



***Hello Fellow Democrats-***

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you today to provide notification that both our April 8, 2020 Membership Meeting and our April 26, 2020 Caucus are canceled.

The 34th District Democrats are doing what we can to continue to plan for events that will happen later this year. While our caucus has been cancelled, we are working with the Washington State Democratic Party on a new delegate selection process- please stay tuned. Our work must continue if we want to be successful in November. And we MUST be successful in November electing a president who can lead us through this unprecedented moment in history.

This unprecedented time also demonstrates the critical work done by our local governments and the state. While our local governments and the state are working hard to contain the spread of COVID-19, we cannot succeed without the help of every single person in our community. The best way that you can help is to comply with the rules – and continue to support the local businesses and arts organizations, when you are able.

As always, I encourage you to look to our local public health professionals for the best, most accurate information. The hardworking folks at Public Health - Seattle & King County are working 24/7 to react to a rapidly changing situation. There's lots of information on their website, which you can find here: [kingcounty.gov/covid](http://kingcounty.gov/covid)

And finally, I want to extend my gratitude to all the healthcare workers, grocery store clerks, transit operators, custodial staff, childcare providers, and so many more who are helping us through this crisis. Thank you for all that you do.

And thanks to you, friend, for everything that you're doing in this tumultuous time. We're going to navigate this most difficult of times together. If you need anything, even if it is just someone to chat with, please reach out.

Stay healthy-

***Gina Topp***

Chair, 34th District Democrats

**Please Note:**

**The membership meeting  
scheduled for April 8, 2020  
has been cancelled**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic

**In accordance with  
Governor Inslee's  
"Stay at Home" request, this is  
an online issue only.**

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## Seattle University Names Senator Joe Nguyen 2020 Alumnus of the Year

“A beacon of hope and a voice for his community and district, Joseph Nguyen, '06, is the first person of color to win a senate seat in Washington state's 34th District, the district where he grew up. The son of Vietnamese refugees, he is also the first Vietnamese American state senator.

A legislative newcomer albeit a deeply committed servant-leader focused on issues of social justice, Senator Nguyen credits his connection to the community for his landslide win in 2019. He is determined to use his platform to elevate voices and ideas that have, in the past, been left out of the conversation.

“Where Joe is, he leads,” says Mike Gilmore, '06. “He does so with humor, honesty, frankness and fairness. I am genuinely optimistic about the future of our democracy knowing that people like Joe are helping to modernize the republic.”

A finance and humanities major, Nguyen was fortunate to land a job in his field after graduation. He worked at an investment bank, putting in many long hours and gaining valuable experience. But he didn't find the work satisfying. A transformative encounter came during a solemn family trip to Vietnam for Nguyen's father's funeral.

“There were things in my professional life I was really stressed about, then I went to a third world country where people sat on a dirt floor and had no money, but were generous beyond belief,” he says. “It made me realize I didn't have to live the life I was living to be happy. So I went back to Seattle and quit my bank job.”

Nguyen did continue a successful career, rising in the finance and tech sectors to his current role as senior program manager at Microsoft. However, he never again allowed his job to overshadow what is most important to him.

“My professional life no longer defines me as a person,” says Nguyen. “It's become more a means to an end and that end is serving the community.”

This commitment to service led Nguyen to serve on the Wellspring Family Services Board of Directors, working on issues of family homelessness. In 2017, he joined the Community Advisory Committee for Law Enforcement Oversight following the fatal shooting of an unarmed Asian student by a King County Sheriff's deputy. This experience convinced him the people of the 34th District needed deeper representation and prompted his decision to run for office.

“Joe won his senate seat by being smart, dedicated and relentless in meeting his future constituents,” says friend DJ Weidner, '07, president-elect of the Alumni Board of Governors. “The district and state are better served for it. I can think of no better example of servant-leadership.”

Text and Photo from Seattle University



# How the Washington State Democrats are Responding to the COVID-19 Outbreak

**In order to do our part to protect the health and safety of all Washingtonians, the Washington State Democratic Party has shifted to entirely remote programming through May 30th:**

- **Legislative District Caucuses:** The Legislative District caucuses are selecting delegates to the Congressional District (CD) Caucuses and the state convention, as has been the case in the past. The process has changed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, which requires voting electronically rather than a gathering of voters. Emergency procedures have been adopted to facilitate this change resulting in the voting pool being limited to elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) in place prior to March 16, 2020.

Individuals wishing to run for delegate must nominate themselves at the state party website. 34th Legislative District registration is at [34th LD Nominations](#). **The online self nomination must be received by April 24.** Voting by PCOs will take place between April 26 and May 4. Digital ballots will be sent to elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers in each Legislative District to vote for their LD delegates. Delegates elected at the Legislative District level are the Congressional District delegates who will vote for national delegates and attend the State Convention where they will be voting on the state platform. As has always been the case, each presidential campaign retains the right of refusal over any person elected to serve as delegate pledged to their campaign.

- **National Delegate Candidates:** A separate process is set up for self-nomination of national delegate candidates. This self-nominating process is now open and is on-going until **5 pm on May 4**, when a letter of intent form (found at [www.waelectioncenter.com](http://www.waelectioncenter.com)) must be received by mail, fax or scanned pdf at the state Democrats office. Elections for national delegates will be held at the CD level, where LD delegates will vote on district national delegates, and at the state convention, where at-large delegates and alternates will be elected by state committee members.

The 2020 **Magnuson Awards Dinner** is postponed from May 9th to August 8th. The event will still be held at the Washington State Convention Center on the new date at 5pm. Any tickets purchased for the event will of course be honored.

Our organizing team is continuing with voter outreach, but shifting our tactics to meet voters where they are for the duration of these public health countermeasures: online, on the phones, or from a safe physical distance. Our state party has been a national innovator in organizing techniques for years, and adapting to these ever changing circumstances is just the latest challenge we'll overcome.

The most important thing to remember is that this outbreak will end, and our work to build community and empower people to make their voices heard at the ballot box cannot slow down as we shift our voter outreach strategies to follow public health advisories.

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## Sign Up to become a 34th District E-Delegate!

**There will be no in-person component to the delegate selection process**, and as a result, this registration will constitute your self-nomination to run for delegate. After completing this registration, you will appear on the ballot and be voted on by the duly elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers of the 34th Legislative District.

**Here in the 34th LD, we will be electing 25 delegates for Bernie Sanders, 24 for Joe Biden, and 24 Alternates.**

These are direct Links to the [34th Legislative District](#) Caucus

[Click Here to Run For Delegate](#)

[Click Here to See Who is Already Running](#)



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### **2020 ELECTION HEADQUARTERS**

on our website. We are continually updating it throughout the Primary, and all the way to the Nov. 3rd General Election

<http://www.34dems.org/2020-election/>

## 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 May newsletter will be Friday May 1, 2020**

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

## Become a Part of the Virtual WA State Democrats 2020 Campaign!

As Governor Inslee has repeatedly reminded us, we all have a responsibility to slow the spread of COVID19 to keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed, keep our vulnerable friends and neighbors from being infected, and keep our social ties strong through this difficult time. We can all be a part of the fight against this pandemic.

**In order to do our part to protect the health and safety of all Washingtonians, the Washington State Democratic Party has shifted to entirely remote programming thru May 30th.**

We know that you're here as a committed volunteer and you are ready to help elect Democrats up and down the ballot in 2020! During this period of social distancing we are continuing the fight to work our best to elect Democrats all across the state of Washington. Join us as we work to Get Out the Vote through our digital resources!

**You can still talk to voters from the comfort of your home!**



**[Click here for a schedule of digital organizing opportunities — then sign up!](#)**

The Washington Democrats will be hosting virtual phone banks, virtual organizing academies and webinars. Once you have signed up for an organizing opportunity, check out the [step by step process](#) our 2020 Coordinated Campaign team provided to help you get started!

**Here are some tools to help you get started with being a digital organizer:**

**[Welcome Letter from the WA Dems 2020 Coordinated Campaign](#)**

**[How to Open a Virtual Phone Bank  
Script Training & Data Integrity](#)**

**[Click here for some helpful instructional videos on tools that we'll be using for digital organizing](#)**

## Our Lawmakers Make...Laws!

In spite of our nation's recent challenges, the work of governance in Washington State continues...and it helps that we now enjoy a Democratic "Trifecta". Here are some of the bills passed that have been set upon Governor Inslee's desk.

Special thanks to LAC Committee Chair **Jordan Crawley** for keeping track of many of these bills.

[Click here to see the online spreadsheet that Jordan has been maintaining as bills progress through the process](#)

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| <p><b>HB 1251</b> Security against breaches of election systems and data</p> <p><b>HB 1261</b> Restricts suction dredge mining, <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 1551</b> Blood borne pathogen controls, <b>Rep. Cody</b> Co-Sponsor</p> <p><b>HB 1608</b> Protecting patient care, <b>Rep. Cody</b> Co-Sponsor</p> <p><b>HB 1694</b> Allowing tenants to pay certain sums in installment payments <b>Rep. Cody</b></p> <p><b>HB 1775</b> Concerning commercially sexually exploited children.</p> <p><b>HB 1847</b> Aircraft noise abatement</p> <p><b>HB 2248</b> Expanding access to benefits of renewable energy through community solar projects, <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2265</b> Eliminating exemptions from restrictions on the use of certain toxic substances in firefighting foam.</p> <p><b>HB 2277</b> Reducing youth solitary confinement, <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2311</b> Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2318</b> Advancing sexual assault investigations practices</p> <p><b>HB 2327</b> Addressing sexual misconduct at postsecondary educational institutions</p> <p><b>HB 2343</b> Increasing urban housing supply. <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2405</b> Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy, and Resiliency (C-PACER), <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2411</b> Preventing suicide <b>Rep. Cody</b></p> <p><b>HB 2419</b> Death with dignity barriers study <b>Rep. Cody</b></p> <p><b>HB 2455</b> Supporting access to child care for parents who are attending high school or working toward completion of a high school equivalency certificate</p> <p><b>HB 2457</b> Establishing a health care cost transparency board <b>Rep. Cody</b></p> <p><b>HB 2518</b> Natural Gas Transmission safety and efficiency <b>Reps. Cody and Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2525</b> Establishing the family connections program</p> <p><b>HB 2535</b> Providing for a grace period before late fees may be imposed for past due rent</p> <p><b>HB 2555</b> Concerning background check requirements for firearms classified as other under federal firearms laws</p> <p><b>HB 2556</b> Providing regulatory relief for early learning providers</p> <p><b>HB 2567</b> Stops ICE making warrantless arrests as people come and go from court</p> <p><b>HB 2589</b> Requiring contact information for suicide prevention and crisis intervention organizations on student and staff identification cards</p> <p><b>HB 2602</b> Concerning hair discrimination</p> <p><b>HB 2607</b> Assisting homeless individuals in obtaining Washington state identification cards</p> <p><b>HB 2614</b> Concerning paid family and medical leave</p> <p><b>HB 2619</b> Increasing early learning access through licensing, eligibility, and rate improvements</p> <p><b>HB 2576</b> Private detention facilities <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2662</b> Reducing insulin cost <b>Rep. Cody</b></p> <p><b>HB 2711</b> Increasing equitable educational outcomes for foster care and homeless children and youth from prekindergarten to postsecondary education</p> <p><b>HB 2713</b> Encouraging compost use <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2722</b> Minimum recycled content requirements <b>Rep. Fitzgibbon</b></p> <p><b>HB 2811</b> Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program</p> | <p><b>HB 2965</b> Concerning the state's response to the novel coronavirus <b>Rep. Cody</b></p> <p><b>SB 5164</b> Providing public assistance to certain victims of human trafficking <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 5165</b> Discrimination based on citizenship / immigration <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 5323</b> Reducing us of Plastic Bags</p> <p><b>SB 5395</b> Mandatory COMPREHENSIVE sex ed in schools (includes instruction on affirmative sexual consent) <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 5434</b> Restricting weapon possession in certain locations <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 5601</b> Health care benefit management</p> <p><b>SB 5720</b> Involuntary treatment act</p> <p><b>SB 5811</b> Clean car standards (Zero Emission Vehicles) <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 5867</b> Resentencing of persons convicted of drug offenses <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 5947</b> Establishing a Sustainable Farms and Fields grant program</p> <p><b>SB 5976</b> Concerning the access to baby and child dentistry program for children with disabilities</p> <p><b>SB 6086</b> Increasing access to medications for opioid use disorder <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 6128</b> Extends Medicaid benefits to new moms for one-year post-partum, <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 6141</b> Expanding access to higher education</p> <p><b>SB 6158</b> Model sexual assault protocols for hospitals</p> <p><b>SB 6190</b> Preserving the developmental disabilities community trust</p> <p><b>SB 6208</b> Increasing mobility through the modification of stop sign requirements for bicyclists</p> <p><b>SB 6211</b> Concerning drug offender sentencing <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 6212</b> Concerning the authority of counties, cities, and towns to exceed statutory property tax limitations for the purpose of financing affordable housing for very low-income households and low-income households <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 6263</b> Creating a model educational data sharing agreement between school districts and tribes <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 6288</b> Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 6323</b> Increasing opportunities for young voters <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 6429</b> Providing a designation on a driver's license or identification card that a person has a developmental disability</p> <p><b>SB 6430</b> Statewide industrial waste coordination program</p> <p><b>SB 6561</b> Creating the undocumented student support loan program <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> <p><b>SB 6617</b> Accessory Dwelling Units</p> <p><b>SB 6623</b> Reducing host home funding restrictions <b>Sen. Nguyen</b></p> |
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Find out more information about any of these bills, go to the Washington State Bill Information page and search by Bill Number. Scroll down to see the actual text of the bill listed in the Available Document section.

[\*\*https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/\*\*](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/)

## Some Thoughts About Our Pandemic Situation From Rep. Pramila Jayapal

This is an incredibly difficult time for so many in our community, and I am so very grateful to all the public health workers, the teachers, the first responders, the garbage collectors, the government employees and so many more. I am also especially grateful to my own district and DC staff team, who have been unbelievably compassionate, dedicated problem solvers, listening to our constituents who call in with issues and anxieties and doing all they can to help—despite their own stresses of personal situations and challenges. They are truly amazing.

This crisis is showcasing what happens when we disinvest in basic government infrastructure, including public health or education; when we have allowed profits and greed to take over entire systems, including health care; when we have structures that have institutionalized racism and left so many behind. Perhaps most of all, it showcases the problems with a me-first instead of a we-first society, a society that has failed to recognize how deeply interconnected we are and that our lopsided systems that favor the wealthiest also hurt everyone. The hard thing is that it is going to get worse before it gets better, and we need to prepare for that.

But it also is a moment where we get to reclaim the best of who we are as human beings and to radically rethink what society should look like. As we practice physical distancing (I prefer that term to social distancing) and work to weather this time of crisis, take time to take care of yourself and each other. Go for walks.

Meditate and bring back awareness to this present moment. Seek joy in small things. Go into the street or on your porch, turn up the music or sing and dance like we are seeing in Italy—maybe others will join you (with appropriate distance, of course). Preserve meaningful contact: Use FaceTime or other video methods to look at people instead

of just talking on the phone. Reach out to your elderly neighbors or pregnant women or new moms and dads or those with disabilities and see if they need grocery drops or other assistance. Share what you have; there is probably always someone who has less. Breathe in generosity, love and abundance, and breathe out anxiety, fear and scarcity. Tell the people you love that you love them and watch it fill you up as well. Seek mental health counseling without any shame.

Ask for help of any kind if you need it. Thank the service workers and artists and mail delivery people and all the immigrants and other unseen workers who keep things going. Suspend judgments and blaming. Practice compassion—for yourself and others.

This is a chance to be who we genuinely are as human beings, to recognize that our personal actions affect everyone and our lives are inextricably intertwined. This is a chance to see light where there is dark; to see strength emerging in this very moment of crisis. We are strong and resilient. We will weather this together, with open hearts and all the sadnesses and joys that those open hearts allow us to feel. Sending out love and justice to everyone.

*Reprinted with permission from a Facebook post by Rep. Jayapal*



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## Senator Nguyen: “Don’t Listen to Bad Ideas—Austerity Will Only Hurt Us More”

From his guest editorial in *The Stranger’s SLOG*

With our economy and sense of social normalcy completely upended to combat the spread of coronavirus, it was only a matter of time before we’d hear the calls for austerity. They come in well-messaged colloquialisms like “time to tighten our belts” and “we must trim the fat.” Many will join in. But just as we have to do everything we can to suppress the spread of coronavirus, we have to do everything we can to suppress the spread of bad, reactionary ideas that follow it.

Make no mistake—*austerity* measures are the exact opposite of what we should be doing. They will only perpetuate the economic contagion caused by this pandemic, and will hurt the people who need help the most.

Workers, families, and small businesses around the United States are already in free fall. While some will be caught by the safety net previous generations have fought to protect, many others still can’t see the bottom. A record 180,000 Washington workers filed for unemployment insurance last week alone. That’s a 41 percent increase over the already-staggering 128,000 claims filed the week before. Projections released by the Economic Policy Institute on April 1 estimated 449,000 Washingtonians would be out of work by July. Given that we’re not even through the first full week of April and already careening to meet that three-month projection, Washingtonians are rightly anxious that things will get worse.

Calls for austerity are profoundly misguided when we face such enormous uncertainty in our health, our economic future, and our personal lives. Not only do we need to protect and expand services to aid those in need because of this crash, but calling for austerity amidst an economic crisis that has seen thousands already lose their jobs betrays a lack of understanding around how our economy actually works. Our economy didn’t begin to crash because things got tough for the rich and corporations at the top. It crashed because consumer demand collapsed when millions of Americans lost their wages, which led to businesses making less money, which led to layoffs, and so the cycle continues. Austerity cuts will only accelerate the collapse of consumer demand, and with it, our economy....[Click to read more on the SLOG](#)

# The Atlantic Publishes a Letter to the Editor by Our Treasurer, Ben Reilly

## [Why Twitter May Be Ruinous for the Left](#)

Twitter exhibits a curiously tight grip on American culture, Robinson Meyer argued last month. Tweets are embedded in news stories, screencapped for Instagram, and quoted on TV shows and podcasts. The platform, however, can also misconstrue people's ideas and identities, he writes: "On Twitter, ideas are so commodified that to say something is simultaneously to amplify it. You're never 'just saying' on Twitter. You're always doing."

Ben's Response...

### Journalists Care Too Much About Twitter

Meyer prefaced his thesis by describing a Twitter dustup between supporters of Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders—and how a series of tweets can create a large-scale news story or debate online. It seems to me that the real heart of the article, however, comes in the fifth paragraph:

*"Twitter is especially loved by the press, and the unfortunate affinity that journalists and policy makers have for the social network means that—as with politics itself—you may not care about Twitter, but it cares about you, especially if you've just done something embarrassing on national television."*

According to a 2019 analysis by Pew Research Center, 22 percent of adults in the U.S. use Twitter, but just 10 percent of those adults are responsible for 80 percent of tweets. Yet, as the article clearly lays out, Twitter exerts outsize power and influence on our public discourse.

Because journalists are hooked on Twitter, they often—no, constantly—write news stories about things that happen on the platform. Our biggest problem is this phenomenon: Something happens on Twitter; celebrities, politicians and journalists talk about it, and it's circulated to a wider audience by Twitter's algorithms; journalists write about the dustup. They often present the subject as a debate roiling

the country, when it's really just an argument taking place inside that journalist's Twitter feed. Regular people are left with a confused, agitated view of our current political discourse and in many cases of our fellow Americans.

Meyer's article is a fantastic example of this problem (to his credit, he makes this point in the article). I had never heard of any story about a #NeverWarren hashtag trending on Twitter until I read it. Meyer closes by saying, "You're never 'just saying' on Twitter. You're always doing." I think he's absolutely right. I think our news media desperately need to stop "doing."

know that making the argument that journalists should largely quit Twitter may sound drastic. But is it? In order for our republic to begin to heal, we are going to need our news agencies to stop engaging in the same destructive behaviors that put us here in the first place. The "democratic culture" is not at work on the platform, not really. Some people using it are having a good time and influencing each other. But the distorted, often ill-prepared arguments and political firestorms are generally not helpful or informative for the rest of us. If Twitter is ruinous for the Left, then chances are it's functionally ruinous for the whole country.

Benjamin M. Reilly

<https://bit.ly/ReillyLTE>

### Washington led the nation in voter turnout in March

— even as the epicenter of coronavirus — thanks to voting by mail. The president said this week he doesn't like the idea of voting this way, because too many people might vote, writes Danny Westneat in the Seattle Times.

<https://bit.ly/3aBJOxV>



### More Voting Participation for Youth

**SB 6313 (aka The VOTE Act)** is designed to increase opportunities for young voters. This bill will allow eligible 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the next special or general election to vote in the preceding primary election. The law takes effect June 11, 2020.

Had this rule been in place prior to our March 10 Presidential Primary, 17-year-olds would have been able to vote...just like they could participate in our Precinct Caucuses of years past. Co-sponsored by Senator Joe Nguyen.



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