicaid, which Rep. Pramila Jayapal is working currently working on. Rather than expand taxes, any new funding would be presented in the form of personal health insurance premiums. Overall administrative costs would go down, as would lack of payment to providers. The state would have a strong bargaining posi-

tion when it comes to reimbursement payments to providers. There would be funds to assist displaced workers.

It was stated that 15-20 other states hope to pass similar legislation by 2020.

New business dealt with a resolution put forth by Marcee Stone-Vekich regarding the Bailey Stober situation. It noted the lack of participants in place to adjudicate the complaints in alignment with a new KCDCC Code of Conduct, and the negative media publicity that is accruing, which may hinder fundraising and candidates' hesitance in

seeking campaign help from the KCDCC this year. It asked 34th District PCO's to sign a petition calling for the KCDCC to hold a special meeting of all King County PCO's to assess the possible removal of the KCDCC Chair, given that Stober has refused to step down.

It was moved and approved by the body that the requirement of prior notification for resolutions be bypassed. Following an extended debate period, the resolution passed.

Two PCO's were appointed: Joe Nguyen, BUR 34-1460, and Jack Ebuy BUR 34-1116.



Scenes from the March For Our Lives  
March 24, 2018

Photos by Jon Shields



## New Washington State Carbon Pricing Initiative – I-6131

On March 2, the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy (AJCE) filed Washington State Initiative I-1631. This measure puts a fee on carbon from fossil fuels. It will help to stop climate change, and the fees will be used to protect Washington’s land, air, and water and move us towards a strong, healthy, clean energy economy.

The Alliance is made up of unions, communities of color, environmental organizations, health professionals, businesses, tribes, and faith and community organizations. It took several years and the work of all of these diverse groups to put together this initiative which will price fossil fuel pollution. The funds generated will be used to develop more clean energy, protect waterways and forests, and address the inequities produced by climate change and environmental degradation faced by poor communities.

This initiative is complicated. It reflects the long and deep study that the Alliance members engaged in all across the state. It is truly historic because of the depth of the planning and the breadth and diversity of groups who put ideas and energy into developing it. It is a citizens’ initiative in the strongest sense. If it gets on the ballot and passes, Washington will be the first state to take action to fund a just transition for workers, provide funds to help promote clean air and water, and work to help climate-impacted communities.

The Initiative proposes to put a fee on carbon of \$15 per ton beginning on January 1, 2020, then raise the fee \$2.00 per ton each year until the state’s greenhouse reduction goals are met. This fee would raise around \$1 billion in revenue to be divided into the following broad categories:

- 70% to Clean Air and Clean Energy Investments in job-creating projects and investments that yield verifiable reductions in carbon pollution, including solar, wind, and other renewable energy; clean transportation options; energy efficiency; and carbon sequestration in natural resources like forest, farm, and marine landscapes. A minimum of 15% of these investments will assist low-income residents in the transition to a clean energy economy.
- 25% to Clean Water and Healthy Forests Investments to increase the resiliency of the state’s waters and forests to the impacts of climate change.

- 5% to Healthy Communities Investments to prepare communities for challenges caused by climate change and to ensure that the impacts of climate change are not disproportionately borne by certain populations.

Of the above, a minimum of 10% of state expenditures must be used for projects endorsed by the governing body of a federally recognized tribe.

There are many more details, and you can find out more about the initiative on the website of the Alliance:

<https://jobs-clean-energy-wa.com/ballot-filing-statement/>

On March 10, at the First Baptist Church in Seattle, around 120 people, “Climate Justice Stewards,” gathered from all across Washington to make plans for gathering the signatures needed to get this initiative on the ballot in November. It will take a lot of work by committed people. There are more of these trainings coming up. Please become a Climate Justice Steward. PSARA is a member of the Alliance steering committee, and we should be a very active part of this campaign. Sign up at:

<https://jobs-clean-energy-wa.com/climate-justice-stewards-2/>

To sign up here to be part of a signature gathering team, just put in your zip code to see what is already scheduled in your area:

<https://act.jobs-clean-energy-wa.com/event/clean-air-clean-energy-signature-gathering/search/>

Take Action! We only have 12 weeks to gather signatures!

On Thursday, April 19, PSARA members will get a chance to learn more about the Initiative from one of the main organizers and a spokesperson of the Alliance, Aiko Schaefer. Come to the Washington State Labor Council at 11a.m. to hear Aiko, and join other PSARA members in planning to be part of this historic movement.

Bobby Righi is PSARA’s Membership Co-Vice President and our representative to the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy.

*Reprinted from the PSARA Retiree Advocate.  
(Not an endorsed issue of the 34th District Democrats at this time.)*

### Help Identify Democratic Voters in the 8th CD

Rich Irwin, former KC Dems Chair in the 41st LD is running a voter ID effort in the 8th CD. This was part of the successful strategy in the 45th LD last year in electing Manka Dhingra. Identifying Democrats helps target voters for GOTV in the fall.

Contact Robin at [robinba137@gmail.com](mailto:robinba137@gmail.com) to learn how you can help.

#### Treasurer's Report for April Newsletter

Balance as of March 2, 2018.....	\$	27,294.17
Add Revenues.....	\$	5,084.10
Less Expenses .....	\$	3,054.87
Balance as of April 2, 2018.....	\$	29,323.40

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of the amazing and inspirational movement the students of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School have ignited since that horrible tragedy in February.

In May we'll host a 34th District Senatorial Candidate Forum to give you a chance to meet the candidates who've stepped up, learn about their priorities and ask them questions about the issues that matter most to you.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on April 11th!

In solidarity,

David Ginsberg,  
Chair, 34th District Democrats

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## At The 34th Democrats LD Caucus...



Our delegates to the state convention. (Photo by Chris Porter)



34th Democrats show their values

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## West Seattle Town Hall with Pramila Jayapal

US Rep. Pramila Jayapal held a town hall meeting on March 27th at the Hall at Fauntleroy. She was pleased to say that she is now a resident West Seattle, residing in the Arbor Heights neighborhood. She remarked that the 300,000 contacts she received from 7th District constituents shows that we are aware of the issues and active participants.

Among the committees and caucuses she has joined she told us of her position as co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus along with Keith Ellison and Raúl M. Grijalva. Even though the Democrats are currently in the minority "We must be a Proposition Party, not an Opposition Party", She talked about some of the things she was promoting – Medicare for All, free college and student debt reform as well as investments in our infrastructure.

The recent tax cuts are going to hurt. She described them as a "1-2-3 Step Program" to transfer wealth from workers to the rich, balloon the deficit, with the effect of applying pressure to cut Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. The corporate tax cuts are giving 60% to shareholders, with just 6-10% going to workers, mostly in the form of one-time bonuses.

While she felt that there are good things in the Omnibus Budget Bill that just passed she didn't vote for it: There was no time to read it, 670 billion military increase and there was no DACA solution.

As to the recent school shootings: Jayapal said she met with the Parkland students. Recent alterations to the Dickey Amendment could allow the CDC to study firearm violence. Gun buy-backs, starting with high-capacity magazines and assault rifles must be part of the solution to gun violence.

When it comes to immigration reform, the DACA Dreamers must come first, we gave a commitment to them. She is also working on pulling the citizen status question from the 2020 Census.



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