



Fellow Democrats,

Down the home stretch we go!

Chair Gina Topp tells us that: “This Election will undeniably be remembered as one of the most pivotal in our lifetimes. The effort we put into the last remaining days before Election Day, will define us- not only now, but for generations to come. Let’s put in the relentless effort now to make a better tomorrow.”

GOTV!

Not voting this year is not an option, and we must encourage, coax, and even apply a little friendly pestering to make sure that every voter in the 34th LD turns in their ballot...as early as possible. Pressure will come to bear on this election if it is not decisive. Washington state will do its part...Let’s nail this thing down on November 3rd with a massive turnout. And remember: We here in the 34th Legislative District can help be that extra margin in close state-wide races...if we turn out.

Phone Bank!

Sign-up to phone bank...our most effective tool this year. Commit to phone bank one day each week until Election Day. We are calling here in the 34th every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday midday. Sign up with the coordinated campaign and call Sunday from 5 to 8. Sign up here to phone bank and for other actions:

bit.ly/gotvblue2020

Register [HERE](#) for our membership meeting on October 14 at 7:00pm (virtual potluck begins at 6:30pm). See the agenda below.

Now is the time to take action!

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October 14, 2020

Online Meeting Notice

You Must Register to Attend:

[Register Here](#)

6:30 pm - Virtual Potluck: Miss the opportunity to connect with other 34th members? Grab your favorite snack and beverage and log on to the meeting at 6:30pm for a chance to catch up with friends from the 34th and to ask questions about our endorsement process. The official meeting will start at 7:00pm.

7:00 pm - Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies -

- Land acknowledgment:
- General meeting statement
- Zoom logistics
- VIP Acknowledgements
- [Adoption of September Minutes](#)
- Adoption of October Agenda

7:20 pm - [GOTV Virtual Phone Banking](#)

7:30 pm - New PCO Appointments

7:40 pm - Endorsements

7:50 pm - Campaign Contributions

8:15 pm - 2021 Officer Elections

8:20 pm - Maury Island Update

8:25 pm - [Proposed Code of Conduct](#)

9:00 pm - Adjourn

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KCDCC Meeting Notes September 22, 2020

Seattle Port Commissioner Sam Cho spoke. He will be introducing an equity motion at the port next month to require a full scale assessment of how port practices and policies may be perpetuating inequities and to give opportunities to address them.

Hanna Floss described the Election Observers Program. KC Elections requests 2 observers from each party to provide external oversight, that has expanded to provide oversight at ballot pick up locations. Contact Hanna to get involved:

hanna.floss@gmail.com

Endorsements with Endorsement Committee recommendations went to

- Davina Duerr, State Rep, 1st LD, Pos. 1
- Lauren Davis, State Rep, 32nd LD, Pos. 2
- Joe Fitzgibbon, State Rep, 34th LD, Pos. 2



Endorsement Motions from the Floor

- Carolyn Ladd for Judge - No endorsement (did not reach threshold)
- David Hackney, 11th LD, House - endorsed
- Frank Chopp, 43rd LD, House - endorsed
- Seattle Prop 1, Harborview Bond - endorsed

King County Council Charter Amendments were presented by Councilmembers Rod Dembowski, Girmay Zahilay, Jeanne Kohl-Welles and were endorsed by acclamation. These amendments deal largely with law enforcement issues. They include:

- Amendment No. 1 would amend the County's inquest procedures and would require an inquest when a death occurs in a King County detention facility, and would guarantee representation for the families of a decedent.
- Amendment No. 4 would grant subpoena power to the King County Office of Law Enforcement Oversight
- Amendment No. 5 would restore selection of the Sheriff to an appointment and confirmation process.
- Amendment No. 6 would remove language that prevents alteration of Sheriff's office duties. For example, a person experiencing a mental health crisis may be better treated and resolved with a social worker response to a 911 call.

Other Amendments:

- Amendment No. 2 would conform the Charter to new state law which allows local governments to transfer surplus property for use in affordable housing projects at below market value...an important tool to bring more affordable housing online.
- Amendment No. 3 would change the word "citizen" to "resident" throughout the charter, except in the sections related to elections. All residents of the county, regardless of citizenship, would have the protections and rights afforded in the charter.
- Amendment No. 7 adds additional anti-discrimination protections for home caregivers and veterans, including those discharged on account of sexual preference or identity.

More information at: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/independent/charter-review-commission.aspx>

Submitted by Max Brown, KCDCC Committeeperson

Proposed Rules Change

The Bylaws & Rules Committee has proposed an amendment to the Rules of the Board which would allow for the organization of Policy Caucuses within the 34th Dems. These Caucuses would be made up of voting members and focus on policy research and advocacy related to the values and goals of our organization. A Google Form has been created for member comments. A link to the form can be found in the meeting call email and on our website, by clicking [HERE](#).

All Hands On Deck For Election 2020! Phone Bank with the 34th Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday!

Are you ready to help elect Democrats and win big in 2020? On the fence about phone banking and want to learn more?

[Sign up online](#) and one of our leads will contact you. Then join with other members online with Zoom and make calls together at a virtual phone bank. You'll get training, and you can ask questions and pick up tricks throughout the session.

Tuesday—Call into the 26 LD, our sister district

Thursday—Call to support Kim Schrier in the 8th CD

Saturday—Call voters in the 34th LD



We need to raise the public's awareness about the climate crisis. Cars on the road can be billboards on wheels.

Here's a new bumper sticker and car magnet. You can order them here:

<http://bit.ly/bright-sticker>

Thanks to Annie Phillips

Virtual NIGHT OF GIVING GALA *Presented by* SEATTLE CREDIT UNION

The 2020 Virtual Night of Giving Gala! October 10, 6pm

For nearly 40 years, Southwest Youth and Family Services has been providing critical services in significantly under-resourced communities of Southwest King County.

As systemic racial and economic inequities continue to create significant barriers to communities of color across the nation, SWYFS remains committed to seeing our diverse community of South King County thrive.

Our goal this year is to raise \$150,000. With your help, we can transform the lives of youth and families.

[Click Here to Register !](#)

6 p.m PST - Cocktail Hour Via Zoom (**Registration required to join Zoom meeting**)

7:00 p.m. PST - Live Stream Program on YouTube with Silent Auction, Raise the Paddle, Guest Speakers

If you are unable to attend but would still like to support the event, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to

Southwest Youth & Family Services at:

www.swyfs.org/

Join PSARA

(Puget Sound Advocates for retirement Action)
for a webinar:

After the 2020 Election: Demands for a Better Society

featuring Rep. Pramila Jayapal

speaking about the issues she looks forward to taking up in 2021 with a new Congress and under a new Administration. Also joining her to speak: **Larry Brown**, President of the Washington State Labor Council and **Alex Lawson**, Executive Director of Social Security Works

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 Noon, PDT

YOU MUST REGISTER....Just click [HERE](#)

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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 November newsletter will be Friday October 30, 2020

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or email to newsletter@34dems.org

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

In accordance with our new tradition, 2nd Vice Chair **Jesse Greene** greeted us as we came into the Zoom environment with a question. For September it was "What are you thankful for this summer?" **Krista Painter** and **Gina Topp** were enjoying their gardens and flowers. For **Earl Godt** it is the fresh fruit available. **Michael Parker** likes to be able to travel with his dog. **Neal Traven** is glad to have just turned 70, and for his first anniversary. **Bunny Hatcher** was thankful for "all the Bernie people" she met at the National Convention. **Rebecca Wells** is happy to see all the people waking up to racial issues. And **Max Brown** is pleased with the volunteers that are turning out.



Jesse Greene in his role as Hospitality Chair greets us as we log onto the meeting.

To begin the meeting, **Chris Porter** gave the Land Acknowledgement. He feels it is important to tie these moments to the historical events that formed our relationship to the land. He recounted a bit of the history of treaties,



Earl Godt

transgressions, and conflicts to help give context.

Supreme Court Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis addressed us while as a passenger in a car. She was appointed to the court by Gov. Inslee in December of

2019 and is now in a contested race for election. She is the first Native American justice on the WASC, and only the second of such heritage in the nation. She spoke to her 20 years as a

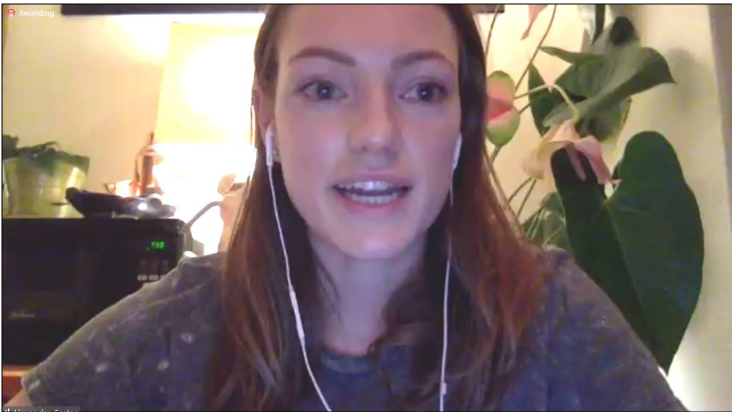
judge, which includes years as a tribal trial court judge and 5 years on the Whatcom County Superior Court. She has also been an instructor at Western WA University. Later in the meeting we voted to endorse her.

Sen. Joe Nguyen and Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon talked about races that could affect their respective legislative bodies.

Nguyen wants to bolster a modest majority in the Senate with one or two Democratic



Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis



Alexandra Carter is the newly assigned Coordinated Campaign Field Organizer for the 34th District.

members this year. Fitzgibbon said that low-frequency Republican voters turned out in big numbers...but Democrats did not. This reflects a right-ward shift in some districts, putting several incumbent Democrats in jeopardy. The Coordinated Campaign will be stressing these down-ballot races in November. We here in the 34th are continuing to contact voters in our adopted 26th LD. Joe chairs the house Democratic Campaign Committee and last fall he joined the board of the national Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. He thinks Democrats have a good chance of flipping the Michigan and Texas houses, and the Minnesota senate. We have adopted a couple of races in North Carolina. As we win these states it will be possible to unwind some of the gerrymandering that shuts out the voices of Democrats.

Max Brown reiterated the fact that low-propensity Democratic voters didn't turn out in August. "Voting is like a muscle...Republicans exercised theirs, Democrats did not." He went on to emphasize the closeness of some of the statewide races and the importance to help on our phonebanks as we call into areas like the 26th LD and the 8th CD. We will be doing voter identification until the ballots go out to add previously unknown Democratic voters to the list of people to turn out for the election.

Olga Laskin, the campaign manager for Harborview Health for All, and **Anika Garman** spoke about the King County Proposition 1 which will make improvements to Harborview.

Garman is an inpatient clinical dietitian at Harborview. She says it is imperative that the hospital expands capacity to be able to continue its role as the main trauma center for a four-state radius and safety net provider of care to homeless and others. This levy would ease current overcrowding due to the pandemic. In addition, it would increase service for behavioral and mental health. Much of the complex is not up to current seismic standards, and this levy would provide the funding to increase earthquake readiness. This levy would raise 1.7 billion dollars. For an average house, valued at \$600,000, the cost would be \$75. It is replacing a current levy of \$14 annually. We voted to endorse to approve this measure.

Joe McDermott spoke to the legislation the county has done in response to the pandemic. He specifically mentioned the assistance to county food banks, which have seen a 20% increase in demand. A \$40 million rental assistance is in place to assist tenants and non-profits, and programs for small and large landlords to help stem the tide of "a tsunami of evictions" that the county is facing.

Nick Bonazza presented six more PCOs for approval: Clara Sekowski (BUR 34-0402), Zachery Seikel (SEA 34-1501), Cameron Levin (SEA 34-1509), Carey Rayburn (SEA 34-1537), Jeffrey Keever (34-Sunnywood) all are now appointed PCOs. Rocco DeVito is now the Precinct Coordinator for BUR 34-1059. We now have over 120 precincts with representation.

The Regional Field Organizer for King County, **Cat Floate**, told us that the Coordinated Campaign has grown from 4 to 12, and we will have a dedicated field organizer just for the 34th. **Alexandra Carter** will be filling that role. She is newly transplanted from San Diego, but she has family on Vashon.

We took up and voted to pass two resolutions. One has us recognize the importance of repairing or replacing the West Seattle bridge, and partnering with the entities involved with the decision process. Another resolution is to our stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. An amendment by **Moti Krauthamer** to acknowledge our party's history of defending slavery and establishing Jim Crow laws was added to the final version.



Neal Traven



Krista Painter



Rebecca Wells

Washington State Democratic Central Committee Meeting – Sept. 12, 2020

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and accessible to the public via YouTube.

The call to order was a few minutes after 9 am. State Committee Member (SCM) Julie Johnson, Makah Tribal member, gave the welcoming remarks. She noted the importance of redistricting to the tribes, specifically mentioning that the Colville Reservation was split in the last redistricting, thereby diluting the tribal power by dividing their vote. She also highlighted an extensive report summarizing native voting rights hearings held in 2018.

In her report chair, Tina Podlodowski, noted that this was the last meeting of this term. She stated the Washington Democratic Party has achieved an unprecedented reputation as an organization, has, through its national committee members achieved national clout on the DNC and been able to lead resolution of some issues in the DNC such as elimination of “super delegates.” Changes in how the state committee operates, greater diversity, digital systems and committees and constituency caucus function differently than in prior administrations. These are positive changes. Tina is running again In January.

Ballots are dropping overseas later this week. Columbia County is dropping its ballots at the same time. The election is upon us and that means we need to be ready to ensure a safe literature drop system, as well as legal ballot collections and drop off.

Democratic National Committee (DNC) Reports: Marie Perez donated the dollars she saved by attending the national convention functions virtually to the party. Javier Valdez thanked the Central Committee for electing him to this new role. Sharon



WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATS

Mast talked about the Moving Forward Act, which is an infrastructure investment bill. David McDonald noted that Washington was the only state that actually took convention votes. He also urged everyone to get votes in early.

The Credentials report was 144 credentials with 139 state committee members in attendance. Majority votes require 73 positive votes to pass; bylaws amendments require 86 votes; and charter amendments require 112

votes. Phone numbers for questions, motions, speaking for and against, and parliamentary inquiries, etc. were provided for voting members to participate in motions, debates and votes. Each voting member had a unique identification number that allowed them to vote securely and only once.

Charter and bylaws amendments that would add the chair of the Democratic Municipal Officials to the State Executive Committee were tabled. Bylaws amendments that clarified the terms of the officers on the State Executive Committee at two years were moved, seconded and passed with 128 yes votes.

A nomination's slate was put forward that would allow Democratic organizations at the appropriate level to make a recommendation for a replacement should a vacancy occur in a particular office. It was made clear this was a nomination in case of vacancy, not an endorsement. Despite this clarification, a number of persons were concerned about including the nomination of Mark Mullet, a “sometimes” Democrat, on the slate and a motion was made to remove his name from the slate. The chair ruled the motion out of order. The ruling of the chair was challenged, a vote on which failed 45 yes to 85 no. The main motion passed 106 yes to 25 no with 3 abstentions.

At-large congressional district representative to the state Executive Committee Susan Swanson has left the state. After review of the diversity goals for the committee, Albert Albrow was identified as a replacement.

The Rules Committee introduced changes to existing rules related to gender and gender pronouns that conform to changes made at the state convention. New rules that cover the possibility that we will need to use electronic systems for the election of both officers and congressional district representatives also were introduced. All the changes were adopted either by ballot or voice vote. The processes did not include instructions for Local Party Organization (LPO) reorganizations.

The Resolutions Committee provided its recommendations report, which included a minority report supporting a substitute for Resolution 968. Resolution 968, as submitted, highlighted racial justice issues and asked for specific actions related to police, budgeting and many of the issues being protested broadly in support of Black Lives Matter (BLM) across this country before and since the murder of George Floyd. The substitute resolution was consistent with the earlier resolution, but included much more specificity about actions to be taken. Although in the end, the substitute resolution was adopted and the amended resolutions report approved, there was a racial reckoning that had immediate and continuing emotional effects on members of the committee.

During the debate of the BLM resolution and the minority report, SCM Key McMurry argued against the motion and ended her argument with: George Floyd was not a good person; he had a record and is not like MLK (paraphrased words). SCM Chris Porter (34th LD) called for a point of order and addressed her comments. SCM McMurry's words were highly inflammatory and had historical significance as the rationale used when black men have been harmed or killed by law enforcement (victim blaming). SCM Porter asked that her argument be stricken from the record. Chair Podlodowski responded by acknowledging the point of order, but was unable to strike her comments from the record.

After 1.5-2 hours of comments and tearful feedback from many committee members regarding the impact of her comments, Chair Podlodowski gave SCM McMurry an opportunity to explain her comments or apologize. SCM McMurry chose to apologize in what was widely seen as a non-apology apology. A vote to censure SCM Key McMurry was made in response to her victim-blaming comments in the discussion for and against to substitute resolution. It passed with 104 yes votes, 12 no votes and 13 abstentions.

Chris Porter and Yvette Joseph, co-chairs of the Affirmative Action Committee, reported on the diversity of the state delegation to the national convention, which was held virtually. The co-chairs ended their report with the impact of the activity around SCM McMurry and her comments and the impact of systemic racism within the Democratic party. Co-chairs talked about the work that all party members, and particularly our white party members, will have to do to change the tide and address systemic racism. Members of the committee were thanked for their tireless and dedicated work around the Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Plan (DSAAP). The state of Washington elected one of the most diverse delegations of delegates, but missed our goal with Latinos by one.

Andrew Villeneuve, chair of the Advocacy Committee, encouraged people to channel their frustrations into action. He also said he hesitated to set an advocacy agenda for the next session without a vote of the full central committee. That may be tricky to achieve.

Other committees will submit their reports in writing to the state staff. The meeting adjourned at about 5:20 pm.

Submitted by Ann Martin and Chris Porter, State Committeepersons

Our Endorsements...

Federal

Joe Biden/Kamala Harris, President/Vice President

Pramila Jayapal, Representative, 7th CD

State

Jay Inslee, Governor

Marko Liias, Lieutenant Governor

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Bob Ferguson, Attorney General

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Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner

Eileen Cody, Representative, 34th LD

Joe Fitzgibbon, Representative, 34th LD

Judicial

Raquel Montoya-Lewis, Supreme Court, #3

G. Helen Whitener, Supreme Court, #6

Hillary Madsen, King Co. Superior Court #14

Carolyn Ladd, King Co. Court #26

Ballot Measures

Referendum 90 - APPROVE

R-90 will uphold the new Washington state law requiring all public schools to teach age-appropriate, inclusive, comprehensive sexual health education to K-12 students.

King County Proposition 1 - APPROVE

The 20-year bond will provide health and safety improvements at Harborview Hospital, including increasing critical health care capacity, updating and expanding modern infection control standards, and expanding capacity for behavioral health needs.



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