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**34th District Democrats,**

At our next membership meeting we will be discussing the process for choosing the 2020 presidential nominee.

Currently we allocate delegates with presidential caucuses: in-person meetings where voters gather to discuss the candidates and determine how many delegates from Washington State the Democratic presidential candidates receive. Our state separately holds a non-binding primary election, which operates like a standard mail-in election. These results do not decide how many delegates each candidate gets.

Confused already? This is a complicated and confusing process. A process that led to much frustration and confusion in 2016. That is why we will be dedicating our next membership meeting to learning about the process and the options that are being discussed for choosing the 2020 presidential nominee in Washington state.

Our representatives to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC), Ann Martin and Chris Porter, will be our voice regarding the process we would like to see in place at the upcoming WSDCC meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

I invite folks to come listen to the presentation at our next membership meeting, talk with our WSDCC representatives, and provide public comment. You can provide public comment directly to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee. Please submit comments: <https://www.waelectioncenter.com/>

Copies of the different plans can be found here: <https://www.waelectioncenter.com/>.

Whichever plan is selected will need to be implemented in the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. As an organization we are committed to implementing a fair and meaningful process. I look forward to this work ahead as we work to elect a Democrat in the next presidential election.

**Gina Topp**  
Chair, 34th District Democrats

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

**Meeting Notice**

**The Hall at Fautleroy, 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

**7:30** Primary versus Caucus Presentation and Discussion

**8:20** New Business  
Appointment of Committee Chairs  
Appointment of PCOs  
King Conservation District Endorsement

**8:50** Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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# Executive Board

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**Allan Munro** | Parliamentarian

# KCDCC Meeting Report of February 26, 2019

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were approved. The chair acknowledged the lands where our meeting were originally tribal lands.

Scheduled speaker from the NAACP was not able to make it. There was a brief memorial for Daron Morris, previous candidate for King County prosecutor, who recently passed away.

We heard from five of the six candidates for the King County Conservation District. Balloting will take place between March 18 and March 29. In order to vote, you must request a ballot. Only six people voted last year—let's change this.

Kirstin Haugen pointed out that rules and bylaws haven't been changed since 1939. She favors seeking more funding sources and getting the election to be put on the general election ballot.

Karen Howe is a PCO in the 45th LD. She is concerned with the tree count showing that lower income areas have fewer trees. She is president of [www.SammamishFriends.org](http://www.SammamishFriends.org), which promotes conservation and sustainability. She can be contacted at [karen@electkarenhow.org](mailto:karen@electkarenhow.org)

Rachel Malloy Has promoted solar and wind power and wants to increase revenue streams from the county. She has experience working with legislative bodies, and wants to get landowners on board with conservation solutions. She is a Master Composter.



Chris Porter—34th LD State Committeeman and bee keeper. He is interested in protecting pollinators and increasing the diversity of the conservation board.

Mark Salido has been endorsed by Ron Sims. He wants to protect the Snoqualmie Forest and get more land incorporated into cities that can act on conservation issues.

There was a review of bylaws changes, detailed at the KCDCC website: [www.kcdems.org/](http://www.kcdems.org/)

There were standing committees established by the chair in addition to the regular committees, including a PCO training committee, a Bylaws committee (reinstated), a legislative Action committee and a Resolutions committee. Approval for all committees was unanimous.

Four resolutions left over from last month were considered. An initiative (I-1000) overturning Eyman's anti-affirmative action initiative was approved by acclamation. A resolution to support the Green New Deal was approved by acclamation. A resolution supporting a requirement for 8 years of tax returns for presidential and vice-presidential candidates was defeated 27-13 on the grounds that this should be left up to the DNC. A resolution on eliminating tolled lanes was referred by to the committee because members disagreed on factual assertions, which need footnotes from the sources quoted.

State committee representatives reported on the WSDCC reorganization. Tina Podlodowski was reelected chair, and new CD representatives were elected. The next meeting will consider primaries versus caucuses. Our state Rise and Run (for candidate training) got a good response. Sharing voter data with ally organizations like NARAL was discussed.

KCDCC will now send out a monthly events newsletter, and all members are invited to submit event notices.

During good of the order, it was announced that the South King County spaghetti dinner will be held on May 18th, with tickets costing \$25.

*Submitted by Martha Koester, KCDCC alternate committeewoman*

# 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, March 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, March 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, March 27, 6:30pm

#### West Seattle Democratic Women

For more information regarding upcoming meetings check:  
[www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org](http://www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org)  
Or inquire at: [contact.wsdw@gmail.com](mailto:contact.wsdw@gmail.com)

#### King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Carpenters Union Hall  
231 Burnett Ave N  
Renton, WA 98057  
Tuesday, March 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!

Were you were an appointed or acting PCO in 2018 and would like to continue for 2019-2020?

Please Contact  
**Nick Bonazza** at [pco@34dems.org](mailto:pco@34dems.org)

## Seattle City Council District 1 Candidate Forum

Thursday, March 21st, 7pm

at the

**American Legion Post 160**  
3618 SW Alaska St



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## The 2020 Delegate Selection Plan was Released on March 5

### *Caucus or Primary? You help decide!*

On Tuesday, March 5, the Washington State Democratic Party will put before the public Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action plans. A comment period of 30-days will ensue.

To access the documents, please go to  
<https://www.waelectioncenter.com/>

The Rules Committee has created two Delegate Selection Plans to represent the process under a caucus or a primary presidential preference scenario. Comments should focus on revisions to the contents of those plans, not on which scenario should be used (i.e., caucus versus primary).

The Affirmative Action Committee has created a final draft of the Affirmative Action Plan. That portion of the plan spells out how the Washington State Democratic party will elect a diverse delegation to the national convention in 2020, and how it will do outreach to engage under-represented populations in the state.

Chris Porter, Co-chair Affirmative Action Committee, and Ann Martin, member Rules Committee, will present an overview of the caucus and primary presidential preference options at the 34th LD Democrats regular meeting on March 13.



## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

### Senator

#### Joe Nguyen

Human Services,  
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Chair), Environment, Energy &  
Technology  
Rules  
Transportation

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Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7667



### Representative Eileen Cody

Chair, Health and Wellness  
Appropriations

303 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7978



### Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

Environment & Energy (Chair)  
Appropriations  
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& Natural Resources

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 April 2019 newsletter will be Thursday March 28, 2019.**

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

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

The snow and icy road conditions kept our February attendance understandably low. Those that were able to make it had a chance to meet with some of our new officers and committee chairs. We also put forth our desires for our organization's



*Gina Topp begins her first meeting as our new Chair.*

activities, and our major topics of concern as we head into a new year, looking at city elections in our district.

To start with, we heard from a few elected officials.

School Board Director for our district (and board president) **Leslie Harris** happily announced that both of the Seattle School levies had passed. She was quick to tell us that while that was a good thing, continued short-comings are still worrisome.

Any declarations that the McCleary decision has been satisfied is "fake news" and

that we still must ask the state to fully fund education equitably. She is disappointed that some of the 2018 Seattle Proposition 1 (Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy) money was going to charter schools. Leslie also announced that she is going to be seeking re-election.

Burien City Councilperson **Austin Bell** rose to tell us that he had just returned from Olympia where he is pushing for additional money for affordable housing. He is also lobbying for reforms to protect tenants.

Two King County Superior Court candidates currently serving under appointment by Jay Inslee and now seeking election introduced themselves. **Marshall Ferguson**, is originally from Lopez Island, and wants to continue in Position 31. He has



*School Board Member Leslie Harris celebrates the passage of the two levies on the February ballot.*

experience in civil litigation such as employment discrimination/wrongful termination, personal injury, and real estate disputes.

**Maureen McKee** is in Position 5.

She has been a public defender, and worked internationally for the American Refugee Committee Legal Aid Center in Mostar, Bosnia providing legal advocacy to displaced persons.

Our County Councilperson **Joe McDermott** talked about the transportation issues that the county was working to mitigate due to the extended period of cold and the accumulation of snow that was affecting our local travels.

Chair **Gina Topp** spoke in her chair's report about our recent



Allan Munro is our long-serving Parliamentarian.



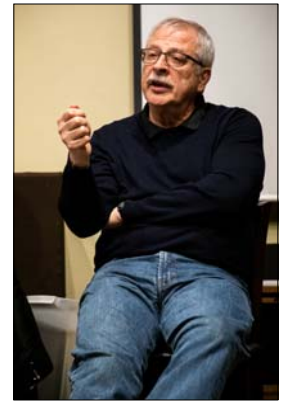
Dawn Rains is Finance Committee Chair.



Karen Richter is again Co-Chair of Outreach.



Jordan Crowley is the new LAC Chair.



Nick Bonazza will lead our PCOs.

district reorganization and recounted our success in the November elections. We must continue to push the “Blue Wave” as there will be consequential city council races this year, especially in Burien and further south in SeaTac. Calling PCOs our foundation, she noted that out of 209 precincts in the 34th LD, only 78 chose to run in 2018 and that more will be needed. She introduced our new PCO Chair Nick Bonazza, and then called on all PCOs present to be recognized, following in turn with the officers and committee chair candidates.

The slate of 2019 committee chairs was voted on and all elected. The leaders present were then asked to introduce themselves and speak to their duties and to the goals they wish to achieve with their committee. Among new chairs speaking were **Dawn Rains** (Finance), **Nick Bonazza** (PCO Committee), **Jordan Crowley** (Legislative Action), **Karen Richter** and **Steve Butts** (Outreach), and **Carla Rogers** (Communications).

The second part of the program was facilitated by Vice Chair **Sophia Aragon**. We gathered together in groups in which we expressed our opinions and ideas such as: What do we want from the 34th District Democrats? What issue is most important to you? What kind of activities would you like to do? The answers were captured on post-its and discussed within the groups, then each group presented their answers to the rest of the attendees. Sophia gathered all of the responses and will collate and distill them for action for the year.

Later in the meeting we heard from Councilperson **Lisa Herbold**. She touched upon her current work to reform eviction policy; 85% of those evicted will become homeless. She said the legislature is also looking at this problem. She is also keeping tabs on vacant properties, of which we have a high number of in District 1 compared with other parts of the city. They need to be monitored to make sure that they are not allowed to deteriorate and become nuisances to our neighborhoods.

**Chris Porter** announced that he is running for an open board position on the King County Conservation District. He is a beekeeper and grew up in an orange producing region in California. As such, he sees the need to maintain the natural environment these “canaries in the coal mine” need to survive as pollinators. Another candidate, **Rachel Malloy**, also addressed us. You must request a ballot to vote in this election. (See **Page 7** for information on how to vote in this special election.)



2nd Vice Chair led our brainstorming session as we provided our thoughts about our issue priorities.



Treasurer Ben Reilly at work signing up a new member at the February meeting.



New Hospitality Chair Jesse Greene summarizes the answers to brainstorming questions at his table.

Photos by Jon Shields and Steve Butts



## Raise Your Voice! Call for Feedback on 34th Communications

With the reorganization of the 34th in January, a new communications committee was formed. Chair Carla Rogers has hit the ground running by creating goals for the committee.

Over the next 6 months, the communications team will be busy making improvements to communications via our website, social media and newsletter.

**We need your input!** Please go to <http://bit.ly/2XB58gT> and share your input today in a quick survey!

If you are tech savvy and interested in helping with communications, email the chair at [digcomm@34dems.org](mailto:digcomm@34dems.org).



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## Our “Adopt A Street” Sign Is Now Up!



Our first two years of cleanups by the 34th District Dems along 16th Avenue SW have been rewarded by the City of Seattle with our own sign! You will see it driving north on 16th at the corner of 16th and Henderson. We keep 16th clean from Roxbury to Elmgrove.

**Special thanks to go to:** Melinda Grant, Ted Barker, Bob Farrell, Bruce Bergman, Steve Butts, Karen Richter, Chris Porter, Chris Weiss, Laurence Redman, Jeryka Taft, Britnique Taft, Treina Aronson, Eric Cameron, Carol Aronson, Anna Orton, and Ben Olsen. All have donated at least one Saturday afternoon to this project.

Our next work party will be at 1 pm Saturday, May 18th. Meet at 16th at Roxbury.

## Board Position Opening - Membership Chair

Consider getting more involved with the 34th District Dems by serving as the Membership Chair. This role is important to the functioning of our organization, and currently it is unfilled. Help us keep track of all of our members and PCOs.

**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.



PCOs Appointed at the February Meeting (left to right): Jordan Crawley Acting in 1434, Allan Munro appointed in 1412, Jesse Greene appointed to 1438, Nick Bonazza appointed to Quartermaster, Art Chippendale acting in Vashon, and Randy Litzenberger acting in 1515.



Secretary Carla Rogers and Nick Bonazza at King County Dems Bylaws meeting on February 23.

# King County Conservation District Election - Request Your Ballot

KCD helps people of King County manage their natural resources. They educate landowners, schools, scientists, consultants and agencies in how to recognize problem situations and how to avoid creating them. KCD also provides technical assistance in solving their problems.

King Conservation District (KCD) will host an election for Seat #1 on KCD's Board of Supervisors. Supervisors are public officials who serve without compensation and set policy and direction for the KCD.

**Our State Committeeman, Chris Porter, is running for this position. His candidate's statement is here:**

<http://kingcd.org/2019/02/15/2019-board-of-supervisors-candidate-statement-chris-porter/>

**A mail-in ballot that must be requested by the voter...**using an online or telephone ballot application process. Registered voters who reside within the conservation district boundary are eligible to vote. A link to the application on the KCD website will be available at 9:00 a.m. March 15th, 2019 and through the end of the voting period. Go to <http://kingcd.org/>



Contact the KCD office at 425-282-1900 with questions.

Alternatively, an in-person paper ballot polling station will also be available at KCD's Office at 800 SW 39th St, Suite 150, Renton, WA 98057, and will be open from 9:00am until 5:00pm (PST) Monday through Friday only during the voting period.

**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.

Ballots will be tallied on April 4th at a public meeting from 5-7pm at the KCD office in Renton for the official ballot counting. The elected candidate will be announced and certified in May.

## Democracy Vouchers Are Here For 2019

Seattle's public financing of city elections continues in 2019 with the Democracy Voucher program. This is your chance to participate in the funding of our elections. You should have already received your set of four \$25 certificates. If not, you can download the application to receive them: [www.seattle.gov/democracvoucher/i-am-a-seattle-resident/apply-now](http://www.seattle.gov/democracvoucher/i-am-a-seattle-resident/apply-now)

Candidates have until May 31, 2019 to decide to participate in the Democracy Voucher Program. You can give all the vouchers to one qualifying candidate, or split them between two or more. The vouchers can be given any time until November 29, 2019.

You can give the Democracy Vouchers directly to a candidate's campaign, to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission using the postage free envelope.

For more information, call 206-727-8855 or email [democracvoucher@seattle.gov](mailto:democracvoucher@seattle.gov)

Candidates participating in the Democracy Voucher Program must honor the following spending limits for each office. These limits include contributions from Democracy Vouchers and monetary contributions. A candidate may be released from the spending limit by appealing to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission. If released, the candidate will only receive Democracy Voucher dollars up to the spending limit but will then be able to collect monetary donations beyond that.



Spending Limits for Participating Candidates	City Attorney*	City Council* At-large	<b>City Council District</b>	Mayor*
Campaign Spending Limits (Primary Election Only)	\$75,000	\$150,000	<b>\$75,000</b>	\$400,000
Combined Campaign Spending Limits for Primary and General Election	\$150,000	\$300,000	<b>\$150,000</b>	\$800,000

\*Only City Council District Candidates will be on the ballot in 2019

**Here in District 1** - As of early March Jesse Greene, Phillip Tavel, Brendan Kolding, Isaiah Willoughby have signed the pledge collect qualifying contributions, qualifying signatures, and Democracy Vouchers. Lisa Herbold has completed the qualifying process and may redeem vouchers for campaign funding. The complete list of participating candidates is here:

<http://www.seattle.gov/democracvoucher/i-am-a-seattle-resident/2019-participating-candidates>



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- \$100 Benefactor       \$250 Sustaining       \$500 Underwriter

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