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**Chair's Message for June**

**Primary Considerations**

On June 5th Californians went to the polls, where a crowded field of enthusiastic Democratic candidates and the states's "top two" primary system could cost Democrats their best shot at taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives. Three districts that Hillary Clinton won handily currently have Republican representatives and Democratic enthusiasm should make each of them flippable: the 39th, 48th and 49th. But that same Democratic enthusiasm has inspired a flurry of new candidates and that raised fears Democrats could actually end up getting shut out by splitting their votes among too many candidates, leaving only Republicans still standing.

**34th District Senate Race**

Here in the 34th we face a similar situation, though fortunately much more Democratic leaning voters - Hillary Clinton received just over 80% of the vote here in the last presidential election. We have 7 candidates who've filed as Democrats (though only 6 who currently identify as Democrats with their PDC filings). If Democrats split their votes 7 ways we could end up with a situation where no Democratic candidate makes it through the primary - in a District where Democratic voters make up over 80% of the electorate! The consequences could be dire: two of the candidates we just defeated in Burien last fall are among the 11 candidates running.

**Smart Choices and Opportunities**

It's in times like this that the 34th can really serve the electorate in our communities, by helping select the strongest, most viable candidates to endorse.

Not all of these 7 are eligible for endorsement at this point, since we require that candidates fill out the KCDCC candidate

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Candidate	Filed as D	Listed on PDC as D	KCDCC Questionnaire
Sofia Aragon	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shannon Braddock	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lemuel Charleston	Yes	Yes	No
Lisa Devereau	Yes	No	No
Joe Nguyen	Yes	Yes	Yes
Annabel Quintero	Yes	Yes	No
Lois Schipper	Yes	Yes	No

**June 13, 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*

Chair's Report

Membership and Treasurer's Report

KCDCC Report

**7:30 Program**

Endorsements for the August Primary

*See page 7 for slate of previously endorsed candidates with no Democratic challenger.*

*See page 7 for Endorsement Rules.*

**Unfinished Business**

**8:30 New Business**

**8:50 Good of the Order**

**9:00 Adjourn to Whiskey West**

**Renew or Become a Member at**

**34dems.org**

[www.34dems.org/contribute](http://www.34dems.org/contribute)

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## Resolution to Support VoteBuilder Access for all Democratic Candidates

Passed at the May 9 Membership Meeting

WHEREAS many people newly involved in the political process decide to run for public office; and

WHEREAS some run as Democrats in primary contests against Democratic incumbents; and

WHEREAS newly involved candidates may lack experience in running campaigns but bring high levels of enthusiasm to the process; and

WHEREAS high levels of enthusiasm help to build stronger party organizations; and

WHEREAS the State Party is currently restricting access for candidates running against incumbent Democrats; and

WHEREAS the more voter contact data that VoteBuilder contains, the more useful it becomes as a resource for all current and future Democratic candidates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats ask that the Washington State Democrats be more transparent with the rules regarding access to VoteBuilder by clarifying and publishing said rules; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats ask that the Washington State Democrats consider ways to increase access to VoteBuilder in the interest of both supporting Democratic campaigns and outreach; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats request that the State Party consistently remind all campaigns of the importance of entering their voter contact data to improve the usefulness of the VoteBuilder database for all Democrats.

*Submitted to the 34th Legislative District Democrats meeting of May 9, 2018 by Martha Koester, PCO Aqua Precinct.*

*A Chautauqua Afternoon*

More than 30 candidates will be on hand to seek your support in their bids for public office in one fun-filled and festive afternoon at the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle's **fifth annual Chautauqua Afternoon.** Keynote speaker is Brady Walkinshaw, CEO of Grist. Masters of ceremonies are Seattle City Councilmember Debora Juarez and David Ginsberg, chair of the 34th LD. Enjoy classic picnic food and beverages throughout the afternoon. To sponsor this event (\$125) or for more information, contact Eleanor Munro, [walkere1@msn.com](mailto:walkere1@msn.com). Or visit our website, [www.metrodems.org](http://www.metrodems.org). Candidates who sponsor are offered a full-page ad in our event program.

**Brady Walkinshaw**  
CEO of Grist

**Debora Juarez**  
Seattle City Council

**David Ginsberg**  
Chair, 34th LD Democrats

**Sunday, June 10, 2018 noon – 5 pm**  
**at the home of Ann and Tony Martin 3618 SW Orchard**

# 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, June 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, June 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

Angelo's Italian Restaurant  
601 SW 153rd St.  
New Day - Wednesday June 27, 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)

#### King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Teamsters Hall in Tukwila  
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168  
Tuesday, June 26, 7:00 pm

Save the date for the  
**34th LD Democrats Annual  
Garden Party and Auction**

**Thursday, July 19th from 7 to 10pm**

At The  
Hall at Fauntleroy  
9131 California Ave SW  
Seattle, WA 98136

To Volunteer, or to donate an item, contact:  
Steven Jamieson at [events@34dems.org](mailto:events@34dems.org)

## 2018 WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Friday, June 15th - Saturday, June 15, 2018  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
121 N Wenatchee Ave - Wenatchee, WA 98801

### Register Here:

<https://www.wa-democrats.org/form/4546808694407431936>



## Volunteer at our June Events!

*Register Voters, Promote  
our candidates and our  
organization at these fun  
community affairs!*

### The Morgan Junction Festival

Saturday, June 16th  
10am to 4pm

### Burien Strawberry Days

Saturday June 16  
Sunday, June 17  
10am to 4pm

*We will be joined by fellow  
Democrats from the 33rd  
District!*

### Burien Independence Day Parade

Wednesday, July 4  
3 - 5pm

*Let's fill the streets with  
Democrats*



## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

### Senator

#### Sharon Nelson

Senate Democratic Leader  
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Olympia, WA 98504  
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### Representative Eileen Cody

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### Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

Chair, Environment  
Finance  
305 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7952



## 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 July newsletter will be Thursday June 28.**

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 May Meeting...

Our May membership meeting featured a forum with five of the Democratic candidates seeking to assume the seat of retiring State Senator Sharon Nelson. The panel of candidates was moderated by Chair David Ginsberg, who presented questions submitted by members.

The following are summaries from their opening statements:

**Lois Schipper** has lived in the West Seattle/White Center for the past 25 years. She is a nurse by profession, currently at Seattle Children's hospital, working in diversity and health equity by helping recent immigrants with children suffering from illness. She has served as Chair for the Highline Citizens for Schools. She is also a PCO, and was the 34th Dems Diversity Chair, 2015-16. Issues: Gun control, increased K-12 funding to close the achievement gap between rich and poor and more for Special Education. Fix our regressive tax code is also a goal.

**Sofia Aragon** is a resident of Burien, and a PCO. She served for 12 years in Olympia as governmental affairs director for WA State Nurses Association. She worked to pass the ACA in Washington, for healthcare for undocumented children, and against cuts in higher education. She wants to ensure that everyone can have the opportunity for an education and a career. Affordable housing is also an important issue she wishes to work toward.

**Lem Charleston** is a 21-year resident of the 34th. He is a veteran, serving in the Marines. He has been a minister and a pastor since 1992, and has been an associate chaplain with Seattle Police Department. He is a 25-year Boeing employee and union member. Lem got involved in politics by going down to Olympia to fight against Tim Eyman initiatives. He wants to work on education and fixing the tax system.

**Shannon Braddock** has lived in the 34th for 20 years. She has worked in the private sector and at various levels of government, the past 8 years under County Councilmember Joe McDermott and Dow Constantine. She is active in West Side Baby and the West Seattle Foodbank. Regressive taxation, guns, healthcare are issues she will work on.

**Joe Nguyen** was born in White Center to immigrant parents and now lives in West Seattle. A graduate of Seattle University, he is now a Project Manager for Microsoft. He would be the first person of color to represent the 34th, and the first Vietnamese elected to the legislature. Affordable housing, early learning and economic equity are some issues he'd address.

The entire hour and a half forum was captured on video by the West Seattle Blog. To see the answers the candidates gave to questions submitted by members, please view the video here:



The panel of five of the Democratic Candidates for 34th District State Senator (L to R): Lois Schipper, Sophia Aragon, Lem Charleston, Shannon Braddock and Joe Nguyen.

<http://westseattleblog.com/2018/05/video-5-state-senate-candidates-34th-district-democrats-forum/>

**Annabel Quintero** (West Seattle) and **Lisa Ryan Devereau** (Vashon) joined the contest in late May after our forum and are also running as Democrats. Two Republicans and two independents fill out the complete primary ballot for State Senator - 11 in total.

Chair **David Ginsberg's** report told us that Washington State can be an example to the rest of the country in a post-Trump era through the things we are doing here. We will enforce the concept of inclusion rather than the "you're on your own" attitude that is being projected from the White House currently.

We heard from judges seeking our endorsement. **Steven Gonzalez** is running for re-election to the State Supreme Court. He has an opponent. Now Former Magistrate Judge **Faye Chess** stopped by to tell us that she had been recently appointed to the vacant seat on the Seattle Municipal Court by Mayor Durkan, and she is running to retain that seat.

**Willie Gregory** is also running for re-election to his Seattle Municipal Court position.

A resolution was proposed by Martha Koester, to support the idea of giving VoteBuilder access to Democrats that wish to challenge incumbents in primary elections, and thus encourage newly-involved people to participate in our political process. It was passed. The full text of the resolution is on page 2.

**Steven Jamieson** was appointed as Chair of the Events Committee. He announced that our garden party will be on Thursday, July 19 at the Hall at Fauntleroy. He will need volunteers to help at the event, and to procure donations for the auction.



Justice Steven Gonzalez



Municipal Judge Willie Gregory



New Events Chair Steven Jamieson

## KCDCC Meeting Notes - May 22, 2018

First vice-Chair Shasti Conrad oversaw the meeting. We are making good progress on getting more PCOs. 158 filed in the 45<sup>th</sup> LD. We need to compete everywhere in the county.

Endorsement committee—cochairs Rick Politan and Gloria Hatcher-Mays

First proposed was that our incumbent members of Congress be endorsed as a body. This was approved 40-6.

State legislature endorsements were then considered.

LD 1: Derek Stanford (Position 1) and Shelly Kloba (Position 2)

LD 5: Lisa Callan (Position 2)

LD 11: Zack Hudgins (Position 2)

LD 32: Maralyn Chase, state senate

LD 34: No recommendations until action by the 34<sup>th</sup> LD

LD 36: Noel Frame (Position 1) and Gael Tarleton (Position 2)

LD 37: Sharon Tomiko-Santos (Position 1)

LD 41: Tana Senn (Position 1)

LD 43: Jaime Pederson, state senate, Nicole Macri (Position 1)

LD 45: Manka Dhingra, state senate

LD 46: David Frockt, state senate, Gerry Pollett (Position 1) and Javier Valdez (Position 2)

LD 48: Patty Kuderer, state senate

In the 32nd LD, The committee recommended endorsement of Lauren Davis. The 32nd LD endorsed Chris Roberts. By rule, the LDs endorsed candidate was moved for endorsement first. He was endorsed. Next, the recommended candidate was moved and did not achieve endorsement.

In the 41st LD, their endorsement meeting was to happen the next day. The committee had recommended My-Linh Thai for endorsement for house position 2. The delegates from the 41st asked that we endorse her, prior to their endorsement meeting, because she was likely to be endorsed and they didn't want to wait a month. My-Linh Thai was endorsed for house position 2 in the 41st.

### Judicial candidate slate

#### *District Court*

Northeast Position 2: Ketu Shah

Southeast Position 1: Jason Poydras

Southeast Position 2: Matthew York

West Position 1: Lisa Paglisotti

#### *Seattle Municipal Court*

Position 1: Ed McKenna, no action

Position 2: Andrea Chin

Position 4: Anita Crawford-Willis

Position 5: Willie Gregory, no action

Position 6: Faye Chess

Positions Susan Owens (Position 2), Northeast District Court Marcus Naylor (Position 1), and Seattle Municipal Court Willy Gregory (no action recommended, Position 5) were pulled for separate consideration. The remainder of the slate was endorsed 30-14. Motion for reconsideration of Susan Owens passed 38-11, but the endorsement failed 18-25 in the first round. Later the rules were suspended by a 2/3 vote, and she was endorsed.

The Naylor endorsement was pulled for reconsideration and endorsement passed. A motion to endorse his opponent, Joshua Shear, failed. The Gregory nomination was pulled and he was endorsed 41-0.

### Election of replacement State Committeeman from KCDCC

Brian Gunn, Justin Baird and Marvin Rosete ran for the position. Brian Gunn was elected with 69% of the vote.

### Election of new King County Chair

Nicole Gomez (36<sup>th</sup> LD) and Natalie Reber (46<sup>th</sup> LD) ran. Tara Gallagher of the 43<sup>rd</sup> was also nominated, but declined. Natalie Reber won 27-26.

### Resolutions Committee

Dean Fournier presented three resolutions, one for the impeachment of Trump, which passed 18-14, one to facilitate statewide infrastructure for electric vehicles, which passes 37-3, and one to support an ammunition tax with proceeds to pay for victims medical and mental health costs which passed unanimously.

### Other business

Time to get tickets for the South King County Blue Wave Spaghetti Feed June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the IAM Hall, 9125 15th PI S, Seattle, WA 98108 5pm-8pm. Get tickets online here:

[https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3375400?cookie\\_header=1](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3375400?cookie_header=1)

### Treasurer's Report for the June Newsletter

Balance as of May 01, 2018 .....	\$ 26,349.22
Add Revenues .....	\$ 1,238.81
Less Expenses.....	\$ 280.78
Balance as of June 02, 2018.....	\$ 27,307.25



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questionnaire to be considered for endorsement

**Follow the Money**

One indicator of viability is fundraising. You can see how much each candidate has raised as well as where they're getting their money from (Is it mostly individual contributions? Are they contributions from within the district? Is the candidate self-funding? Etc.). You can research campaign contributions for this race on the PDC website here:

[https://www.pdc.wa.gov/browse/campaign-explorer/candidates?jurisdiction\\_code=4763&election\\_year=2018&office\\_code=12](https://www.pdc.wa.gov/browse/campaign-explorer/candidates?jurisdiction_code=4763&election_year=2018&office_code=12)

We look forward to seeing you June 13th at the Hall at Fautleroy!

In solidarity,

David

David Ginsberg,

Chair, 34th District Democrats

This is the proposed slate of non-controversial, previously endorsed candidates without Democratic primary challengers:

**Federal**

US Senate: Maria Cantwell

US House: Pramila Jayapal

**State Legislature**

34th LD, Position 1: Eileen Cody

34th LD, Position 2: Joe Fitzgibbon

**State Supreme Court**

Position 2: Susan Owens

Position 8: Steve Gonzalez

Position 9: Sheryl Gordon McCloud

**King County Superior Court**

Position 22: Karen Donohue

Position 38: Michael Diaz

**Seattle Municipal Court**

Position 1: Ed McKenna

Position 5: Willie Gregory

Position 6: Damon Shadid

**Other endorsements may be considered at the discretion of the voting members, including the 34th District Senate Race.**

**A note about voting: according to our bylaws:**

"Only members in good standing by the end of the prior month's meeting may vote, except that any member who had paid dues in the previous calendar year may vote if the membership is renewed at or before the meeting where the endorsement takes place." Endorsement Rules in PDF can be found on our Bylaws page: <http://www.34dems.org/bylaws/>

If you were a member last year but haven't renewed yet, you can click here to pay your dues and renew your membership in time for the April meeting. If you weren't a member by the end of the last meeting you won't be eligible to vote at the April meeting but can join now to be eligible to vote at our big May endorsements meeting.

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



Laurence Redman and Jeryka Taft (with a few helpers she brought) work gathering trash on 16th Avenue SW during our May 19th clean-up. Photo by Chris Porter.



Conrad Knutson and Karen Richter at our booth at Burien Pride. We registered 17 people.



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