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**34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats-**

2019 is a local election year. We have all been told that local elections matter. What makes local elections so important, and how do local elections actually affect our lives?

There is no level of government that is more directly responsible for serving our community than local elected officials. Local government can affect almost every aspect of our daily life. Here’s just a few of the things local governments are responsible for:

- Public transit
- Deciding sanctuary jurisdiction status
- Policing and public safety
- Affordable housing

Not only do local elections directly affect our daily life but many landmark federal policies originated at the local level. Local politics have a history of shaping change in our country. Policies such as women’s suffrage, minimum wage, environmental protection, and marriage equality all began at the local level. If nothing is moving forward at the federal level or the federal level is moving in the wrong direction, it is the responsibility of local governments to take action.

At our June 12 membership meeting we will be deciding our endorsements for our 2019 local elections. Like all elections we want high voter participation. To that end, if you plan to participate in our endorsement votes please confirm you have paid your 2019 membership dues with our Treasurer Ben Reilly [treasurer@34dems.org](mailto:treasurer@34dems.org). If you want to renew your membership for 2019, please follow the instructions on our website: [www.34dems.org](http://www.34dems.org).

I hope to see a strong turnout for our May 8 membership meeting and forum with Burien City Council candidates. Our engagement in local elections is vital to create a prosperous and welcoming community.

Sincerely,

*Gina Topp*

Chair, 34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats

**Wednesday, May 8, 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

PCO Committee Report

Events Report

**7:20** Unfinished Business

**7:21** New Business

Appointment of Committee Chairs

Appointment of PCOs

Adopt-A-Street Awards

Fracking Resolution

**7:35** UFCW Local 21- New Season’s Update

**7:40** Burien City Council Candidate Forum

**8:55** Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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## KCDCC Meeting Notes - April 23, 2019

After the Call to Order, and Acknowledgement of Tribal Lands, the board voted to continue to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda and meeting rules were adopted. Unfortunately, scheduled guest speaker Suzan DeBene was unable to attend.

Two candidates spoke to the board including John Lombard running for Seattle City Council D5, and Marcie Maxwell running for Mayor of Renton.

In this month's Partner Spotlight, Terique Scott presented on balancing the tax code, and the importance of a capital gains tax.

High School student, Thrisha Mohan presented her Senior Project entitled "Promoting Youth Engagement in Campaigns." She encouraged candidates to speak to local high school clubs, and give students campaign work relevant to their interests.



During the Chair's Report, several committee chairs presented on their work. The Policy Committee (featuring the 34th own Max Brown) reported that they are looking to recruit membership to the committee. The Infrastructure Committee reported that they have four major projects in the works;

1. Elections,
2. Data infrastructure,
3. An oral history project,
4. Cybersecurity. The PCO Committee reported that every LD has a PCO Chair appointed, and that 45% of precincts have PCOs.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the 2019 budget. The budget will be tiered with goals intended to attract donors. Board members provided significant input during the budget writing process, and the Finance Committee held a webinar to inform members about the intricacies of the budget. The budget was adopted.

*Submitted by Leah Griffin, KC Committee Person*



The West Seattle Food Bank plays an important role in the future of West Seattle. This, their largest fundraising event, will bring neighbors together to ensure their continued role as a positive Instrument of Change.

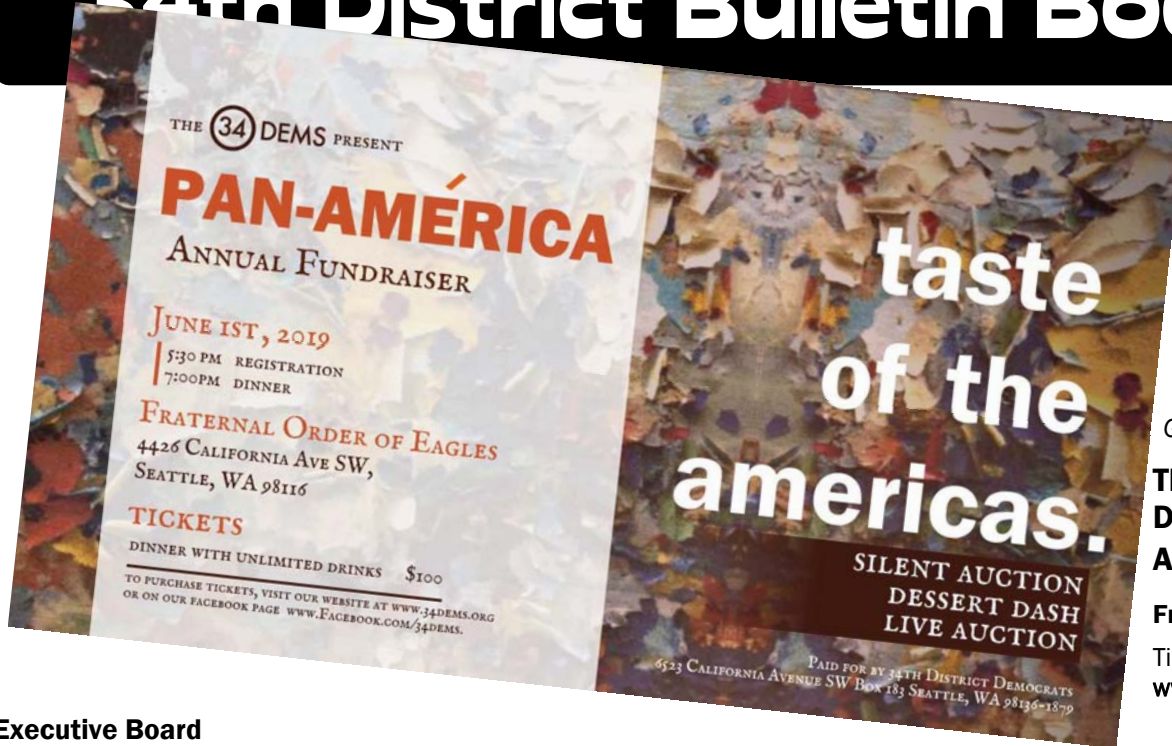
**Saturday, May 11th, 6:00 - 10:00 pm.**

at The Seattle Design Center

**Tickets at:** <https://westseattlefoodbank.ejoinme.org/IOCTickets>

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, hosting a table, donating to the silent or live auction, please contact Development Director, Judi Yazzolino at: [judi@westseattlefoodbank.org](mailto:judi@westseattlefoodbank.org)

# 34th District Bulletin Board



Get your tickets today!

**The 34th LD Democrats Annual Fundraiser**

**Friday, June 1st**

Tickets at:  
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## Executive Board

Open to all of our members

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House  
7020 18th Ave SW  
Wednesday, May 15, 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 7, 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, May 22, 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, May 21, 7:00 pm

## Adopt-A-Street Work Party

Members of the 34th will meet at  
16th and Roxbury for our next Adopt-A-Street cleanup.

**May 18th from 1:00-3:00 pm.**

We will provide everything you need to help beautify 16th from Roxbury to Elmgrove. After work we will adjourn to Noble Barton for refreshments.

Let us know you are coming by contacting Karen Richter  
at [outreach@34dems.org](mailto:outreach@34dems.org).

## Solid Blue Disco Dinner

Celebrate Solid Blue wins in 2018 at this Annual Spaghetti Dinner event to benefit the 30th, 33rd, and 47th LD Democrats

**Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 5 – 8 pm**

at the IAM Hall - 9125 15th Place South, Seattle.

Tickets are \$25, or \$10 for seniors and students;  
children under 12 are free.

They may be purchased on-line at:

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4199137>

Tickets will also be available at the door.



## PCO Training Sessions

Nick Bonazza has been holding PCO training at local libraries this spring. These are forums to review the role of a PCO and talk about ways to make connections and build relationships with voters, and a review of VoteBuilder.

**Delridge Library** - May 11, 1:00 am to 3:00 pm

**White Center Library** - May 18, 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm

**Southwest Library** - June 1, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**West Seattle Library** - June 8, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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Chair, Health and Wellness  
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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 May 2019 newsletter will be Thursday April 25, 2019.**

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

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

Our April meeting featured a forum of candidates running for the District 1 Seattle City Council position. Four of the five declared candidates participated: Incumbent **Lisa Herbold**, along with challengers **Phil Tavel**, **Jesse Greene** and **Brendan Kolding**. Isaiah Willoughby who did not confirm to us that he was a Democrat wasn't present.



LAC Committee Chair Jordan Crawley.

The forum was arranged by our new LAC Chair **Jordan Crawley**, and the questions were compiled by him, with input solicited through a request to members. Jordan and Vice Chair **Rachel Glass** served as moderators. The results of the online survey ended up with seven topics for the evening:

- Increasing affordable housing stock
- Seattle's environmental health and sustainability
- Health care
- Addiction
- Public Safety and the enlistment and retention of police
- Light Rail and prospects of underground service in West Seattle
- Homelessness

The West Seattle Blog was on hand to record the hour and a half forum. Search for it on their blog, or go to:

<https://westseattleblog.com/2019/04/video-4-candidates-7-issues-34th-district-democrats-district-1-city-council-forum/>



Senator Sharon Nelson enjoys retirement.

Our state committee duo, **Ann Martin** and **Chris Porter**, reported on the state party meeting held just on the prior weekend in Pasco. The state committee voted in favor of an early March 2020 presidential primary that will be followed with LD caucuses for delegate selection. Chris pointed out that the cost of attending the national convention (the 2020 convention will be in Milwaukee, WI) is quite high, and that we need to convey this fact to anyone interested in running for national delegate.

Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner **Bill Tracy** rose to tell us that that he is seeking another term on the commission's board. He also invited people to come to the SSSD's facilities open house later in the month, recent improvements to which he said came in under budget.

Seattle School Board president **Leslie Harris** took the floor for a few moments to note that the district is dealing with a \$44 million budget deficit. That shortage is due to the fact the district is not allowed to use its full voter-approved levy authority. Areas of concern are staff positions such as librarians, counselors and nurses not funded as well by the state as are teachers.

Newly retired **State Sen. Sharon Nelson** was on hand to accept her award for the Elected Official of the Year award for 2018. She mentioned a few of her proudest achievements, such as securing land on Vashon ending the threat of a potential gravel mining operation. The passage of marriage equality and controls on payday lenders were also accomplishments she was able to see through during her time in Olympia.

**Judge Aimée Sutton** was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to a seat on the King County Superior Court bench in February 2019. She will stand for election to retain her seat in November. She relayed her experience of traveling throughout Latin America and her involvement in the Latino community.

Our Events Co-Chair **Jacqui Morris** gave a run-down on our June 1 fundraiser. It will have a Pan-American theme and food. She also rose in Good of the Order to bring up the need for a Volunteer Chair to manage and direct volunteer efforts to the activities of our various committees. She will be asking members for donations of flowers for table arrangements.

**Julia Bobadilla-Melby** from One Washington detailed several events in support of I-1000, including a March-a-thon on Easter weekend April 19-22 from Seattle to Olympia. They are pushing the legislature to pass the initiative, and reverse the effects of the 1998 Initiative 200, which forbids Washington state to give preferential treatment to, or discriminating against, people and groups based on sex, ethnicity, color, race or national origin. (Please note that the legislature did in fact pass I-1000 late Sunday night April 28, the final day of the regular session.)



Forum Participants Lisa Herbold, Phil Tavel, Brendan Kolder and Jesse Greene listen for the next question from moderators Jordan Crawley and Rachel Glass.



Judge Aimée Sutton



Julia Bobadilla-Melby from One Washington



Bill Tracy

Photos by Jon Shields

# Resolution Opposing New and Expanded Gas Infrastructure in Washington State

WHEREAS the world's foremost body of climate scientists, the Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change reports that we have until 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5C to mitigate devastating worldwide climate impacts such as extreme temperatures, heavy rains, drought, biodiversity loss, and depletion of freshwater sources;

WHEREAS if we do not take immediate action to radically reduce our emissions in line with the Paris Target of 1.5C, these climate impacts will intensify, with communities of color, low-income communities, Tribes and coastal communities being often impacted first and worst;

WHEREAS methane has a global warming potential 86 times higher than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period and "natural" gas is comprised of 85-95% methane, and methane leaks from fracking and gas pipelines eliminate any beneficial climate impacts of gas production, and make gas just as bad or worse for the climate compared to coal;

WHEREAS the Interior Department tripled the amount of federal lands leased out for oil and gas parcels in the past fiscal year and simultaneously the EPA rolled back protections for wildlife, air quality, and groundwater supplies, placing the profits of the fossil fuel industry before the health of United States residents;

WHEREAS Washington State is already feeling the impacts of climate change: record-breaking wildfires have devastated our communities and caused toxic air pollution state-wide; our snow packs have plummeted, decreasing available drinking water and hydroelectric capacity; our salmon and orca populations have become critically endangered; our agricultural, fisheries and shellfish industries have suffered billion-dollar losses; and the Quinault Nation has already been forced to relocate two villages because of rising sea levels;

WHEREAS Washington is currently facing multiple proposals for fracked gas mega-projects such as the Kalama methanol refinery and the Tacoma liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility that is currently being built without all required permits on Medicine Creek Treaty Territory and without the Puyallup Tribe's consent and in violation of treaties;

WHEREAS such fracked gas mega-projects undermine Washington's climate leadership and efforts to reduce carbon pollution, and pose staggering health, safety and environmental risks to local communities by causing toxic air and water pollution at every stage of production;

WHEREAS there is a well-documented rise in incidents of violence against Indigenous women and women of color in communities near gas extraction sites, including those in

British Columbia where the majority of fracked gas consumed in Washington is extracted;

WHEREAS proposed fracked gas projects like the Tacoma LNG facility use non-commercial ratepayer dollars for private gain - 43% of project construction costs are passed on to utility customers, although they will only see 2% of the project's benefit;

WHEREAS in January 2019, King County Council approved a 6-month moratorium on new and expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, joining four other local jurisdictions in Washington, Portland Oregon, Portland Maine and Baltimore Maryland in enacting a *de facto* ban on new fossil fuel infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS investment in new and expanded gas infrastructure and exports will lock us into decades of climate pollution and will divert money from renewable energy development, slowing our essential immediate greenhouse gas reduction and repressing the growth of green jobs in Washington;

WHEREAS Washington ports serve as a gateway for fossil fuel companies to export gas from the interior of North America to Asian markets, and by opposing new and expanded gas infrastructure Washington can play a critical leadership role in transitioning our global economy to clean energy and keeping fossil fuels in the ground;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we strongly oppose federal efforts to roll back regulations on gas production, processing, storage and export, especially when those regulatory changes lead to increased health and safety risks for Washington communities;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on the Washington State Department of Ecology to consider a proposed project's complete lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, including analysis of methane leakage during extraction and transport, and reject permits for any project which would increase emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call for a permanent moratorium on new gas pipelines, processing, and storage facilities in Washington other than maintenance or replacement for safety purposes, and a stop-work order on projects currently under construction that do not have all their required permits;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we call on each and every one of our Washington State and federal representatives to oppose new and expanded gas infrastructure in WA, including the Kalama methanol refinery and Tacoma LNG facility.

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Submitted by Jessica Wallach with co-sponsor Stacy Oaks, 350 Seattle, and Lael White, Environmental and Climate Caucus of the Washington State Democrats for consideration by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee at its April 2019 meeting in Pasco.

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## Washington State Democrats Meeting Report - April 5 - 7 in Pasco

The Washington State Democrats met April 5 through April 7 in Pasco. The focus of the meeting was a decision on using the caucus or primary to allocate delegates for presidential campaigns at the precinct level. The decision, which was to implement a primary at the first level of decision-making, is fully described in the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan (DSAAP) that is due to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) by May 1, 2019. Depending on action by the DNC to approve the plan or approve the plan with technical corrections, the primary is scheduled for March 10, 2020.

The Central Committee also passed, postponed and referred back to the originator, resolutions dealing with, among others issues, ranked choice voting, conventional rail priority, evidence-based HIV policy, amply funding education, climate emergency and support for the Green New Deal, Medicare for all, opposition to military action in Venezuela, and military spending (all passed); and opposition to new carbon-based infrastructure (postponed). A resolution stating the state party's opposition to a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's (D-triple C or DCCC) to blacklist consultants who work for Democratic opponents of sitting congress persons passed. It was noted that the DCCC is not a party organization.

Submitted by Ann Martin, State Committee Person



Part of the colorful pageantry at the White Center Cambodian New Years Festival where we registered 14 voters on April 27. Photo by Karen Richter.



Jordan Crawley and Chris Porter asked questions and Ann Martin was time-keeper at the District 1 Council debate sponsored by the 34th District Democrats and organized by LAC Chair Jordan Crawley on April 23.



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