



Dear 34th District Democrats,

At the 34th District Democrats June 12, 2019 endorsement meeting, we witnessed behavior that is not aligned with our Code of Conduct. We want to be clear: this behavior will not be tolerated, and the 34th District Democrats are actively taking action to address the events of that night.

We are committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and hate free environment for all of our attendees—no one should be made to feel unsafe. We heard from many members about this—we thank you and appreciate your input in helping us create a safe and welcoming environment.

The 34th District Democrats Executive Board met on June 20, 2019, for our regular monthly executive board meeting. The focus of this meeting was to address the behaviors exhibited at our endorsement meeting. While our discussion on this is not complete, there are important action items I want to share with the membership.

One of the action items that we need to address is updating our Code of Conduct. To start this process, we will be discussing what we want from our Code of Conduct at our upcoming membership meeting on July 10. For those who are interested and want to help update our Code of Conduct I encourage you to attend. We are also asking all elected officials in the 34th Legislative District to promote the importance of our Code of Conduct.

On July 10 we will also be voting on a resolution rejecting hate speech. Sending a message to our membership and community that we are committed to maintaining a welcoming, safe, and hate-free environment where all are comfortable, and we ask all members to join in efforts to ensure inclusion and equity.

The parties directly involved in the controversy at our endorsement meeting have been suspended for a period of time from the 34th District Democrats activities and have been asked to apologize to each other and to the District. We ask that you respect our decision and our means of holding them accountable to their conduct.

The Executive Board continues to confront the proceedings surrounding the events at the June 12 meeting, I will provide updates as needed. If there are questions please email me directly, at chair@34dems.org. Thank you for your patience as we move through this disappointing situation.

Thank you,
Gina Topp

**Wednesday, July 10, 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:

Report from our June endorsement meeting

Membership and Treasurer’s Report

PCO Committee Report

7:20 Code of Conduct Exercise

7:50 New Business

Appointment of PCOs

Hate Speech Resolution

Seattle Green New Deal Resolution

8:15 2020 Census Presentation:

Cherry Cayabyab, WA Census Alliance

The 2020 U.S. Census will lay the foundation upon which some important decisions are made in our region over the coming years. For example, it will determine how much funding is available for critical services like health care and where our legislative district lines lie. It’s critical we count all residents, including those who are traditionally underrepresented. Come learn about the efforts to make sure everyone is counted.

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Outreach Co-Chair Karen Richter poses with a special guest during Burien Strawberry Days June 16th. Also with her are Carol Anne Mairs and Don Bennett from the 33rd LD.



PCO Committee Chair Nick Bonazza introduces two new PCOs, voted into office at the June meeting.

Laurence Redman (SEA 34-1469) is an active Democratic volunteer, having joined us after volunteering for the Obama campaign in 2012. He is originally from Canada.

Colleen Hinton is in precinct BUR 34-1150. She is an immigrant from South Africa, and is frustrated that people who can choose not to vote.

Vashon Strawberry Festival, July 19 - 21



Nothing says summer like the Vashon Strawberry Festival! Bring the family to Vashon's 110th Strawberry Festival. Beer garden and music stages open Friday evening with music and dancing through the weekend. There is a 10K/5K run and 5K walk Saturday morning, followed by a grand parade, classic car show, music, street dances, local artists & vendor booths, a beer garden, fun runs (and walks), and loads of children's activities. Avoid long ferry lines and detours by riding your bikes or catch a shuttle on to and from the ferry dock. (Check website for times)

Stop by the 34th DEMS booth on Saturday or Sunday where we'll be registering people to vote and talking about Democratic values.

To volunteer for a booth shift contact Nick Bonazza at pco@34dems.org

34th District Bulletin Board

Executive Board

Open to all of our members

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 18th Ave SW
Wednesday, July 17, 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

There will be no meetings for the months of July and August

Metropolitan Democratic Club

Please note new meeting place

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
911 Stewart St., Seattle 98101
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 12-1:30 pm

Burien Drinking Liberally

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.
Wednesday, July 24, 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, July 23, 7:00 pm

How to Argue for Single Payer Universal Health Care

Most of us know the basics of Medicare for All. Now, how do you effectively argue with those that are not convinced?

34th Democrat Martha Koester and member of PSARA will provide a wide range of examples.

Come to learn more at the

White Center Library

Thursday, July 11, 1pm



Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action
www.PSARA.ORG

July Debate Watch Parties

Pull up a chair to watch the 2020 Democratic Debates with a room full of like-minded democrats! The 34th is hosting a Debate Watch Party for both July debates. The debates will bring the crowded field of Democratic candidates to the battleground state of Michigan.

Tuesday, July 30th

at The Point (the Treehouse Room), located at 435 SW 152nd Street in Burien.

Wednesday, July 31st

at Arthur's, located at 2311 California Ave. SW in West Seattle.

Summer Parades — Let's Fill the Streets With Democrats!



West Seattle Grand Parade — Sat. July 20, 11am

March with other 34th Dems and our endorsed candidates at the largest parade in the 34th! Parade begins at SW Lander and California Ave SW and proceeds south on California to SW Edmunds. **Come at 10:30 and assemble with us along 44th Ave SW, south of Lander**

White Center Parade — Sat. July 21, 11am

Let's greet folks in White Center as we march in the Jubilee Days Parade! The parade route runs north on 16th Ave SW, starting at SW 112th St and ending at SW 100th St.

Assemble at 10:30 just north of SW 112 on 16th Ave.

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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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 August 2019 newsletter will be Thursday July 25, 2019.

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

In Case You Missed Our June Meeting...

Chair Gina Topp used her Chair's Report to inform us that we raised over \$17,000 from our June 1 fundraiser, thus meeting our goal. Gina gave thanks to Events Chair Jacqui Morris and Fundraiser Chair DeLancey Lane for their efforts in making the event happen on a tight, early in the year schedule.

We learned about the "Libraries for All", the 2019 Seattle Library renewal of the 2012 bond that restored key library services which suffered from cuts during the Great Recession. Mike McQuaide gave the presentation, a volunteer who made it a point to visit all library branches by bike...79 miles. This measure will cost the average homeowner \$7 a month, up from \$4. It will provide increased accessibility and keep existing libraries open. It will also go to improving collections and library and online technologies. McQuaide stressed the importance of libraries in binding our city, providing anchor points in our various neighborhoods. This levy will be Seattle Proposition 1 on the August 6 ballot.

We also heard about King County Proposition No. 1 – Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy. It too is a renewal. Christie True, KC Director of Natural Resources and Parks (and a Maury Island resident) reviewed it for us. The measure, which will also be on the Primary ballot, would replace the current levy that expires at the end of the year, generating an estimated \$810 million over six years, costing approximately \$7.60 per month for the owner of a home with an assessed property value of \$500,000. 39% will go to maintain existing parks and trails. 24% to cities for such as Seattle's Woodland Park

Zoo and Aquarium. The balance would go to regional trails and connections, and to open space acquisition, to help save the "Last Best" places in the county.

Both levies were endorsed later in the meeting.

We approved a district budget presented by Treasurer Ben Reilly. It includes set asides of 10K for potential legal fees that could



Fred Felleman received our endorsement for re-election Port of Seattle Commissioner.

arise from our ongoing case involving a Right Wing PDC troll attacking Democratic organizations, and 20K contingency fund for our 2020 LD caucus obligations.

Candidate Endorsements

Joe McDermott was endorsed by acclamation for re-election to his 8th District seat on the King County Council.

Then we considered Burien City Council candidates. Cydney Moore, running for Burien City Council Position 2, was nominated but found ineligible for our consideration. While a progressive, she chose not to pledge as a Democrat. Omaha Sternberg and Kevin Schilling were both nominated for Position 4. Sternberg is well-known to many in the 34th as the former chair of the 33rd District Democrats, and was a participant in our May forum, but the endorsement went to Schilling, who claims membership in the 34th as his first of any LD organization. Our current 2nd Vice Chair, Sofia Aragon, was endorsed in her run for Position 6.

Port of Seattle candidates were next up for consideration. Two candidates for the open Position 2 were present. Nina Martinez was nominated, and Burien Mayor Jimmy Matta spoke to her candidacy. Sam Cho was nominated, and Joe Nguyen spoke on his behalf. Neither had appeared before us prior the June meeting and there were a few “no endorsement” votes that pushed us to a second ballot, which was won by Cho. Fred Felleman, who had been our endorsee previously, was endorsed again for Position 5.

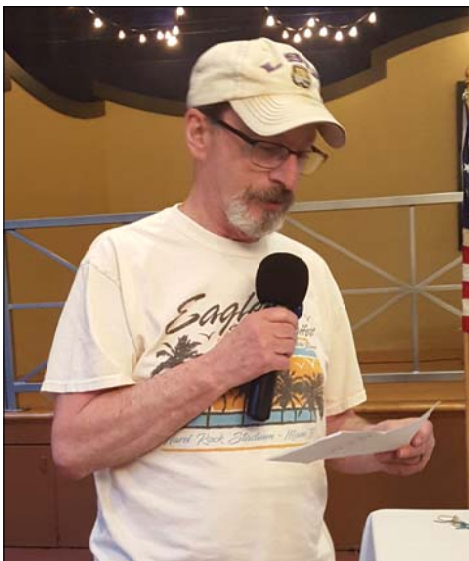
Then we made an endorsement for Seattle City Council District 1. Lisa Herbold was nominated for re-election, along with Phil Tavel and Brendan Kolder. Councilmember Lorena Gonzales and Joe Nguyen each spoke in favor for Herbold, while Jordan Crawley spoke against. Tavel spoke for himself followed by Nick Bonazza against, then Pete Spalding in favor with Tana Yasu opposing. Branden Kolding spoke on his own behalf. Herbold easily won our endorsement with a vote of 73%.

An agenda change earlier in the meeting allowed us to consider Seattle Public School Board Position 6 endorsements. Current officeholder and School Board President Leslie Harris was unable to show up until after we were to adjourn, so she spoke to us via a pre-recorded video. Another candidate, Molly Mitchell also was not present, but her nominator spoke for her. Harris won our endorsement with 68%.

We gained two new PCOs. Laurence Redman will be serving in SEA 34-1469, and Colleen Hinton is in BUR 34-1150. Both are immigrants to the US: Laurence is originally from Canada, and Colleen comes to us from Republic of South Africa.



State Senator Joe Nguyen rises to speak in favor of Lisa Herbold.



Pete Spalding speaks on behalf of Phil Tavel for Seattle City Council.



Tana Yasu speaks in favor of Lisa Herbold, and maintaining women in office.



Kevin Schilling was endorsed for Burien City Council Position 4.

Resolution in Support of the New Green Deal for Seattle

Whereas, a preponderance of scientists working in climate related fields agree that climate change is accelerating at an alarming rate; and

Whereas, those same scientists agree that much of that acceleration is due to human activity; and

Whereas, the proposed Green New Deal for Seattle calls for legislation to eliminate climate pollution from Seattle by 2030; and

Whereas, the proposed Green New Deal for Seattle calls for legislation to boost our local economy; and

Whereas, the proposed Green New Deal for Seattle calls for legislation to address long standing, historical environmental and economic injustices in Seattle; and

Whereas, the proposed Green New Deal for Seattle offers some broad ideas on how to fund the implementation of these new programs; and

Whereas, given the current political climate in Washington, D. C., we need to act locally as it seems unlikely there will be any national Green New Deal anytime soon; and

Whereas, this proposed Green New Deal for Seattle offers a glimmer of hope with a path forward;

Whereas, because there is not yet an official campaign and there is not yet any specific legislation, this resolution does NOT imply an endorsement of any kind. It simply offers support for the concept and asks our legislators at every level to begin drafting any legislation needed to implement these ideas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the 34th District Democrats support the call to action for the Green New Deal for Seattle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 34th District Democrats encourage our membership to sign the petition supporting the Green New Deal for Seattle and encourages them to ask friends and neighbors to sign it too; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the 34th District Democrats call on our elected representatives at the city, county, state and federal levels to draft and pass any and all legislation needed to implement these proposals.

Submitted by Les Treall

Information about the proposed Green New Deal for Seattle can be found here: <https://seattlegnd.org/>

Petition for a Green New Deal for Seattle

<https://seattlegnd.org/#petition>

Dear Mayor Durkan and Seattle City Council Members,

Climate change threatens everything we love. Here in Seattle, heat waves have become the new normal, wildfire smoke chokes our summer skies, and our salmon and orcas are dying. These impacts are multiplied the world over, as rapidly increasing numbers of people and ecosystems are threatened by rising sea levels, deadly storms, drought and famine.

Despite its commitments to climate action, Seattle's climate pollution has been rising in recent years.¹ We can no longer respond to the climate emergency with incremental measures, or empty words. The climate crisis urgently necessitates an all-hands-on-deck mobilization.

We, the undersigned, call for the creation of a transformative Green New Deal for Seattle that will eliminate our city's climate pollution by 2030, address historical and current injustices, and create thousands of good, green, well-paying, unionized jobs.

Resolution Rejecting Hate Speech

Whereas the Democratic Party consists of a diverse set of people who must promote a truly representative Party, open to all who support its principles; and

Whereas the 34th Legislative District Democrats (34th Dems) are committed to maintaining a welcoming, safe, and hate-free environment where all are comfortable, and ask all members join in efforts to ensure inclusion and equity; and

Whereas, in the interest of fostering an open and welcoming environment, all members are expected to make participation in Democratic organizations a harassment-free experience for everyone; and

Whereas bigoted, discriminatory, oppressive, or otherwise offensive language is divisive, harmful, and destructive; and

Whereas bigotry, discrimination, and oppression threaten our democracy and have no place in American political discourse; and

Whereas the 34th Dems define hate speech as “speech that offends, threatens, or insults groups, based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, or other traits”; and

Whereas the purpose of hate speech is to induce fear or intimidate those targeted so as to exclude them from a space or suppress their voice in disagreement; and

Whereas disagreement occurs naturally throughout the democratic process and does not justify nor excuse the use of hate speech; and

Whereas the 34th Dems strongly encourage members and visitors to call out violations and deterioration of a welcoming, safe, and hate-free environment – especially perceived or actual verbal or physical attack; and

Whereas the use of hate speech represents the antithesis of promoting representation, promoting a harassment-free experience for everyone, positive politics, and respect – thereby violating the Code of Conduct of the 34th Dems, King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC), Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC), and the Democratic Party; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the 34th District Democrats:

1. Denounce and discourage bigotry, discrimination, oppression, and suppression; and
2. Reject attempts to justify bigotry, discrimination, oppression, or suppression as acceptable expressions of anger, frustration, or disapproval; and
3. Encourage and support all members and visitors to speak up when violations and deterioration of the values expressed in this resolution occur; and

August 6 Primary Endorsements

King County

Council District 8 – **Joe McDermott**

City of Burien

Council Position 4 – **Kevin Schilling**

Council Position 6 – **Sophia Aragon**

Port of Seattle

Commissioner, Position 2 – **Sam Cho**

Commissioner, Position 5 – **Fred Felleman**

Ballot Measures

Seattle Libraries Levy – **Pass**

King County Proposition 1, Parks Levy – **Pass**

City of Seattle

Council District 1 – **Lisa Herbold**

School Board District 6 – **Leslie Harris**



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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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