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Chair's Message for May

The 34th District Senate Race is On

Candidates are announcing for the 34th Senate seat, and we'll host a candidate forum featuring announced candidates at our May meeting. Candidate filing week is the following week, so we won't consider endorsements that night. As of this writing Shannon Braddock, Sofia Aragon, Lois Schipper and Joe Nguyen have entered the race. And as this newsletter goes to press, we learn that Lem Charleston is also a candidate.

34th District PCOs Run for Senate

Longtime PCOs Sofia Aragon, Lois Schipper, and newly appointed PCO Joe Nguyen have all entered the race.

Questions for our Candidates?

Have a question you'd like to hear the candidates answer in May? Submit your question to info@34dems.org for the best chance of getting it in front of the candidates at the forum.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on May 9th!

In solidarity,
David Ginsberg,
Chair, 34th District Democrats



Sofia Aragon



Joe Nguyen



Lois Schipper



Shannon Braddock

**May 9, 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

State Senator Candidate Forum

Unfinished Business

8:30 New Business

8:50 Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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www.34dems.org/contribute

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KCDCC Meeting Notes - April 24, 2018

Chair Sharon Mast announced the appointment of Dustin Lambro as Ombudsman for any code of conduct complaints. She is trying to find a tenant for half of the Auburn office which will reduce our rent by half.

The Treasurer announced that, thanks to a contribution from Dow Constantine, all outstanding bills have been paid and there is money in the bank.

The Endorsements Committee Co-Chairs announced a slate of judicial candidate recommendations for endorsement, topped by Cheryl McCloud for Supreme court. There were 8 or 9 in all, and the slate was endorsed. They then presented the recommendation to endorse Shannon Hader for 8th CD. There was some debate on process and they explained that the entire committee of 9 or 10 folks were overwhelmed by how knowledgeable and detailed she was in her interview. The committee's recommendation was unanimous. A vote was held, and due to her being recommended, she needed only 60%. She received 68% and was endorsed. There were motions made to endorse Jason Rittenhouser and Kim Schrier. Neither achieved 50%, requiring 67%. I had five minutes of conversation with Shannon Hader before the meeting and found her remarkable on a personal level. We didn't discuss issues, just life.

At the completion of this round of endorsements, both Co-Chairs of the Endorsement Committee resigned citing harassment from board members among those who pursued former Chair Bailey Stober. The name "Coven" was used to identify the people who had harassed the Co-Chairs. They claimed that some people had not agreed with their recommendation in the 8th CD, and they felt that they would be next on the chopping block. It was quite disillusioning. It also demonstrates the division on the board. I believe that none of our delegates are amongst those of the "Coven".

We then moved to electing a 2nd and 1st Vice Chairs to fill vacancies. Both positions had just 1 candidate after a candidate for 2nd VC withdrew. Elected were Josh Vaughn 2nd Vice Chair and Shasti Conrad 1st Vice Chair.

We then considered 2 proposals to amend our Bylaws to facilitate the election of a new KCDCC Chair at this late point in the term. First considered was a proposal to hold a meeting of all PCOs requiring a reduced quorum, and backup of having the e board vote if quorum is failed. This motion did NOT pass. The 2nd motion was to have the e board elect the new Chair, without attempting to hold a meeting of all PCOs. The sense of the room was that it would be better to have the PCOs campaigning than in a meeting and most believe a quorum would be unlikely. There was concern expressed that we are taking away one of the privileges of the PCOS. This motion PASSED.

We then PASSED 2 resolutions. One to urge local municipalities to not ban marijuana stores. The other urging alternatives to guardianship in way that won't remove a person's civil rights. There were long debates on both of these.

We moved to good of the order which was also protracted and I left at 10:05 PM, before completion.

Submitted by Les Treall, KCDCC Committeeman

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, May 16, 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, May 8, 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 May 23, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle YMCA's Rotary Room,
3622 SW Snoqualmie St.
Check www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

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

Blue Wave Beach Party and Spaghetti Dinner

June 2, 2018 5:00 PM - IAM Hall in South Park

The 30th, 33rd and 47th LDs, supported by the 34th, 11th and others (formerly known as the South King County Democrats) are coming together to raise money for their operating costs and other expenses that our non-profit organizations need to support our efforts!



Look forward to:

Great Speakers
Silent Auction
Candidate Meet and Greet
No host wine and beer bar
Dessert Dash table fundraiser
Music and more!!

Tickets - \$25 (\$35 at the door)

\$15 Senior/Student/Living Lightly option (available online only)
\$200 candidate/organization table price (8 tickets included)
Tickets at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3375400>

2nd Annual Burien PRIDE Festival

Sat. June 2 - Burien Town Square Park

Burien PRIDE - Where the community comes together to celebrate the LGBTQ Community.

The 34th Dems will have a booth!

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



West Seattle Food Bank's Biggest Fundraiser

11th Annual Instruments of Change Dinner/Auction

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

Tickets are available until May 10
<https://westseattlefoodbank.ejoinme.org/IOCTickets>

Contact Judi Yazzolino at 206.932.9023
judi@westseattlefoodbank.org

an MDC soiree

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

Climate Change: US and China

May 9 5:30 - 8 pm

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

Presented by the MDC Climate Change Task Force

www.metrodems.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 June newsletter will be Monday May 28.

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

File To Run For Precinct Committee Officer (PCO)

Every two years, the elected structure of local Democratic Party dissolves and reforms itself. In December, the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) will hold a reorganization meeting and elect a new board of officers. At our January meeting, the 34th District Democrats will hold our reorganization meeting and elect a new Chair and Executive Board. If you are an elected PCO, you will receive an "Official Call" to attend these meetings. Elected PCOs, and ONLY ELECTED PCOs, get to vote in these elections. To be elected (or re-elected) as a PCO in your precinct, you MUST file for election during filing week, May 14-18. The 34th Democrats are not allowed to appoint PCOs to fill vacant precincts until after the board is elected.

The first step in the process is to file to run for PCO with King County Elections. There is NO filing fee. When you run, you are filing to be a candidate for public office and your information is accessible by the public. If more than one person files for the same precinct, their names will be on the ballot for the August primary. If you are unopposed, you will not be on the ballot, but you will be considered elected.

The filing period for online filing is from 9:00 AM Monday May 14 until 4:00 PM Friday May 18. To file, go to King County Election's Home Page. On the left side under "I want to..." click on "Run for office." Under "Online filing" click "Online PCO filing" and complete the form and submit it.

If you don't want to file online, you can print the "PCO declaration of candidacy" from the "Paper Forms" section below the online filing and mail it to, or take it to, King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057 and file in person. The time line for paper filings is expanded. It starts 10 business days earlier, April 30.

ALL FILINGS MUST BE AT KING COUNTY ELECTIONS BY 4:00 PM MAY 18, regardless of post marks or other circumstances. Mailed Declarations of Candidacy may be submitted in advance up to ten business days (April 30) before the filing period begins, but online filing MUST occur between 9:00 AM Monday May 14, and 4:00 PM Friday, May 18. Early arrivals will be returned to the candidate and late arrivals will not be accepted, so be timely. You should file on the first day and verify later, that you are on the list, so there are no mistakes. If you are unclear what your precinct is, you can use the "precinct finder" on King County's web site link below, or ask Brooks Salazar at pco@34dems.org

PCO Filing website:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/for-candidates.aspx>

Precinct finder:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/elections/maps/find-my-districts.aspx>

In Case You Missed Our April Meeting...

To start the meeting, three of the members of the Burien City Council **Jimmy Matta**, **Krystal Marx** and **Pedro Olguin** gave us updates of plans in the city. It was noted that the attendance at their business meetings have been high, with over 100 people turning out at their last Monday night meeting. Burien is going to hire a new Police Chief and are looking for input from the public to help pick the strongest and most equitable candidate. They will also be holding a “Safety in Schools” meeting to ask students if they feel safe at school, and if not, what concerns them. The city has also created a “At risk youth and gang task force” to counteract recent upticks in youth violence. It will seek look beyond law enforcement solutions for more of a wraparound support system. Economic realities keep parents working to provide for ever increasing housing costs, and away from their children. Later in the meeting, Burien Councilmember **Austin Bell** spoke to us as well.

Our School Board Director, **Leslie Harris** was pleased with the recent appointment of a new Superintendent, Denise Juneau, the former Montana superintendent of public instruction, who will take over in July. The board is also gearing up for a capital levy in February 2019 to add much-needed classroom capacity. She is concerned about “levy fatigue” as it will follow a city family and education levy this November.

A number of candidates for judgeship “came to the bar” to speak to their campaigns in advance of our endorsement at a later date. For Seattle Municipal Court: **Ed McKenna**, seeking reelection, **Anita Crawford-Willis**,

running for her appointed position, Magistrate Judge **Faye Chess**, who will be seeking an open seat. **Anne Harper** is seeking reelection to her seat at the King County District Court, West Division.

David Ginsberg’s chair’s report relayed “Blue Wave News”: Paul Ryan’s decision not to run again and Parkland shooting survivor David Hogg’s plan to delay college entry to work on the 2018 mid-term elections. Upcoming events: Our participation in an Earth Day clean-up event and Pramila Jayapal’s campaign kick-off on April 21. May 14-18 is the PCO filing period. May 18 is Dow Constantine’s filing week luncheon. June 2nd is a “Blue Wave Beach Party and Spaghetti Dinner” at the Boeing Machinist’s Hall.

Martha Koester and **Les Treall** gave a report about the special meeting the previous Sunday to determine the fate of Chair Bailey Stober. Five charges were brought forth against him, and was found guilty on all. Before the question of censor or resignation came up, Stober chose to step down. DNC Representative **Sharon Mast** will be interim chair.

Rep. **Eileen Cody** gave us the legislative session wrap-up. There was pent-up demand for action, and that created more bills than usual for a short session.

- No new legislation to fight the opioid crisis was passed, but there is funding for existing programs. A state-wide prescription drug take-back directive was also passed.
- Voting rights package of bills were passed: Same day registration, automatic registration, pre-registration for 16 year olds, increased opportunities for minority representa-

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Seattle school board member Leslie Harris provides information about the school board’s new Superintendent and 2019 levy.



Martha Koester gives her thoughts on the Bailey Stober resignation. Photo by Jon Shields



Judge Anita Crawford-Willis. Photo by Jon Shields



Rep. Eileen Cody recaps a busy “short session” in Olympia. Photo by Jon Shields

tion by easing rules to allow for more district rather than at-large elections, and increased election security.

- Gay conversion therapy was banned.
- Bump Stocks were banned, and background checks were strengthened.
- Education is “fully funded” with a billion dollars for the capital budget for schools.
- Equal Pay for Women, new rules for sexual harassment in the workplace, and reproductive parity were passed.
- Net neutrality – the first state in the country to pass such.
- A student loan bill of rights.
- Increased homeless funding and banned Section 8 housing discrimination.
- “Ban the Box” for ex-felons on job applications was passed.
- Funding to study high speed rail.

Improved PDC reporting requirements to allow for more transparency and to cut down on crank complaints was enacted. The PDC will handle most of the complaints rather than have them prosecuted by the Attorney General.

A repeal of the death penalty passed the Senate, but failed in the House...no one wanted to be the 51st vote. Cody also touched upon the fervor over the changes to the open records act that was vetoed by Governor Inslee. Legislators were surprised by adverse constituent reaction.

County Executive **Dow Constantine** rose to thank Cody for health needs funding, and also praised Joe Fitzgibbon and Sharon Nelson for their work this session.

In keeping with our fight for tax fairness, he lamented the extra burden that King County property owners face in relation to other areas, an issue that wasn’t dealt with this year, as a capital gains tax was not passed. He pledged to fight the Sinclair Corporation to protect local news. He also said we are leading the nation on pet adoption. Accelerating land acquisition to preserve the “last, best places” in King County from development is also his goal.

The second half of the April program was focused on gun safety. A panel, moderated by **Chris Porter**, consisted of City Council Member **Lorena Gonzales**, **Sarah Brady** from Pramila Jayapal’s Office, **Shawn Terjeson**, WA Communications Lead for Moms Demand Action, and **Jaron Lindbom**, President of Washington CeaseFire.

Gonzales began the discussion by talking about the city. Gun violence is an epidemic in the US, and in Seattle. There are a significant number of deaths due to suicide, particularly youth due to unsecured guns in the house. Seattle wants to address this as a health matter. 40% of Seattle gun owners do not safely store their weapons. She is working with the mayor and city attorney to come up with regulations to safely store guns. These should be made known to the public in May, and they are expecting a fight from the NRA. The city has already passed taxes on fire arms and ammunition to fund

studies on gun violence, conducted by Harborview hospital.

Brady noted the Rep. Jayapal doesn’t take any money from PACs including the NRA. Jayapal got blowback from members supported by the NRA whenever she spoke in favor of taking federal action for increasing gun safety. Common sense legislation would include overturning the Dickey Amendment that prevents the CDC



Gun safety panel (L - R) Lorena Gonzalez, Sarah Brady, Shawn Terjeson and Jaron Lindbom. Photo by Jon Shields

from studying gun violence, and legislation to protect vulnerable populations like domestic violence victims, school children to form a safety net. The NRA does not compromise. They insist on tradeoffs, such as in exchange for closing database loopholes for background checks by seeking to relax rules for firearms crossing state lines.

Moms Demand Action, started by one woman the day after Sandy Hook, now has 4 million members country-wide, with 23 chapters in WA. They are not anti-gun and support the 2nd Amendment, rather but anti gun violence and pro gun safety.



New PCO Dawn Rains, for precinct 34-1420

They have a think tank “Everytown for Gun Safety”. They say they are 90% effective with their issues when going up against the NRA. Everytown.org has a wealth of statistics on gun violence with the methodology described. M.D.A. was part of the last two state initiatives, and nationwide provide pressure using volunteers to call and write lawmakers to influence swing votes for gun laws.

Washington CeaseFire is a 35 year old organization. They have partnered with the City of Seattle to encourage gun free businesses, with over 100 businesses currently involved. CeaseFire wants to develop a base of support for “gun sanity” to counteract the NRA’s large group of motivated members, who “harangue” congress. Their goal is to elect Democrats in favor gun safety and change the perception around guns. They are pushing to ban AR-15 types of assault rifles and high-capacity magazines that are most used in mass shootings. He noted that 2/3rds of death from firearms is due to suicide.

Following the program, two new PCOs were appointed: **Michael Mattmuller** for 34-1415, and **Dawn Rains** is now PCO for 23-1420.

Chris Porter announced that Arts West has donated 40-50 free tickets for the premiere of the play Octoroon on April 18 to members of the 34th Democrats.



34th Chair David Ginsberg, State Senate Candidate Shannon Braddock and Outreach Committee Chair Karen Richter ready to help restore the Duwamish watershed for Earth Day!



Despite the rain, Membership Chair Joy Pakulak and Ace Outreach Volunteer Nick Bonazza represent the 34th Dems well at the White Center Cambodian New Year Festival.

You're invited!

FIX Democracy FIRST!

Retooling Democracy
2018 Annual Awards Dinner
Saturday, May 19th
 with special guest **David Domke**

At Bloedel Hall at Saint Marks - 1245 10th Ave E

Celebrate the exciting legislative wins, and honor some of the people and organizations working for democracy in Washington State!

Enjoy a delicious buffet with wine, beer, soft drinks, specialty cocktails - plus dessert auction!

Tickets At:
<https://fixdemocracyfirstdinner.brownpapertickets.com/>

Keynote Address with **David Domke** - Author, Professor and Chair in Department of Communication at UW

A House Divided: Polarization, Communication, and the Future of the American Experiment

The United States is a nation divided along countless lines - political, economic, racial, technological, generational, and more. Among many people - but certainly not all - there is confusion, pain, anger, fear, and all too commonly despair. How did America and Americans get here? Can we plausibly move forward in a constructive manner? We must own our national imperfections and commit - together - to the hard work of building a more inclusive, more democratic version of the deeply flawed but still inspiring American experiment in democracy. It can be done, and it must.



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