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**Chair's Message...**

Have you voted yet? If you haven't, go get your ballot RIGHT NOW. Ballots are due November 5th and no postage is required. If you're voting after November 1st, to ensure it is counted in time, consider dropping your completed ballot at a USPS mailbox or King County Dropbox.

Our meeting on November 13th will be a Legislative Town Hall with Senator Joe Nguyen, Representative Eileen Cody, and Representative Joe Fitzgibbon! This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends who are passionate about learning what our state legislators are working on and ask questions about the issues they're passionate about. Find out how to submit or ask questions here, and share the Facebook event with your networks.

In December, our Annual Holiday Party will take the place of our regular meeting. We will deck the halls, have delicious food and drink (please bring a dish to share!), decorate cookies, and celebrate all the work we put in to elect Democrats this year. We will not have a formal meeting structure, but we will announce our Annual Awards.

Speaking of the Annual Awards...do you know someone who has made outstanding contributions to the 34th this year, a PCO who has gone above and beyond, or an elected official whose advocacy has inspired you? Nominate them for the 34th Democrats Annual Awards, to be announced at our holiday party on December 11th. See page 7 to read more about the awards and make nominations. Nominations are due by November 19th.

I hope to see you at our Town Hall on November 13th!

Gina Topp  
Chair, 34th District Democrats

**Wednesday, November 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

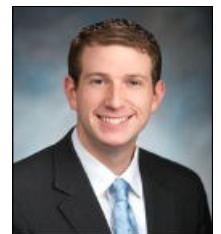
**Review and Approval of the Minutes and Agenda**

Approval of the Minutes

Adoption of the Agenda

**7:20 Legislative Town Hall**

The 34th District Democrats invite you and our state legislators to a Town Hall on Wednesday, November 13th at 7pm. This is your opportunity to speak directly to your elected officials about issues important to you and our community. Concerned about education, climate, healthcare or transportation? Is affordable housing or homelessness your hot topic? Do you advocate for economic or social justice? Join us for this interactive event! Submit questions here for Senator Joe Nguyen, Representative Eileen Cody and Representative Joe Fitzgibbon.



**8:35** Good of the Order

**9:00** Adjourn to Locöl Barley & Vine -  
7902 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126

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# KCDCC Meeting - October 22, 2019

Julie Wise, King Co Elections Director, was the guest speaker.

## Additional Endorsements

- Lake Forest Park City Council - Catherine Stanford
- Woodinville City Council - Paul Hagen

Shoreline City Council

- Betsy Robertson - pos 6
- Doris McConnell - pos 4



## Committee reports and updates

Policy and Programming - SeaTac candidate canvass and ballot party no I-976 and yes I-1000

Outreach - Bob Ferguson Luncheon upcoming

Infrastructure - 23 new election observers trained

King Co no longer part of the delegate selection process for 2020, BUT will be running platform. Policy and Programming committee will fold into this process. Brian Gunn and Sharon Mast will advise this effort.

Legislative Action Committee Identified issues to pursue in Olympia:

- Capital Gains Tax
- Voter Database Parity
- Public Lands Stewardship
- Comprehensive Sex Education
- End the "Period Tax"
- Restore Voting Rights for Incarcerated Persons
- Banning for-profit prisons
- State Bank
- Zero-emissions
- Reforming the Commission on Redistricting

Communications Committee presented a video supporting endorsed SeaTac Candidates and showed the KCDCC GOTV advertising in ethnic media outlets

Budget Committee reports that the King Co. Dems have a current of \$27,263

*Submitted by Max Brown, KC Committeeman*



34th District State Senator Joe Nguyen hosted State Attorney General Bob Ferguson on Saturday afternoon, September 28. The half-hour discussion was a fundraiser for Joe, during which he interviewed Ferguson, questioning him on the attorney general's dozens of lawsuits against the Trump Administration.

# 34th District Bulletin Board

## Executive Board

Open to all of our members

Carla Rogers' Home (This month only)  
11000 35th Ave SW (at SW 110th)  
Wednesday, November 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  
Tuesday, November 12, 12pm

### Metropolitan Democratic Club

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.

Meetings for November & December  
are being combined:

Wednesday, December 4, 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

There will be no meeting for November  
due to Thanksgiving Week.



Congratulations to  
our Events Chair  
Jacqui, and  
husband Wes  
Morris, (who  
provides the audio  
for our meetings)

on the birth of their son, Dylan,  
born just a week prior to our  
October meeting!



## Dow Constantine's Annual 39th Birthday Party

Tuesday, November 12th 2019, 5:30 PM  
Kells Irish Pub, 1916 Post Alley

### RSVP and Tickets at:

<https://app.fastercampaigns.com/Dow-Constantine's-Annual-39th-Birthday-Party/>

or call (206) 328-2969 to reserve your spot.

An event that may be of interest...

## Another World is Possible!

WTO+20 and the Justice Movements of Today



“ Today in Seattle and around the world, social movements are taking to the streets, striking, locking down, and engaging in multiple forms of direct action. These tactics build collective power to transform the intersecting crises of our times into opportunities for equity, healing, and sustainability. In 1919 over 65,000 workers held their labor during the Seattle General Strike. In 1999 over 50,000 people took to the streets of Seattle and shut down the World Trade Organization's conference.

Now 20 years later we gather to honor this history, and the power of non-violent direct action, through story-telling, trainings, and movement-building workshops, to make another world possible. Activists who were part of the mobilization share stories and lessons learned from the people's movement which made history by successfully preventing the WTO—one of capitalism's most powerful global institutions—from further consolidating its power. Hear from leaders of today's movements for justice, from Washington farmworkers to global alliances. Join the WTO+20 gathering for hands-on direct action training, arts workshops, story-telling, and opportunities to plug into local organizing. ”

Presented by

Town Hall Seattle, Community Alliance for Global Justice,  
and UFCW 21

**Saturday, November 30, 2019, 10:00AM**

Event is Free...Register here:

<https://www.strangertickets.com/events/100825972/another-world-is-possible-wto20-and-the-justice-movements-of-today>

## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

### Senator

#### Joe Nguyen

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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

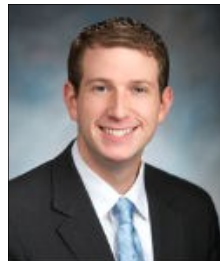
303 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504  
(360) 786 - 7978



### Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

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

305 John L. O'Brien Building  
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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 December newsletter will be Thursday November 28, 2019.**

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

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



Chair Gina Topp urges us to canvass.

In her Chair's Message **Gina Topp** asked: How are you going to spend the next 26 days before the election?" She had just been to Pramila Jayapal's Town Hall on Vashon and found it inspiring and encouraging to hear of the systematic process of the impeachment actions that are under way. Jayapal noted what

Speaker Pelosi emphasizes at every House Democratic Caucus meeting: "It is our responsibility to save the Republic." Gina urges us to follow suit here in the 34th in the next 26 days leading up to the election. "Sample Ballots" were on hand for PCO's and others to use for doorbelling.

**Ann Martin** and **Chris Porter** gave us the highlights from the state party meeting in Yakima on September 27 and 28. Ann attended the Rules Committee meeting. Chris is the co-chair of the Affirmative Action Committee.

There was discussion was about whether to allow proxy votes at the LD caucuses, but it was decided that would be too chaotic. There was also a great deal of discussion centered on bylaw changes as to the clarification of rights of the various "Constituency Caucuses" within the state party (currently there are about 13). There has been nothing in the bylaws laying out what these subgroups could do, such as to pass resolutions, etc. An initial amendment was passed, and more discussion is anticipated to provide more definition. There was also some training for the LD Caucuses. It is estimated attendance will be four times an LD's membership plus the PCOs. The state will issue materials for formal caucus planning on February 1.

Chris was involved in a Code of Conduct discussion. He also said that the party is starting to work on the outreach plans for the caucuses to achieve diversity of delegations at the State and National Conventions that will fit into the requirements of the DNC.

The program addressed the global climate crisis. **Alec Connon** from 350 Seattle provided an engaging presentation about global warming and the problems that we'll encounter if we do not act.

Scientists can trace the temperature of the planet from 450,000 years. Prior to industrialization in the 18th Century CO2 in the atmosphere ranged around 280 parts per million, now



Alec Connon from Seattle 350

with humankind's use of fossil fuels, we're at 415 ppm. 350 Seattle is part of the worldwide group 350.org. The number 350 represents the upper ppm level of CO2 level needed to preserve a livable planet. Although it's not currently the case, the US is historically responsible for 33% of CO2. Thus, we must be leaders in controlling climate change.

Before Alec gave his PowerPoint presentation we discussed briefly in a one-on-one exercise with others about why we individually care about climate change. After presenting a few those concerns to the body, we were asked what we have done personally to combat climate change.



*Wendy Noble speaks in favor of the Vashon-Maury Hospital District*

Climate change is a scary subject and can be hard to talk about. But Alec presented some recent hopeful developments. Within the past 12 months, the juxtaposition of two photos: A 15 year old Greta Thunberg in September 2018 sitting by herself with her "skolstrejk för klimatet" (School Strike for Climate) sign in front of the Swedish Parliament, then a year later a photo of Greta in New York City along with 250,000 others climate strikers, while 7.6 million others participated in demonstrations around the world. And 12 months ago, no one had heard of the student-led Sunrise Movement, the New Green Deal, or the Extinction Rebellion founded in Great Briton.

We continued our endorsements for the November 5th election by taking positions on two state-wide measures, and two measures affecting the 34th district.

**Dow Constantine** spoke out against I-976 mandating \$30 car tabs, and the potential damage it would do to our current and future transportation infrastructure as it would strip away voter approved tax funding in King County and across the state. It would also put in jeopardy regional Sound Transit funding.

**Ann Martin** spoke in favor of R-88. A YES vote would keep in force I-1000, a signature gathering effort to allow for affirmative action efforts to be used in government hiring and procurement. it was codified into law by the state legislature. It wound up on the ballot as a referendum due to a challenge.

There are two Vashon ballot measures we were asked to support. We endorsed the creation of a Vashon-Maury Hospital District. **Wendy Noble** laid out the reason we should support it: Health care organizations are not interested in operating on Vashon unless the island has a public hospital district, forcing residents to go to Seattle or Tacoma for their medical needs.

Membership also approved the endorsement Proposition 1 regarding the Vashon-Maury Island Park and Recreation District. This is the second attempt this year to pass an extension of the existing levy funded by property taxes.

**Cydney Moore**, an unaffiliated 33rd Progressive and candidate for a Burien City Council seat. Our PCO Chair Nick Bonazza moved to allow her to speak at the beginning of the meeting. He listed the endorsements she has received including Burien Mayor Jimmy Matta, Councilmember Krystal Marx and Sen. Joe Nguyen. Due to our Bylaws, we could not endorse her, as she does not identify as a Democrat. Moore has worked for progressive causes, and is a lead organizer for ACLU Burien People Power. She is also on the board of the Burien Arts Association. Board. She portrayed herself as a stark contrast to her conservative opponent Joel Manning.

*Meeting Photos by Jon Shields*

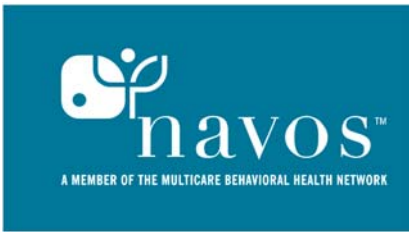


*Members Linda Bonazza and Laurence Redman*



*Layne Bautista and Joy Pakulak participate in the one-on-one climate discussion exercise.*

## Bring a Gift Card to Our December Holiday Party Giving Tree



Joy Pakulak will again lead our effort to support the Navos Holiday Drive. Pick up a card at our November meeting/Town Hall and support Navos' clients by donating a gift card in a value that is personal and meaningful to you.

**Cards from Target, grocery stores and VISA are requested. Bring the donation back to our December holiday party.**

Navos' Holiday Drive supports our Emergent Needs Fund. At Navos, 90% of the clients they serve are low-income or even homeless. In many cases, their clients do not have the means to meet their basic needs, so Navos helps to support them by collecting gift cards that they can use to purchase necessary items, such as diapers, hygiene items, clothes for a job interview, or food for a family that just had to move out of their home due to a domestic violence situation. This fund also helps support Navos' clients by providing items necessary to reaching their treatment plan goals, as well as bus tickets so that clients can get to and from their scheduled appointments. The Emergent Needs Fund covers a wide range of needs, allowing Navos to help provide our clients whatever they may need to help them reach recovery, from rain ponchos for our homeless clients to weighted blankets to help soothe anxiety for the kids in their Youth Residential Treatment Program.....<https://www.navos.org>

### Edward Heavey, 1928 - 2019



Bruce Stotler brings news of the passing of a former member of the 34th Democrats, Ed Heavey. Ed passed away September 27th from complications after a medical procedure. He was 90 years old. Ed was born in Chicago Illinois on October 13, 1928. Ed became a lawyer in 1961 and was a Democratic Caucus Attorney for the Washington State Legislature in 1963 and 1965. He later was elected twice to the Washington House of Representatives from the 31st LD. When the King County Charter was enacted, Ed ran for one of the 9 new positions and was elected to two terms in District 8. Ed also served as a King County Superior Judge. After he retired, he established a mediation practice. While in public office, Ed was always a champion of workers' rights and protecting indigent people in the legal process.



#### **The last work party on the 34th's adopted street.**

*On the left, Ted Barker tidies up our sign, photographed by Karen Richter.*

*The work crew: Melinda Grant, Laurence Redman, Karen Richter, Steve Butts, Jeff Sbaih, Heather Barker, Bob Farrell and Bruce Bergman. Not pictured: Jeanne Merritt and Paul Muldoon. Photo by Ted Barker.*

## Wanted: Nominations For 2019 Recognition Awards

Do you know someone who has made outstanding contributions to the 34th this year, a PCO who has gone above and beyond, or an elected official whose advocacy has inspired you? Nominate them for the 34th Democrats Annual Awards, to be announced at our holiday party on December 11th. **Nominations are due by November 19.**

### The Categories are:

**Cherise Luxa Lifetime Achievement** - Awarded to an individual who's made a tremendous contribution to the 34th over the course of a lifetime.

**E-Board Member of the Year** - Awarded to an Executive Board member who's made an outstanding contribution to the 34th over the past year.

**Committee of the Year** - awarded to a Committee that's made an outstanding contribution to the 34th over the past year.

**Rising Star** - Awarded to an individual with lots of potential to contribute to the 34th and beyond.

**PCO of the Year** - Awarded to a PCO who's been an exemplary PCO over the past year.

**Elected Official of the Year** - Awarded to an elected official who's made a tremendous contribution to the 34th and beyond over the past year.

Read more about the awards and make nominations here: <http://bit.ly/34demsawards>



**New PCOs!** On the left is Obol Wako, who has been appointed to lead his precinct BUR 34-1058. To the right is Estey Chen, who will be acting PCO in Bur 34-0489. Photos by Jon Shields.

## 2019 General Election Endorsements

### King County

Council District 8 - Joe McDermott

### City Of Burien

Council Position 4 - Kevin Schilling

Council Position 6 - Sofia Aragon

### Port Of Seattle

Commissioner Position 2 - Sam Cho

Commissioner Position 5 - Fred Felleman

### Ballot Initiatives

Referendum R-88/I-1000 - APPROVE

Initiative I-976 - NO

### Vashon Ballot Initiatives

Vashon-Maury Hospital District - SUPPORT

Vashon Parks Levy - SUPPORT

### City Of Seattle

Council District 1 - Lisa Herbold

### Seattle Public Schools

School Board District 1 - Eric Blumhagen

School Board District 3 - Rebeca Muniz

School Board District 6 - Leslie Harris

### Highline School District

Director District 1 - Aaron Garcia



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