



Chair's Message

We made it!!! After suffering 4 long damaging years, we welcome Democratic **leadership** back to the White House!

I want to thank everyone who has already renewed your membership for 2021. We already have over 85 members toward our goal of 400!!! As you know, we will have a difficult time this year raising funds so please do what you can to support us in our efforts to elect Democrats and represent our party here in the 34th LD. Anything you can contribute will help.

We have a lot of work to do this year with **4 Burien City Council positions** in play, the **Mayor, City Attorney and King Co Executive**, plus **2 At Large Seattle City Council seats** and **6 judges** will be on the ballot. While last year was huge, we won't be able to rest too long this year. Jordan Crawley is already plotting our first candidate events for May and June. We are also going to be updating our process for candidate Endorsements. Look for more info on that in March.

I invite everyone to be a part of our organization! Step up. Let this be the year you volunteer to help in a new way. Let this be the year that you encourage your friends to participate. We need each and every one of you. Let's all grow this organization this year to help combat what's going on in our country. If you are interested in being on a committee or policy caucus, please reach out and I will hook you up! Thank you for being a part of the 34th!

Carla Rogers

34th LD Chair

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February 10, 2021

Online Reorganization Meeting Notice

You Must Register to Attend:

[Register Here](#)

6:30 pm Social Time (30 minutes)

Proposed agenda:

7:00 pm Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies (15m)

Black History Month - Guest Speakers (15m)

Membership Drive Activity - part 1 (10m)

Chair's Announcements (10m)

Resolution to Consider (10m)

Appointment of Board Members (5m)

Appointment of PCOs (10m)

Membership Drive Activity - part 2 (5m)

Membership Policy Caucuses and 34th LD

Platform Survey (10m)

Programming Theme - (15m)

Membership Drive Activity -
winners selected (5m)

Good of the Order (10m)

9 pm Adjourn

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An Op-Ed by Sofia Aragon

Our former 2nd Vice Chair and current Burien City Councilperson Sofia Aragon penned an opinion piece printed in the Seattle Times on January 27th. In it she advocates for the relevance of school nurses in light of the Covid pandemic. Sofia is executive director for the Washington Center for Nursing, the state's nursing workforce center advancing nursing leadership, diversity and workforce development in nursing.

“Recent media attention highlights the role of school nurses in developing pandemic-related health and safety plans for school-age children. We hope that this brings attention to the need for a stronger school nurse workforce. School nurses provide a valuable yet complex community health service. Putting a priority on solving the school-nurse shortage is long overdue, and the key to preventing and withstanding a community spread disease like COVID-19 or similar future pandemics.

While children have not suffered the brunt of COVID-19, children can bring the virus home, and if carrying the virus when attending school, can expose more vulnerable school personnel. Though the school closures since last spring have been necessary, school closures cannot be indefinite.

Only a balance of population health and community-based strategies such as school health services, along with a robust acute care system in hospitals, can provide the comprehensive response we need to end COVID-19.

[Read the rest in the Seattle Times](#)



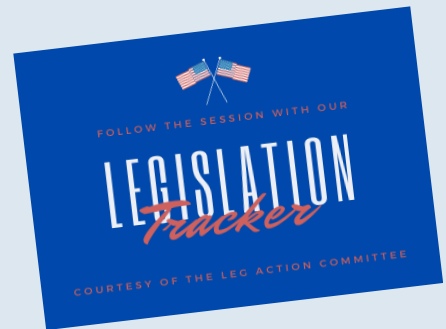
Our former Treasurer and current Bylaws & Rules Committee Chair, Ben Reilly proudly shows off the newest member of his family: A boy, Aidan Lincoln Reilly who was born January 13th. He joins siblings 8-year-old Hunter and 6-year-old Zoey. Photo by mom Cristina Reilly. May Aidan grow up to be strong, healthy...and a Democrat!

New Policy Caucuses being formed — More Ways to Get Involved

Join a Policy Caucus today and work alongside elected officials, partner organizations, and your fellow members to advocate for our communities! Whether you want to lead or serve on a Caucus, this is an opportunity for you to step into the world of policy development. As a member of our team, you will not only help us create a regional coalition of advocacy but play a vital role in the development of our organization's platform for 2021. Please contact our Second Vice-Chair, **Jordan Crawley**, if you would like to lead, serve on, or learn more about a Caucus at vicechair2@34dems.org

Caucuses:

- Budget & Economic Development— Richard O'Neill (Lead)
- Environment, Energy & Land Use — Annie Phillips & Randy Litzenberger (Leads) **See their Call for Members on Page 6**
- Health Care & Policy
- Housing, Community & Arts
- Human Services & Education
- Labor, Commerce & Gaming
- Law, Justice & Civil Rights
- Transportation & Utilities
- Voting & Elections



Jordan and the MPC Leads are [tracking legislation](#) as bills make it through the process in Olympia. It is updated daily, so be sure to check it regularly during this session.

Put Your Leadership Skills to Work — Committee Chairs Needed

Membership and Hospitality Committee

The Membership and Hospitality Committee recruits new members, fosters retention of existing members, and manages member data. The Committee serves as the credentialing body for regular and special meetings and certifies voting rights, and assists with the voting process within any online meetings which require it.

The committee makes meetings a welcoming place, including staffing a welcoming table and providing refreshments. It also handles creation and distribution of name tags for any in-person events, and plans the December Holiday party.

The Fundraising and Events Committee

The Fundraising and Events Committee plans and conducts fundraising efforts for our organization, and is responsible for conducting at least one major annual fundraising event, and other fundraising events and activities decided by the board.

Your Executive Board meets
each month
on the 3rd Wednesday*.
All members are welcome to
observe in these meetings.
Please email the chair if you
would like to join:

chair@34dems.org

*Two exceptions this year:
February and December



**Disadvantaged:
How Medicare
Advantage Plans Fail
Us and Would
Sabotage
Medicare For All**

Featuring: **Wendell Potter**, President of the Center for Health and Democracy and insurance industry whistleblower; **Diane Archer**, founder of Just Care website and founder of the Medicare Rights Center; **Mark Dudzic**, National Coordinator for Labor Campaign for Single Payer.

Tuesday, February 2, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time

A Webinar To join us, please:

[Click Here to Register!](#)

For more information, email organizer@psara.org

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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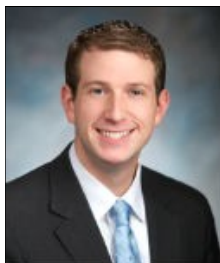
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Letters and Submitted Articles

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 February newsletter will be Friday, January 29, 2021

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

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...



Scott Forbes, 1st Vice Chair of the KC Democrats started off our Reorg.

We are wiping the slate clean at the top as we start the new year with new leadership from the other Washington as Joe Biden assumes office. We look forward to "building back better" as the memory of 2020 subsidies, and we rid the nation of pandemic...and

of the seditious, most corrupt, and incompetent gang to ever occupy the White House.

But the fight is never-ending and there is an election every year. Our January 13th meeting was our biennial reorganization as we gear up once again. We chose a new slate of officers to take us through the next two years... some are new faces to the 34th District Democrats, while others are well-known long-time fellow activists.

King County Democrats 1st Vice Chair Scott Forbes got the agenda rolling as Temporary Chair. After the Land Acknowledgement, he reminded us that we are the "pro-democracy party" ...an important counterpoint to the actions of many of the other party in their attempt to overthrow the election, and the attack on the very center of our government just the week prior.

PCOs elected in the August Primary Election voted for all officers with all membership joining in to vote for Secretary and Treasurer. We voted via online Google Forms, using a unique ID number. Carla Rogers, running unopposed, was elected via acclamation and she assumed the duties as our new Chair for the rest of the meeting. All the remaining officer races were unopposed as well and were elected also by a voice vote...except for one of the KCDCC Committee person races. This was the sole use of the online voting method. Norman Sigler won the position over new member Richard O'Neill. Norman would later nominate Richard to serve as an Alternate in that role.



Outgoing Chair Gina Topp passes the gavel to new chair Carla Rogers...properly socially distanced.

Here are the new officers of the 34th District Democrats:

Chair – **Carla Rogers**

1st Vice Chair – **Rachel Glass**

2nd Vice Chair – **Jordan Crawley**

State Committee Representatives –
Chris Porter and Janine Anzalota

King County Central Committee Representatives –
Norman Sigler and Leah Griffin

King County Central Committee Alternates –
Richard O'Neill and Bunny Hatcher

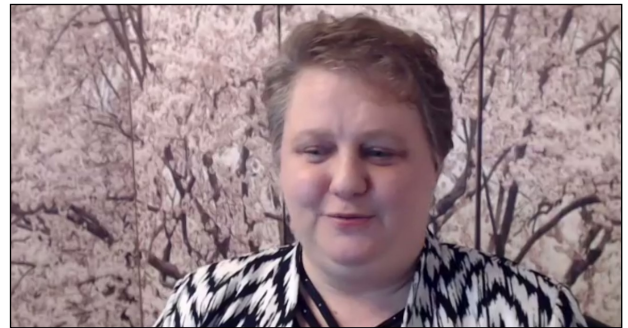
Treasurer – **Julie Whitaker**

Secretary – **Sara Smith**

You will find their contact information as well as for the committee chairs on the newsletter masthead and on our website.



KCDCC Committeeperson Norman Sigler.



Secretary Sara Smith.



Newly elected Chair Carla Rogers.



KCDCC Alternate Richard O'Neill.



Inauguration Watch Party

Members of the 34th District Democrats gathered to watch history being made as Joe Biden became the 46th US President on January 20. Folks came in and out of the Zoom meeting as they could...joining in from here in the 34th LD as well as from Bozeman, Montana.

Join the Environment, Energy & Land Use Caucus...First Meeting Feb. 15

The recently-appointed co-chairs of the Environment, Climate and Land Use Member Caucus invite members of the 34th to join them! Their mission is to gauge your preferences in this policy area and provide opportunities for you to reach out to elected leaders and organizations who will champion effective climate policy in our state and beyond. Randy and Annie are excited to get started with this vital work!



About our co-chairs:

Annie Phillips: Burien resident, retired from the state Department of Ecology, where she worked as an environmental educator/outreach specialist in water quality. Since then, she's worked on voter registration and getting big money out of politics - Annie got thousands of signatures on I-735 (big \$) and I-1631, establishing a carbon fee). "My 7 grandchildren deserve a bright future," Annie says. She co-chairs Burien People for Climate Action and enjoys her PCO duties.

Randy Litzenberger: West Seattle resident along with his wife Mari and sons Spencer (11) and Theo (7). PCO for 34-1514, teaches Social Studies at Bellevue High School. Curriculum lead for 12th grade Government course in Bellevue School District, helped introduce Climate and Sustainability units as new course work. Co-presenter to Washington Science Teachers Association 2020 annual meeting on Cross Curricular benefits of Climate Education for Secondary Students.

"We're looking forward to our kickoff meeting at 6:00 Monday February 15," Randy says. "Rep. Fitzgibbon will join us for the first 20 minutes, so we plan to start right on time. Anyone wanting to attend, please let Annie know and we'll send you the ZOOM link."

"In the 34th, I feel like we're really close to the action in the State Legislature, with our own Rep. Fitzgibbon and our Senator Nguyen sponsoring significant climate bills," Annie says. These include:

- **Healthy Homes, Clean Buildings** – Reducing fossil fuel use in new and existing residential and non-residential buildings - [SB 5093](#), [HB 1084](#)
- **Clean Cars** - new cars sold in Washington after 2030 must be electric - [SB 5256](#), [HB1204](#)
- **The H.E.A.L. Act** (Healthy Environment for All) – implementing the recommendations of the environmental justice task force - [SB 5141](#)
- **Washington Can't Wait** (updating the Growth Management Act to include environmental justice, affordable housing, and climate change) - [HB 1099](#)
- **Washington STRONG** – Investors buy green bonds to pay for habitat restoration, farmland preservation, energy efficiency projects, and clean water projects. Pay back bonds with carbon fee that would increase over time, especially if GHG reduction goals are not met - [SB 5373](#)
- **Clean Fuels** – reducing GHG's by reducing intensity of transportation fuels - [SB 5231](#), [HB 1091](#)

- **Climate Commitment Act** – Cap-and-invest - [SB 5126](#)
- **Reducing HFC's** – reducing GHG's from fluorinated gases, which are much more potent than carbon - [HB 1050](#)

"We'd welcome your participation, whether you're new to the climate fight or a seasoned expert," Randy says. "Please contact Annie if you want to help. - our names above are linked to our email addresses. We urgently need to take bold action during this session and make Washington State a climate leader."

During the session, they'll host monthly one-hour Zoom meetings to keep everyone informed of bills' progress and opportunities to lobby lawmakers on the most consequential. They'll also send out action bulletins when a climate or land use bill that the Caucus has agreed is an important one is scheduled for a committee hearing.

In the meantime...

ANYONE and EVERYONE can express support (or opposition) and post comments on bills on any issue through these online portals:

Senate: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSIRemote/Senate>

House: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csiremote/house>

Visitors to the portals can find their bill of interest by choosing the committee, scheduled hearing time for the bill, and the bill itself. Three options are then available: testifying live, submitting written testimony, or simply noting your position for the legislative record. You can also watch a hearing from this page ("Watch" button at the bottom right).

After a bill appears on an agenda for a committee hearing, you can sign up to testify live until one hour before the hearing begins. You will be sent a unique Zoom link to participate via video or audio, but there is no guarantee when or if you will be called on. Committee chairs decide the order and length of public testimony.

You can submit written testimony until 24 hours after a hearing begins. Your comments will be sent to legislators and committee staff, and included in a bill's legislative record but not on public-facing bill reports.

Pages with bill information have buttons allowing people to "comment on this bill" at any time, but these comments only go to a constituent's own three legislators, while the system described above saves written testimony in a database where all the committee members – R's and D's - and staff can read them. Staff will later place those comments in the committee file and archive them. (This is the way written statements given to committee staff during in-person hearings before Covid have been treated.)

The Inaugural Poem – The Hill We Climb, by Amanda Gorman

Amanda Gorman became the youngest person to deliver a poem at a U.S. presidential inauguration, with the 22-year-old reciting her poem "The Hill We Climb" after Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were sworn in as president and vice president.

*When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending
shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade
We've braved the belly of the beast
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace
And the norms and notions
of what just is
Isn't always just-ice
And yet the dawn is ours
before we knew it
Somehow we do it
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn't broken
but simply unfinished
We the successors of a country and a time
Where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single
mother
can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one*



Amanda Gorman,
DOD Photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class
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*And yes we are far from polished
far from pristine
but that doesn't mean we are
striving to form a union that is perfect
We are striving to forge a union with purpose
To compose a country committed to all cultures,
colors, characters and
conditions of man
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands
between us
but what stands before us
We close the divide because we know, to put our
future first,
we must first put our differences aside
We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another
We seek harm to none and harmony for all
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
That even as we grieved, we grew
That even as we hurt, we hoped
That even as we tired, we tried
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious
Not because we will never again know defeat
but because we will never again sow division
Scripture tells us to envision
that everyone shall sit under their own vine and
fig tree
And no one shall make them afraid
If we're to live up to our own time
Then victory won't lie in the blade
But in all the bridges we've made
That is the promised glade
The hill we climb
If only we dare
It's because being American is more than a pride
we inherit,
it's the past we step into
and how we repair it
We've seen a force that would shatter our nation
rather than share it
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying
democracy
And this effort very nearly succeeded
But while democracy can be periodically delayed
it can never be permanently defeated
In this truth
in this faith we trust
For while we have our eyes on the future
history has its eyes on us
This is the era of just redemption
We feared at its inception*

*We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves
So while once we asked,
how could we possibly prevail over
catastrophe?
Now we assert
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over
us?
We will not march back to what was
but move to what shall be
A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,
fierce and free
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation
because we know our inaction and inertia
will be the inheritance of the next generation
Our blunders become their burdens
But one thing is certain:
If we merge mercy with might,
and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy
and change our children's birthright
So let us leave behind a country
better than the one we were left with
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,
we will raise this wounded world into a
wondrous one
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the
west,
we will rise from the windswept northeast
where our forefathers first realized revolution
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the
midwestern states,
we will rise from the sunbaked south
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover
and every known nook of our nation and
every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,
battered and beautiful
When day comes we step out of the shade,
afire and unafraid
The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
If only we're brave enough to be it*

Proposed Rules of the Executive Board of the 34th LD Democrats

It is customary for a new Chair and Executive Board to review and amend the Standing Rules of the Executive Board. These Rules govern the work of the Board. Below is the proposed version of these Rules. Members have an opportunity to comment or make suggestions to these Rules, but they do not vote on the Rules. If you have any comments or suggestions, please email chair@34dems.org. The commenting period ends on February 18th. As a side note, these Rules may be changed any time if the Board deems necessary, as long as the above process being followed.

Rules Subject to By-Laws and State Law.

These Rules of the Executive Board of the 34th District Democratic Organization (“Rules”) are subject to the By-laws of the 34th District Democratic Organization (the “By-Laws”) as most recently amended. These Rules are also subject to: 1) the ByLaws of the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC); 2) the By-Laws of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC); and 3) Washington state law. In the case of conflict or inconsistency, the Rules shall be superseded by the By-Laws, which shall be superseded by the By-Laws of the KCDCC, which shall be superseded by the By-Laws of the WSDCC, which in turn shall be superseded by Washington state law. The 34th District Democratic Organization is hereinafter referred to as “the Organization.”

Rules Adoption and Amendment

Following preliminary approval by a majority vote of members of the Executive Board of the Organization (“the Executive Board”), these Rules shall be published in the newsletter and on the website for consideration and comment by the members of the Organization (“the Membership”). No earlier than thirty days after such publication, the Executive Board shall take a final vote on approval of these Rules, which shall only become effective upon ratification by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board. As needed, the By-Laws and Rules Committee shall propose amendments to these Rules, which to become effective must be approved by a majority of the Executive Board following a thirty-day consideration and comment period by the Membership.

Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the Organization are created to ensure ongoing structure, continuity and growth of the Organization for the benefit of the Membership and the people of the 34th Legislative District. The Standing Committees are responsible for carrying out functions essential to a healthy and thriving Organization. The Chair of the Organization shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, standing or ad hoc. The First and Second Vice-Chairs of the Organization shall serve as chair of at least one of the Standing Committees, as appointed by the Chair of the Organization. Committee Chairs will:

- Draft annual committee goals and present to chair for review and approval
- Own the operations of their area of the organization
- Attend monthly Executive Board and General Membership meetings
- Prepare written a committee recap of activities prior to each monthly general membership meeting
- Present topics to the General Membership as requested by the Chair or their delegate
- The Standing Committees of the Organization, and their purpose and functions are:

3.1 The Fundraising and Events Committee plans and conducts fundraising efforts for the Organization, and shall be responsible for conducting at least one major annual fundraising event, in addition to other fundraising events and activities at the discretion of the Fundraising and Events Committee and the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall be a member of this community, but shall not be required to serve as the Fundraising and Events Committee Chair.

3.2 The Membership and Hospitality Committee recruits new members, fosters retention of existing members of the Organization, and manages member information and data. The Membership Committee shall serve as the credentialing body for regular and special meetings, and shall certify which members have voting rights at such meetings. The Membership and Hospitality Committee will assist with the voting process within any online meetings which require it.

The Committee supports the social life of the organization by making meetings a welcoming place for all members, their families, and guests, including staffing a welcoming table and providing refreshments, when planned. The Committee handles creation and distribution of name tags for any in-person events. The Committee plans the December Holiday party.

3.3 The Outreach Committee plans and executes community outreach events, voter registration drives, and other activities to increase visibility and diversity of the Organization and raise political awareness within the various communities of the 34th Legislative District. The Committee works with the Equity & Social Justice Committee in BIPOC communities.

3.4 The Program Committee shall seek speakers and propose topics for discussion at regular and special district meetings. The Program Committee shall propose an annual schedule of key events of the Organization to the Chair.. The Program Committee shall serve as the main point of contact for speakers and presenters and work to acquire presentation materials ahead of the meeting. The Program Committee will work with the Communications Committee to create promotional materials for the programs.

3.5 The Communications Committee shall oversee all communications of the organization. This includes but is not limited to the preparation of promotional materials and mailings and communications of the Organization, the 34th Democrats website, social media accounts and email communications from the organization. The Secretary of the Organization and Newsletter Committee Chair shall be members of the Communications Committee, any one of whom may serve as the Communications Committee Chair.

3.6 The Newsletter Editor is responsible for the preparation, publishing and distribution of the Organization's monthly newsletter. The newsletter shall be made available on the website, social media and via email message from the 34th email account.

3.7 The Young Democrats Committee recruits Democrats under the age of 36 to join and participate in the Organization and supports the efforts of the Membership & Hospitality, Outreach and PCO Committees. The chair or a representative of this committee will attend the standing meetings of the King County Young Democrats. The purpose of the Young Democrats representative is to be the voice of our younger Democratic members. This Committee is not formally associated with the State or County Young Democrats organizations.

3.8 The By-Laws & Rules Committee prepares and recommends modifications of the by-laws and rules to the Executive Board and the Membership. Rules will be reviewed at the start of each term of the executive board.

3.9 The Platform & Legislative Action Committee researches and informs the Membership and the people of the 34th Legislative District regarding proposed legislation placed before any legislative body having jurisdiction within the District. The committee chair shall be a member of the KCDCC Legislative Action Committee and shall report back to this committee and the Membership following KCDCC LAC monthly meetings. This committee shall prepare a draft Platform for consideration and ratification by the membership, and for consideration and adoption at the Legislative District Caucus. The proposed Platform shall be published in the newsletter and posted on the website for at least 30 days prior to Legislative District Caucus. Approval of the Platform requires a majority vote of the seated delegates present at the Legislative District Caucus.

The Platform & Legislative Action Committee shall also organize Caucuses focused on policies relating to the values and priorities of the 34th Legislative District Democrats. These Caucuses shall be made up of members of the 34th Legislative District Democrats and be tasked with performing policy research and development to supplement the work of the Legislative Action Committee.

3.10 The Resolutions & Endorsements Committee receives and oversees the review of proposed resolution and endorsement questionnaires. Upon review resolutions, this committee shall submit a report to the Board including a summary of their assessment and any recommendations to the Board regarding future action. This committee shall track all endorsement questionnaires received and submit a report to the Board during the Executive Board meeting prior to an endorsement meeting to aid in the recommendation process. The Committee will coordinate candidate visits and aid in planning and execution of candidate events.

3.11 The PCO Committee supports recruitment of, and trains, organizes and assists Precinct Committee Officers in the discharge of their duties. The PCO Committee shall work with the Coordinated Campaign on GOTV efforts, in conjunction with the Caucus and Elections Committee.

3.12 The Caucus and Elections Committee shall plan, organize and hold the Democratic presidential and state caucus proceedings in the District, and shall coordinate Organization efforts on public elections with the KCDCC and WSDCC, working in tandem with the PCO Chair. The Caucus and Elections Committee shall work with the Communications Committee to promote participation in GOTV efforts.

3.13 The Coalitions Committee will be responsible for forging and nurturing relationships within the community including but not limited to unions, partner organizations, other Legislative District organizations and elected officials. The Committee will work with the Resolutions Co-Chair, Membership Policy Caucus leads and the Platform & LAC Chair to evangelize Organization Resolutions, actions, and activities, as directed by the Chair.

3.14 The Equity & Social Justice Committee is responsible for making the Organization a welcoming place for members of the BIPOC Community. The Committee will work with the Outreach Committee to proactively reach out to organizations aligned with the BIPOC community. The Committee will also work with the Membership and Hospitality Committee to ensure meetings of the Organization are a welcoming place for all members and guests.

3.15 Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs

The procedure for appointment of Committee Chairs is specified in Section 6 of Article IV of the By-Laws.

4. Budget

4.1 Fiscal Year

The 34th LD's fiscal year shall run from May 1 to April 30 of the following year.

4.2 Budget Committee

In January of each year, the Chair will appoint a Budget Committee (Ad Hoc) charged with preparing a proposed budget for the upcoming year. By no later than second Wednesday of February, all committee chairs will submit budget requests to the Chair and Treasurer.

4.3 Budget Proposal

The proposed budget will be presented to the Executive Board in March. By no later than April 1 of each calendar year, the Ad Hoc Budget Committee shall propose a budget to the Membership for the fiscal year. The budget shall itemize spending and expense.

4.4 Adoption and Amendment of Budget

The meeting call for the April membership meeting must include notice of a vote on the budget and a copy of the budget as approved by the Executive Board. During the April membership meeting, the Budget Committee shall present the Board-approved budget to the members. Members may propose amendments to the budget, which require the support of a simple majority of members voting to pass. A final budget must be approved by a simple majority of members voting before the April membership meeting may adjourn. Only the Treasurer and Chair may incur debt or otherwise obligate the Organization for the future payment of funds.

4.5 Unbudgeted Expenditures

Unbudgeted expenditures under \$500, may be made for any items other than donations to organizations or campaigns, provided that the Treasurer agrees that the funds are available, and that the expense does not violate regulatory requirements. Unbudgeted items over \$500 must be pre-approved by the Executive Board. If the Executive Board approves an unbudgeted expense over \$500, the Treasurer will amend the budget to include these expenses. Amendments made to the budget shall be highlighted in the next budget report.

Resolution Calling for the Resignation of Mike Solan, Seattle Police Officers Guild (SPOG) President

WHEREAS the Democratic Party is a progressive party, committed to Constitutional values, including the right to freedom of speech, press, peaceable assembly, freedom to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures; and to be free from police violence;

WHEREAS the Seattle Police Department is invested with the power to commit violence on behalf of the state and will reflect white supremacist state power unless checked¹; and

WHEREAS all nine members of Seattle City Council have called on Mike Solan to resign, along with the Martin Luther King Jr. County Labor Council, Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County, Black Law Enforcement Association of Washington²; and

WHEREAS SPOG president Mike Solan has clearly lost the confidence of the residents of the City of Seattle as an officer of the law, and the confidence of Seattle's leadership to be a good faith partner in contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS Officer Solan has registered to vote at his police precinct³, rather than at his home, demonstrating both a sense of being above the law he is supposed to enforce and a willingness to engage in acts of bad faith; and

WHEREAS under Mike Solan's union leadership, officers have felt empowered to abuse protesters, to abuse people living unhoused, have failed to take necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including refusing to mask⁴ in homeless encampments, at protests, and in medical settings⁵; and

WHEREAS SPOG president Mike Solan has publicly blamed BLM⁶ and anti-fascists for the fascist coup attempt on the Capitol on January 6th, 2021, claiming that "Far right and far left are responsible for that sad day"⁷ and retweeting disinformation from known right wing provocateur "journalist" Andy Ngô; and

WHEREAS SPOG president Mike Solan maintained an account on the social media site Parler, follows the and Proud Boys founder Gavin McInnes, and has not spoken out against the fascist violence endured in our region; and

WHEREAS under his leadership, at least two SPD officers felt empowered to participate in the fascist coup attempt in DC on January 6th⁸;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 34th District Democrats support the calls for Officer Mike Solan to resign from both the position of SPOG president and from the Seattle Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 34th District Democrats strongly support City Council and the City's negotiating team in their pursuit of strong accountability measures in the upcoming round of contract negotiations with the Seattle Police Officers' Guild.

Submitted by Carla Rogers, District Chair and PCO, for consideration by the 34th Legislative District Democrats at their February 10, 2021 meeting.

¹https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2011/12/16/spd_findletter_12-16-11.pdf

²<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/president-of-seattle-police-union-lambasted-for-comments-blaming-black-lives-matter-liberal-activists-for-u-s-capitol-siege/>

³<https://southseattleemerald.com/2020/07/23/two-more-spd-officers-appear-to-break-election-law-by-using-non-residential-address-to-vote/>

⁴<https://twitter.com/SeattlePD/status/1350927929522483209>

⁵<https://twitter.com/B20e/status/1350600576552247298>

⁶<https://twitter.com/realmikesolan/status/1347435354895179776>

⁷<https://twitter.com/realmikesolan/status/1347755874626859010>

⁸<https://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2021/01/08/spd-officers-in-d-c-referred-to-opa/>



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