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34th District Democrats,

Please join us on Wednesday February 13, 2019 for our monthly membership meeting. We will be discussing our priorities for the next two years. The feedback from this discussion will help the Executive Board strategically plan how we use our resources over the next two years. By having this conversation now, we are laying a strong foundation for our work ahead.

To prepare for this conversation I ask our members to reflect and come prepared for a discussion on the following questions:

1. What do you want to get out of being a member of the 34th?
2. What issues are you most personally concerned about and why?
3. What should the top priorities be for the 34th?
4. What time and resources am I able to provide to the 34th?

At our February meeting we will also be confirming committee chairs. It is vital that our newly elected chairs directly hear the priorities and concerns of our membership. This is essential because it is through our committees that the actual work of the 34th is accomplished and we want the work to match our collective goals.

The 34th District Democrats meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Hall at Fauntleroy (Old Fauntleroy School) 9131 California Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98136. Please see the full meeting agenda below. Parking lot available behind the building, Hall is located on Transit Rapid Ride C Line.

I hope you will be able to join the discussion on February 13. If you are unable to make it but want to provide feedback on the above question, please email your responses directly to me: chair@34dems.org

Sincerely,

Gina Topp
Chair, 34th District Democrats

P.S. If you have not already renewed your 2019 membership dues, please do so online:

www.34dems.org/membership/

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Meeting Notice

**The Hall at Fauntleroy, 9131 California Ave SW
9131 California Ave SW (Across from the YMCA.)
On the "C" Metro 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

Report of Officers and Standing Committees

Chair's Report

Membership and Treasurer's Report

7:30 Unfinished Business

None

7:31 New Business

Appointment of Committee Chairs

Appointment of PCOs

King Conservation District

8:00 Priorities Discussion

8:50 Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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Executive Board

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Allan Munro | Parliamentarian



Thanks is due to Joy Pakulak, who once again worked to coordinate our donations to Navos. Thanks also to those that purchased gift cards to help make Navos' clients Holidays brighter



Rep. Eileen Cody lifts a glass of wine as she tells us of her retirement from Kaiser. It was her last day on the job.



Senator Joe Nguyen belatedly receives his award for being our 2018 34th District Democrat's Rising Star, presented by Chris Porter.

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, February 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
Please note new start time:
Tuesday, February 12, 12pm

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, February 27, 6:30pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

For more information regarding upcoming meetings check:
www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org
Or inquire at: contact.wsdw@gmail.com

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Carpenters Union Hall
231 Burnett Ave N
Renton, WA 98057
Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 pm

Become a PCO!

Precinct Committee Officers are the backbone of our party, connecting us to our community. Consider taking on this vital role as either an appointed or acting PCO.

Contact

Nick Bonazza at
pco@34dems.org

Path to Power: A Political Candidate Training Program



March 13-15, 2019 at the **IUPAT DC 5 Hall**
6670 E. Marginal Way S., Bldg E Seattle

The Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO in conjunction with the national AFL-CIO will again host Path to Power: A Political Candidate Training Program in Seattle. This training will provide both union members and local community activists with the tools and tips to run a successful political campaign and get elected in an effort to build power that will positively influence our communities.

You will learn how to:

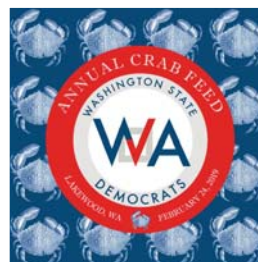
- Craft an effective message
- Create a campaign plan
- Talk to targeted voters
- Fundraise
- Build a campaign team

Seattle City Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda is one of many that have run after The Path to Power training.

For more info or to get an application, contact

Cherika Carter at ccarter@wslc.org
or call the WSLC office at 206-281-8901.

2019 WA State Democrats Crabfeed and Grassroots Forum



Sunday, February 24th

at the

McGavick Conference Center
at Clover Park Technical
College in Lakewood.

Tickets at:

www.wa-democrats.org/CrabFeed2019

For questions, contact Joe Barden at
joebarden@wa-democrats.org or (206) 583-0664

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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Joe Nguyen

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Technology
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(360) 786 - 7667



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Environment & Energy (Chair)
Appropriations
Rural Development, Agriculture,
& Natural Resources

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Olympia, WA 98504
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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 March 2019 newsletter will be Thursday February 28, 2019.

Mail to Steve Butts,
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146
or email to newsletter@34dems.org

In Case You Missed Our January Meeting...

The January reorganization meeting began with newly elected head of the King County Democrats, Chair **Shasti Conrad**, serving as our temporary chair. 78 PCOs were elected in the August primary and those that were in attendance were eligible to vote for a new roster of district officers to serve for the next 2 years. All members were able to vote for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

Three members were nominated to stand for Chair: **Gina Topp**, **Rachel Glass** and **Ivan Weiss**, who had previously served two terms in that role from 2005-2008. Gina Topp prevailed with 52.8 percent of the vote and presided over the rest of the meeting.

The vote for 1st Vice Chair followed. **Rachel Glass** was elected over our outgoing Chair David Ginsberg.

The rest of the officer positions were uncontested and were elected via acclamation in turn:

2nd Vice Chair – **Sophia Aragon**

State Committee Persons – **Chris Porter** and **Ann Martin**

KCDCC Committee Persons – **Max Brown** and

Elizabeth Archambault

KCDCC Alternates – **Ted Barker** and **Martha Koester**

Secretary – **Carla Rogers**

Treasurer – **Ben Reilly**

Ann Martin stated that she was happy to again fill the role of representing us at the state party, but would look to mentor one younger to assume the position if a person came forth and expressed an interest for taking on the job next term.

As we waited for the votes to be counted, we heard from our new State Senator, **Joe Nguyen**, who returned home after

spending the day at work in Olympia with the Democratic Caucus, forgoing a dinner with Governor Inslee. He praised former Senator Nelson's "big shoes". He's been appointed to Environment, Energy & Technology, and Transportation committees. He is also the only freshman on the rules committee. Joe is also now the Vice Chair of the Human Services - Reentry & Rehabilitation Committee.

He hopes to see a less regressive tax structure implemented. A capital gains tax is high on his list. He is configuring his office space in such a manner to better facilitate outreach to the public schools and



Peggy Abby Speaks in favor of David Ginsberg for 1st Vice Chair.



Outgoing Chair David Ginsberg passes the gavel to newly elected Chair Gina Topp.



Rachel Glass is incoming 1st Vice Chair.



Sophia Aragon is our new 2nd Vice Chair.

other organizations through video conferencing. He and his staff will be actively using social media to increase transparency. He announced a 34th district town hall meeting that was held January 12.

We also heard from Rep. **Joe Fitzgibbon** who spoke on the work to reduce climate change, and to the efforts being made to protect the orcas of Puget Sound. He also expressed pleasure in the successes Democrats achieved in the November elections and our increased strength in the House.

Rep. Eileen Cody rose to share with us that the day of the meeting was her last day of work at Kaiser, and was looking forward to her retirement as she celebrated with a glass of wine.

Marcee Stone-Vekich asked us to endorse Seattle Schools Propositions 1 and 2, as well as a proposed merger of 2 King County Water districts. We had previously voted in favor of the school propositions, but we reaffirmed our support, as well as water district measure.

Chris Porter will be running for King County Conservation District Supervisor. Those wishing to vote must request a ballot. The voting period will be from Monday, March 18, 2019 at 9:00am through Friday March 29, 2019 until 5:00pm. All ballots must be requested by the end of the voting period to be valid. Because this is an on-request mail-in election, no "absentee ballots" are necessary. More information can be found at www.kingcd.org, or by calling 425-282-1900 with questions.



Newly elected officers for 2019, left to right: Ben Reilly, Sophia Aragon, Rachel Glass, Chris Porter, Gina Topp, Ann Martin, Ted Barker, Martha Koester and Max Brown. Not pictured is Elizabeth Archambault. Shasti Conrad, new Chair of the King County Democrats joined the group shot and is 2nd from the left.

King County Democrats Central Committee Meeting: January 22, 2019



Overarching Goals for 2019

- Getting Democrats elected countywide at municipal and county races
- Training volunteers
- Cultivating new democratic leaders
- Creating deep connections with NGOs and local partners
- Training programs for democrats/candidates
- Working to create a culture of professionalization, safe and welcoming space
- All LDs get the training needed to thrive, including modern communications and digital programs
- Training expansion on diversity and inclusion - who has a seat on the table and who is missing

KCDCC member expectations (not inclusive list):

- Understand bylaws
- Attend monthly LDs
- Report news back to KCDCC
- Understand treasurer reports
- Join at least one committee and contribute to their work
- Participate to the best of your ability

2019 Strategic Plan

Chair, Shasti Conrad, will share the 2019 strategic plan next month. It will include committee assignments, some as part of the bylaws, some as standing committees. Also to include following topics: Bylaws, rules; finance; LD support; PCO recruitment and training; Party Infrastructure and Tech; Policy and Programming - Legislative Action; Elections and Candidate Development, Platform and Resolutions, and creating history of the organization.

Bylaws Event: PCOs strongly urged to attend on February 9, 2019

There are great speakers lined up including, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, and Congressman Adam Smith. The bylaws committee is looking at proposing new rules and will be surveying members on some unknowns.

Please come! 9am, 9125 15th PL S (IAM 751)

Treasurer's Report

Balance \$12,047k, Debt \$19,770. Debt due to filing issues last year that led to fines. Payments already scheduled to resolve debt over the next two years. In 2018, much less money was raised than in years past. That said, 2019 starting well with \$15k pledges and \$5k of that already collected.

Resolutions

Approved: Resolution in Opposition of a New Hot Mix Asphalt Facility on Renton - Maple Valley Road within 150 feet of the Cedar River.

Approved: Amendment to Section 6.3 of the Bylaws recommended by PCOs to move to 15% threshold for quorum. 15% = 153 elected PCOs (this number could change with appointed PCOs).

New Appointment

Roger Ledbetter appointed as Ombudsman. He will work to mediate conflict and help make meetings run more smoothly, help to connect the dots and make recommendations to Eboard, facilitate mediation, and establish ground rules for conducting meeting/ making a safe space. If you need to make a report (he is the only person to check this account), please e-mail him ombuds@kcdems.org

Submitted by Committeepersons, Betsey Archambault & Max Brown

I-1000 Sets Record for Initiative Signature Submissions



According to the Secretary of State's office, I-1000 submitted the largest number of signatures for an initiative to the Legislature in state history when the Yes on I-1000 initiative campaign turned in petitions with over 387,000 on January 4, 2019. 259,622 would be required for qualification to be sent to the Washington State Legislature for consideration.

The ONE WASHINGTON EQUALITY CAMPAIGN is a statewide movement for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in public education, jobs and government contracting for qualified women, veterans, persons with disabilities and people of color.

I-1000 will repeal Tim Eyman's 1998 I-200 that bans affirmative action. Washington state is currently one of only 8 states in the country with such a restriction.

State Committee Meeting Report, Held In Olympia, January 27-27, 2019

The Reorganization Meeting of the Washington State Democratic Party was held January 25 through January 27, 2019 in Olympia. The reorganization involves among other things the election of officers for the State party. Tina Podlodowski was re-elected as chair; David Green of Spokane was elected vice-chair; Rob Dolin was re-elected as secretary; and Habib Habib was re-elected as Treasurer. There also was an election for congressional district representatives who serve on the executive committee of the State party. Representative Javier Valdez was re-elected; he indicated this would be his last term and that he would be glad to mentor someone as his replacement. These elections occurred on Sunday morning.

The previous days were filled with meetings, training sessions and the annual Maggie Awards ceremony/dinner. Rep. Monica Stonier and King County Executive Dow Constantine spoke and helped present the awards on Friday night! Other elected officials present included Senator Sam Hunt and Bob Hasegawa, Representatives Sharon Tomiko Santos, Brian Blake and Javier Valder, and Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler! The awards went to the following individuals:

- Organizer of the Year - Petra Hoy
- Rising Star of the Year - Payton Swinford
- Volunteer of the Year - Ernesto Apreza
- Volunteer of the Year - Bonnie Kendall
- Trailblazer of the Year - Representative Debra Lekanoff
- Chair of the Year - Karen Keleman
- Candidate of the Year - Senator Mona Das
- Lifetime Achievement - Senator Maralyn Chase
- Ally of the Year - Julia Ricketts & Code Blue
- Chair's Award - Joe Pakootas

In other significant actions, action on amendments to the rules related to the status of constituency caucuses was postponed until the September meeting to allow added time for discussion between the Rules Committee and constituency caucus representatives. This is a largely internally significant matter.

The heavy lift of work that will shape our nomination process in 2020 will happen over the next few months. The 2020 Delegate Allocation and Affirmative Action Plan, which needs to be drafted by the April Central Committee meeting in Pasco in order to be acted on by the National Democratic Central Committee is the focus of that work. The State plan will likely include some sort

of primary/caucus model, although there are competing proposals that would still involve our historical caucus model. Not only must the state committee decide what direction to go, but how to implement such a process. Stay tuned for more on this.

The Resolution and Rules committees met on Friday afternoon. Constituency caucus meetings were scattered throughout the weekend starting on Friday afternoon and ending on Sunday afternoon. Much of Saturday was taken up with orientation for members, training and other discussion including the primary/caucus topic described above. Leonard Forsman of the Suquamish Tribe led a session on Tribal Relations and Tribal Sovereignty Training over the lunch hour on Saturday. The state highlighted its "Rise and Run" theme for the next two years (and beyond) to encourage Democrats to get the skills and take the plunge into electoral waters from the lowest local to the highest national offices. The state will be working to identify Democrats who are interested in running for both partisan and nonpartisan offices and helping them by connecting them with local party organizations and developing tools to help them succeed.

Sunday's general session included not only the election of officers, but DNC reports and voting on resolutions. Resolutions deal with current legislation. Those passed included ones dealing with tax returns of presidential candidates (HR 1 and SB 5078), rent controls and other tenant-related regulations (HB 1493), Native American Voting Rights (addressing, SB 5079), expanding voting rights for persons in "community custody" (SB 5076), universal health care (SB 5222), restoration of affirmative action (Initiative 1000 – a to the legislature), dental therapy provider, reimbursement fairness for counties (HB 1481 and SB 5500) and missing and murdered indigenous peoples (HB 1713). A resolution on instant runoff voting was tabled because there is no legislation pending; the chair's decision was challenged and upheld.

Ann attended the Rules Committee and Women Federation meetings as well as constituency caucuses including the Women's Caucus and the Environmental and Climate Change Caucus.

Chris led the Affirmative Action Committee and attended the Rules Committee.

Submitted by Committeepersons, Ann Martin and Chris Porter



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