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Chair's Message for September

It all comes down to us.

In less than 2 months Americans have a chance to correct a grievous error made two years ago with the election of Donald J. Trump, by electing a Democratic Congress to act as a check on his most un-democratic and un-American impulses.

People who didn't vote outnumbered those who voted for either candidate in 2016. Will more turn out now, having seen the disastrous consequences of not participating?

It all comes down to us.

That's where the grass roots of the Democratic Party - all of us - come in. Each of us probably knows someone who didn't vote. If we each persuaded one person to vote we could blow even the rosiest predictions of a blue wave right out of the water.

It all comes down to us.

If each of us, in addition to persuading one person to vote spent a day out doorbelling for Democratic candidates in competitive districts we could elect strong Democratic majorities to the state legislature and the House of Representatives.

It all comes down to us.

If each of us talked to someone we know in the 5th and 8th CDs about why those races are so important we could send Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Dino Rossi into permanent retirement.

It all comes down to us.

With so much at stake, from Climate Change and the environment to civil rights and the social safety net, from the Supreme Court to whether this country remains a functioning democracy, how much of your time and hard earned money are you willing to contribute to make the blue wave a reality?

It all comes down to us.

At our next meeting we'll hear from Dr. Kim Schrier's campaign to flip the 8th CD, as well as from the Washington State Coordinated Campaign and our adopted sister District - the 47th LD. They'll have plenty of ways for us to get engaged and help build a blue wave to end this national nightmare.

The rest is up to us.

Let's make this an historic election!

In solidarity,
David Ginsberg
Chair, 34th District Democrats

September 12, 2018

Meeting Notice

The Hall at Fautleroy, 9131 California Ave SW
Across from the YMCA - Parking behind the Hall

6:30 Potluck Social Time

7:00 Call to Order

- Opening Ceremonies
Review and Approval of the Minutes and Agenda
Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
Chair's Report
Membership and Treasurer's Report

7:10 Blue Wave 2018

- WA Coordinated Campaign Update: How to Get Involved?
47th LD Sister District Project: How Can We Help?

Program: 34th District Senate Debate

Candidates Shannon Braddock and Joe Nguyen

8:30 Unfinished Business None

8:30 New Business

- Consideration of Endorsements
Initiative 940 Use of Deadly Force
Initiative 1631 Clean Air Clean Energy
Initiative 1639 Gun Violence Prevention

Consideration of Resolution in support of King County Council-member Kohl-Welles Budget Amendment on Affordable Housing

Appointment of PCOs

8:50 Good of the Order

9:00 Adjourn to Whiskey West

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KCDCC Meeting Notes for August 28

We had a presentation about the new PDC reporting rules, presented by our attorney, Laura Ewan.

April Sims, from the Washington State Labor Council, spoke to us about the impacts of the Janus decision from the Supreme Court, and how we can overcome them by forging coalitions and winning elections.

We elected Sarajane Siegriedt to be our State Committee Woman.

We had a treasurer's report. We have \$19,000 + currently in the bank. We have gotten out of our Comcast contract and the office rent and the rental of a storage unit for items from the office. We have 1 large liability from the PDC reporting violations from several years prior but the body of the Board has not been told the amount of the final settlement. I find this unacceptable and will contact the Chair about it. It was to have been disclosed in executive session at the previous meeting but was not. We were told it would happen at this meeting.

There was a resolution passed to protect the southern resident Orcas by removing the dams on the Snake River so the Orcas would have more salmon to feed on. This did not make sense to me because the Snake River flows into the Columbia River, Salmon that spawn on the Snake do not pass through the Puget Sound or Salish Sea.

There was a report from the Endorsement Committee on the primary results, with much self-congratulating. They then recommended a couple of endorsements which were approved.

There was a motion to endorse Maria Cantwell for US Senate. Because she had not submitted a questionnaire it required an 85% yes vote but got only 83%. Unfathomably IMO, we did not endorse our 3 term Democratic US Senator. With the announcement of this result, our 34th LD Chair, David Ginsburg, got up and left the meeting vowing never to return. I wanted to leave too but did not.

The appointment of new Chairs to Communications Committee and Candidate Support Committee were announced and approved. Andrew Everett will be Communications and Brandon Dotson will be Candidate Support.

They set the date of the KCDCC Reorg for December 1, 2018.

Lastly, they discussed holding another fundraiser. Initially intended to be the Salmon Bake, but decided instead to have a Holliday Party as a fund-raising event.

Submitted by Les Treall, KCDCC Committeeman

South Park Fiestas Patrias Parade and Fiesta - Sept. 15



Join us in the Parade - 11 am to 12 pm

Staging at the Sea Mar Care Center 1040 S. Henderson St. Parade route starts there and precedes north on 14th Ave S, west on Cloverdale to finish at the South Park Community Center, 8319 8th Ave S. Come by 10:30.

Take a shift at our booth - 12 to 6pm

Help us register voters and show solidarity with the Latino community!

Contact outreach@34dems.org for more information!

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, September 19, 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, September 11, 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.
Wednesday September 26, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

Thursday, August 23
Contact Rachel Glass at werdachel@aol.com
For more information

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168
Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 pm



Washington State Democrats September Meeting

Saturday and Sunday - 15th and 16th
At The Centennial - Formerly Red Lion at the Park
303 W North River Dr. Spokane, WA 99201

West Seattle Food Bank Cocktail Benefit



Dress: Cocktail Attire, Era Costumes Encouraged
Tickets: \$85/guest Each guest will receive \$10,000 worth of gaming chips with ticket.

Friday, Sept. 14 - 6:30pm

For more information contact Judi at 206.932.9023 or Judi@westseattlefoodbank.org

Tickets At:

<https://westseattlefoodbank.ejoinme.org/AGrandAffairCocktailBenefit>

White Center CDA's Annual Gala - Sept. 28



W. Tali Hairston, Equitable Development LLC, will be keynote speaker. He will share his experiences how communities of color continue to be silenced and how this process perpetuate racism. He will speak to how we can work together to keep each other safe and help communities thrive by building relationships and ensuring racial equity.

Tickets at: <https://wccda.ejoinme.org/2018gala>

Adopt-A-Street Clean Up Party - September 22, 1pm

Join other 34th Dems as we clean up the street!

September 22 will mark our 4th work party as part of our Adopt-A-Street of 16th Ave. SW from Roxbury to Elmgrove. **We will be awarded with a street sign recognizing our efforts after this outing.** We will meet at the Triangle at the corner of 16th and Roxbury.



Contact outreach@34dems.org to help!



B-Town Fiesta!

Sunday, Sept. 23
11am to 7pm

At the
Burien Town Square Park

This is a new event! The 34th Dems will have a booth. Help us register voters as the deadline approaches to the upcoming Nov. 6 Election

Contact Steve Butts at swbutts@comcast.net

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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 October newsletter will be Thursday September 27, 2018.

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

Become more active in the 34th!

Become a Committee Chair - Two Positions Are Currently Open

The Membership Committee is accountable for:



- Maintaining a list of the members.
- Checking in members and ensuring they have their voting credentials.
- Making sure that all members are recognized with a nametag, and have them ready at the start of each meeting.
- Pairing new members with their Precinct Committee Officer.

The Hospitality Committee is responsible for:



- Welcoming new faces to our organization and making them feel at home.
- Helping to greet members at the beginning of every meeting.
- Procuring food and beverages prior to each meeting. (Did you know that our district is the only one in the state that is able to serve alcohol at our monthly gatherings? Our members will depend on you!)

If you are interested in one of these roles, please contact our Chair David Ginsberg at chair@34dems.org



It appears that there is a Trump Baby residing here in the 34th, under the protective care of the creative Vashon Island Backbone Campaign activists. They will be maintaining it while contemplating the most effective means to deploy the blimp. Member Art Chippendale is pictured above wrestling with the balloon shortly after it arrived in August. (Photo - Seattle Times).

In Case You Missed Our August Meeting...



Secretary Jason Cheung and Vice Chair Michael Taylor-Judd
Photo by Jon Shields.

Vice Chair **Michael Taylor-Judd** conducted our August meeting. He talked about a few exciting recent primary results: Rashida Tlaib, will be first Muslim woman in the US House. Sharice Davids could be one of the first Native American woman (and the 2nd openly lesbian) in Congress. Closer to home, Michael referenced Chair David Ginsberg's August message and echoed the fact we're down in the number of PCO filings compared to last year.

The theme of the meeting was **Make a Difference: How you can get involved!** We were presented with many ideas of things do to have a positive impact on our community and in promoting progressive causes and candidates:

Volunteer with the 34th Democrats Outreach Committee and help register voters.

Adopt a district. Look to other districts and help them with their campaigns, particularly the 47th LD in the 8th CD .

Latino Community Fund of Washington. They are working in White Center and Burien with the Latinx community.
www.latinocommunityfund.org



City Councilmember Lisa Herbold shows a card to assist transgender people find safe bathrooms. They can be left at businesses.

Get involved with a specific cause such as:

- Support action against climate change
- Help protect America from gun violence
- Support Planned Parenthood

Stand up for minorities and others who feel threatened.

- Be there for those in need.
- Make bathroom access safe for all by contributing information to Refuge Restrooms, a web app that seeks to provide safe access for those who are transgender, intersex, and

gender nonconforming individuals at
www.refugereestrooms.org

- Seek groups that assist U.S. citizenship seekers, and help with English preparation, legal services, or help by connecting immigrants with appropriate assistance.

www.VolunteerMatch.org

is a great site to find volunteer opportunities of all types and locations.

For those that enjoy canvassing, two useful phone apps are available for doorbelling are **Knock 10** (iphone only), which will provide you with 10 addresses to contact within close proximity to your location. **Minivan** is paperless method of canvassing, and allows you to automatically upload your results.



Julia Ricketts explains the activities Code Blue utilizes to put "Blue Butts in Red Seats". (Photo by Jon Shields)

Julia Ricketts, a guest from the 46th LD, told us about **Code Blue WA**, of which she is state lead. It is Facebook based and is a political action group focused on turning the Washington State Senate and House, Governorship, and key local races blue. They concentrate on voter turnout. It's a branch of Code Blue for America, a budding organization now in several

states. There are 400+ members in WA currently. They are not connected with the Washington State Democrats, but work with them as well as with candidates. She stressed the importance of campaigning for the LD races as a means of winning the 8th CD... killing two birds with one stone.

In Addition to traditional means of GOTV, Code Blue utilizes texting as a method to reach voters. This is done through an online texting site called **Open Progress**. You can volunteer to send texts to voters via your phone (your number being shielded) or computer.

www.openProgress.com

Resolution Supporting King County Councilmember Kohl-Welles's Amendment to Invest an Additional \$184 Million into Affordable Housing for King County Residents

WHEREAS housing instability and homelessness continue to grow in our immediate communities and across Washington State as a whole; and

WHEREAS rents in King County are out of reach and King County workers must earn at least \$29.40/hour for a modest one-bedroom and at least \$36.12/hour for a modest two-bedroom¹; and

WHEREAS King County and Seattle both declared a Homelessness State of Emergency in 2015 which is still in effect²; and

WHEREAS lack of affordable homes is the root cause of homelessness and the primary reason that homelessness has increased in our region³; and

WHEREAS communities of color and LGBTQ youth both experience homelessness and housing instability at much greater numbers^{4,5}; and

WHEREAS 12,112 King County residents were experiencing homelessness in the January 2018 Point-in-Time Count, and thousands more households in our region frequently face the impossible dilemma between paying the rent or paying for medicine, child care or groceries⁶; and

WHEREAS tackling homelessness and housing instability requires regional investments in affordable housing; and

WHEREAS four in ten adults, if faced with an unexpected expense of \$400, would either not be able to cover it or would cover it by selling something or borrowing money, putting many of them literally one paycheck away from homelessness⁷; and

WHEREAS a recent report prepared with King County data for the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce by McKinsey & Company found that

1. The homelessness crisis response system has improved, but cannot meet inflow demand owing to a shortage of affordable housing options
2. There is currently a gap of between 10,000 and 14,000 housing options in Seattle and King County
3. While funding has grown at 2.4% per year, it has not kept up with the growth in aggregate homelessness
4. To house all households entered in HMIS (the homeless management information system) would take \$360-\$410 million per year, or double today's funding⁸; and

WHEREAS Safeco Field will already receive \$175 million from parking and admission taxes to go towards maintenance, plus \$1.5 million additional per year, plus \$25 million per KC Councilmember Kohl-Welles's amendment and their lease term can continue to require that the Mariners contribute a percentage of their profit towards stadium maintenance, which all together meet the stated needs⁹;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats support the amendment announced by King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles on July 31, 2018 which represents a fair compromise and allocates an additional \$184 million for affordable housing for people earning between 30% and 80% of the area median income and providing Safeco stadium with \$25 million additional dollars for stadium maintenance; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats requests King County Councilmember McDermott and the King County Executive to support King County Councilmember Kohl-Welles's amendment; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats request that our Executive Board end a copy of this resolution to King County Councilmember McDermott and to the King County Executive.

Submitted to the 34th Legislative District Democrats meeting of August 8, 2018 by Martha Koester, PCO Aqua Precinct.

Disposition:

¹National Low Income Housing Coalition 2018 Out of Reach report: <http://nlihc.org/or>

²<https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/news/release/2015/November/02-homeless-emergency.aspx>

³Washington State Department of Commerce, Why is Homelessness Growing? <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/hau-why-homelessness-increase-2017.pdf>

⁴Center for Social Inclusion's initiative Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities Phase One Study Findings March 2018: <http://center4si.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SPARC-Phase-1-Findings-March-2018.pdf>

⁵Voices of Youth Count, Missed Opportunities: LGBTQ Youth Homelessness in America: <http://voicesofyouthcount.org/brief/lgbtq-youth-homelessness/>

⁶Washington State Department of Commerce 2018 Point in Time County Summary: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/annual-point-time-count/>

⁷Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2017, Published May 2018: <https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/files/2017-report-economicwell-being-us-households-201805.pdf>

⁸McKinsey and Company, various sources including article McKinsey Quarterly May 2018 Booming cities, unintended consequences: <https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/meeting-societysexpectations/booming-cities-unintended-consequences>

⁹King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove Facebook post King County can Take Action Now dated June 15th, 2018: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/dave-upthegrove/king-county-can-take-actionnow/10157013546873881/>

Help Safeguard Our Ballots - Become an Election Observer!

Have you ever wondered what happens to your ballot once you mail it in or place it in a King County Elections drop box? Are you concerned about what you hear in the news about Russian hacking attempts? How they verify voter signatures?



Consider becoming an Election Observer, and satisfy your curiosity while serving an important role in our democracy to verify that our electoral process is fair.

The only requirement is that you attend a short training session. There will be two observer training sessions in October in preparation for the November General Election. Then you will be able to volunteer for a 2 to 4 hour shift that fits your schedule.

Watch over the various steps our ballots go through: Sorting, signature verification, envelop review and opening, ballot review and adjudication, and the scanning process that tabulates the vote counts.

For more information, and to find out about the training schedule, please contact:

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The 34th District Democrats Endorsed Candidates for 2018

Federal

US Senate: Maria Cantwell
 US House: Pramila Jayapal

State Senate

Dual Endorsement:
 Shannon Braddock and Joe Nguyen

State Legislature

34th LD, Position 1: Eileen Cody
 34th LD, Position 2: Joe Fitzgibbon

King County Prosecutor

Dan Satterberg

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

Renew or Become a Member at

34dems.org

www.34dems.org/contribute



Dr. Kim Schrier (L) with our own doctor, member Lisa Plymate.

Kim Schrier in the 34th

In late August Dr. Kim Schrier, candidate for Washington's 8th District was present at a fundraiser for her benefit at the historic Colman Mansion, home of Maryanne Tagney and David Jones. She spoke to the attendees, relaying her journey from pediatrician, to Women's March resister and then to candidate opposing (now-retiring) Dave Reichert.

Dow Constantine stressed the importance of our help: *"This race could be the one that determines who controls congress next year."*

Please donate:

www.drkimschrier.com



County Exec. Dow Constantine tells the crowd to "Give Big".



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- \$3 Living Lightly
- \$34 Friend of the 34th
- \$50 Sponsor
- \$1,000 Endowment
- \$100 Benefactor
- \$250 Sustaining
- \$500 Underwriter

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