



34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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Greetings Fellow Democrats -

2020 has been trying, but it has also taught us to be grateful for the people around us, the opportunities we're presented, and the successes we have. With all we have faced over the past twelve months, the folks in our Legislative District have demonstrated not just an unmatched resiliency, but the willingness and wherewithal to stand and persist together. The ways in which we have collectively shouldered the burdens of this year excite us for the year to come. We have collectively moved forward in a year filled with obstacles - evidence that we will thrive in the next.

As we prepare for 2021, as we prepare for a Biden-Harris administration, we need your help. We need you to renew your membership and continue standing, persisting, and fighting alongside us and your neighbors.

To renew your membership, [CLICK HERE](#) and donate according to your ability. Be sure to fill out the engagement section as well. This is the year we will provide new way to get more involved in our organization.

It takes tens of thousands of volunteer hours and contributions to continue our work in our district, region, state, and country. Your generosity in time and money fuels the education, engagement, activities, and advocacy that ignite change in our community. We are counting on your support.

Join us for our biannual Reorganization on **Wednesday, January 13th**. PCOs and members will vote on the leadership who will take us to the midterms. Registrations is required 24 hours prior to the meeting, for credentialing purposes. [Register today](#) and share in this important day.

Sincerely,
34th Democrats Membership Committee

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January 13, 2021

Online Reorganization Meeting Notice

You Must Register to Attend:

[Register Here](#)

Proposed agenda:

7:00 - Call to Order: Scott Forbes

Opening Ceremonies

Land acknowledgment: Scott Forbes

General meeting statement: Gina Topp

Zoom logistics: Carla Rogers

7:10 - Appointment of temporary officers: Scott Forbes

7:13 - Adoption of agenda and meeting rules: Scott Forbes

7:20 - Explanation of voting process:

Jordan Crawley, Leah Griffin, and Dawn Rains

7:25 - Elections of officers for whom only elected Precinct

Committee Officers can vote: Scott Forbes + New Chair

Chair

Gavel passing ceremony: Gina Topp

First Vice-Chair

Second Vice-Chair

Two state committee representatives of different genders

Two King County Democrats Central Committee representatives of different genders

Two King County Democrats Central Committee Alternates of different genders

7:55 - Election of officers for whom membership can vote

Treasurer

Secretary

8:05 - What's Ahead in 2021—Message from the New Chair

8:15 - Adjourn

If you plan to vote, please be sure to have your **Participant ID** handy from the confirmation email which was sent by our 34th LD email earlier.

If you do not have your Participant ID, please contact us at least 24 hours ahead of the meeting.

Executive Board

Elected Officers

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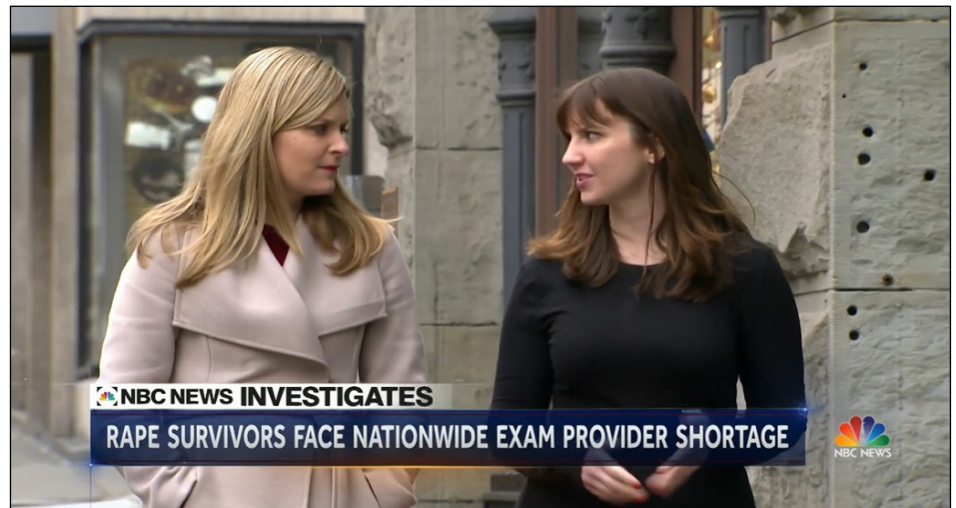
Gina Topp | Program
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Other Roles

Steve Butts | Newsletter Editor
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Allan Munro | Parliamentarian

Leah Griffin interviewed for NBC Nightly News



Leah has been working on increasing awareness of the lack of trained medical professionals to examine victims and collect rape kits and other evidence in instances of sexual assault...and lobbying for legislation to address this deficit.

She was interviewed last year for a report which aired December 28th on NBC Nightly News. It highlighted the fact that only 20% of US hospitals have a SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) on staff 24/7 and there is a lack of a national database where such services are available for any region, with the worst shortages being in states with largely rural populations.

In case you missed the segment...[See it here](#)

She asks that we contact Senator Murray and Representative Jayapal to thank them for their continued support of the Survivors' Access to Supportive Care Act. [\(See PDF Fact Sheet\)](#)



Chair Gina Topp explains the numbers behind her at a rally to help the GOTV effort in the two Georgia US Senate races...28 days until the Georgia election, and 43 days until the inauguration of Joe Biden. State Chair Tina Podlodowski, Senator Joe Nguyen and KC Executive Dow Constantine joined to encourage us. We were given ideas on who to contact to assist the on the ground efforts in Georgia from here in the 34th. Many of us went on to phone bank, text and postcard. **And...we won! Mitch McConnell is on the back bench!**

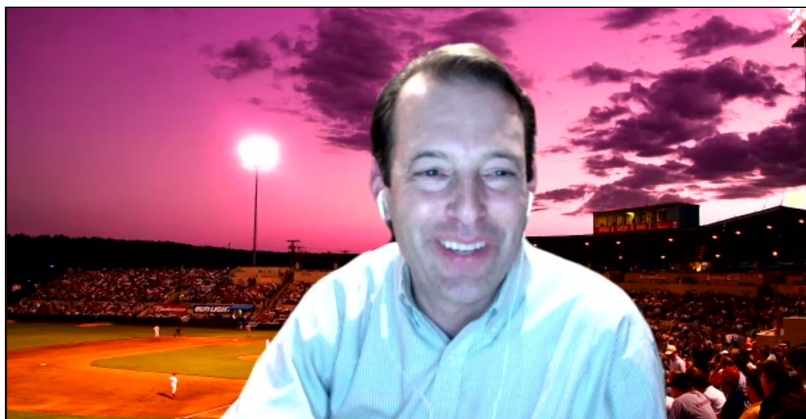
The Electoral College...Step 1 to a President Joe Biden and VP Kamala Harris



Presidential Elector Sophia Danenberg gives a few remarks after casting her ballot for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. She said she was “so, so proud” to vote for Kamala Harris, “who will be making history as the first woman, the first African American, and the first Asian vice president of the United States.” She also hoped that the arcane and antiquated Electoral College would be scrapped in favor of a popular vote. Danenberg recently moved into the 34th LD.

Our LD has been well-represented in the Electoral College in the past few elections. Chris Porter, who was an Elector in 2016, served as an Alternate Elector this year. Neal Traven, another member of the 34th District Democrats, was an Alternate Elector in 2012.

Senator Joe Nguyen to be Assistant Floor Leader in This Coming Session



State Senate Majority Leader Andy Billig speaks at Joe Nguyen’s Legislative Session Kickoff: “Joe brings a Cool Factor to the Senate”...we’ll agree with that! About his Zoom background...Senator Billig is co-owner of the Spokane Indians minor league baseball team.

Senator Joe Nguyen was elected Assistant Floor Leader by the Washington State Senate Democratic Caucus.

“I am extremely honored that my colleagues chose me for this role and eager to get to work building a Washington that works for everyone this legislative session,” said Nguyen.

“We’ve seen so much suffering and difficulty this year. Even with work happening behind the scenes, I’m ready to start passing policies that support our small businesses and essential workers, prioritize the health of Washingtonians, and address the racial injustices that sparked worldwide protests this summer”.

The Assistant Floor Leader supports the Floor Leader in setting Senate floor agendas and works with bicameral and bipartisan leadership to facilitate discussion. Sen. Marko Liias (D – Lynnwood) was reelected as the Senate Democratic Caucus Floor Leader by the caucus on Monday.

Become a PCO!

Precinct Committee Officers are the backbone of our party, connecting us to our community. Consider taking on this vital role as either an appointed or acting PCO. As a PCO, you are on the front lines of winning elections up and down the ballot, from the School Board to the Senate.

Contact **Nick Bonazza** at pco@34dems.org

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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Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

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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

The 2020 Holiday Party

The 2020 Holiday Party was a “BYOB” affair. Oh, and it was “Bring Your Own Food” too for that matter...none of the traditional smoked turkey courtesy of Ivan Weiss was to be enjoyed. On the positive side, the commute was short, and dress could be casual (or optional, provided your video camera was off).

In an effort to make the Zoom event seem more like a party, we were randomly transported into a series of three “breakout rooms”. These were more intimate, and more conducive to interaction. We met new folks and got a chance to renew old acquaintances as best as could be done through a monitor or laptop screen.

When we gathered back together in the main Zoom environment, we learned who had received awards based on the suggestions submitted by members. In another twist away from the norm, Chair Gina Topp had already swung by each of the winner’s home to deliver the awards prior to the meeting.

Candidates for officer positions for 2021/2022 who were present at the party were able to give speeches. Some candidates are well-known to most, while others are newer to our organization.

Award Winners for 2020:

Cherise Luxa Lifetime Achievement

Chris Porter

Jackie Dupras Member of the Year

Nick Bonazza

Committee of the year

The PCO Committee

Colleen Hinton, Leah Griffin, Carla Rogers, Max Brown, Gina Topp and Jeff Sbaih led by Committee Chair Nick Bonazza.

PCO of the Year

Janine Anzalota

Rising Star of the Year

Jordan Crawley

Elected Official of the Year

Joe Fitzgibbon



Janine Anzalota is PCO of the Year 2020. She is also a candidate for State Committeeperson.



One of the “break out” Zoom rooms at our December Holiday Party. These small meeting spaces allowed for the semblance of the socializing that we would have normally enjoyed. Highline School Board Member entertained us with his many Zoom accouterments (Upper Right).



Our current Secretary and Communications chair Carla Rogers will be seeking to become Chair for 2021-22.



Richard O'Neill introduced himself to members and stated that he wants to be considered to be a KCDCC Committeeperson



Rachel Glass spoke to us to let us know she wishes to retain her 1st Vice Chair position for the next two years.



Norman Sigler will be a candidate for KCDCC Committeeperson at our January reorganization meeting.

Announced Candidates for Officer Positions in the 34th District Democrats

The following are those who have chosen to run for positions in the organization of the 34th District Democrats. We will be voting to fill these positions during our January Reorganization Meeting. **Anyone is free to run. If you wish to do so please attend the meeting on January 13.**

CANDIDATE FOR CHAIR

Carla Rogers

In my 2 years on the executive board of the 34th LD Democrats, I have learned a lot and seen a lot. 2020 was by far the most bizarre year in so many ways and it has forced us to think outside the box. That translates to my goals the 34th - we must adapt our organization to reflect the community in which we live. People of color and younger members are missing. We must give them a reason to engage, a reason to participate, a reason to share of themselves. We must provide activities and volunteer opportunities which inspire them. As diverse as people are, they also bring with them different reasons for becoming involved. I believe we should celebrate this, be open to this energy and embrace an evolved focus that speaks to people of all types, shapes, and sizes. I bring a willingness to listen, an openness to new ideas and a commitment of my energy, enthusiasm, and hard work.

Experience

I have contributed my energy and go-get-em attitude while exhibiting an inclusive and welcoming presence in the organizations which I have been involved with. As a task master and organizational geek, I am driven to get things done. I build strong teams and inspire them to contribute to their highest degree. I encourage ACTION.

- Current Seattle 34-1257 PCO
- Current Secretary and Communications Chair
- Secretary of the Virginia 7th District Democratic Committee
- An Obama field organization lead, running 5 precincts out of my home
- Virginia State PTA Communications Chair
- Over 18 years and 5 schools of Local PTA leadership positions including President, Vice President, Secretary, Communications Chair, Fundraising Chair, Legislative Chair

34th LD Accomplishments

- Organized and promoted the 2019 Legislative Town Hall
- Created a Communications Survey to drive changes in 34th
- communications channels
- Updated the 34th LD Website
- Built a social media team, increasing engagement with near daily posts
- Co-organized the PCO Phone Banks for the 2020 Campaign

GOALS for the 34th

Expand and diversify our membership, creating a welcoming environment for young Dems and BIPOC - the future of the party
Establish political voice/authority within the state while building our voice in policymaking
Build LD and partner organization coalitions across the region

Professional and Personal

I live in South Arbor Heights and hail from Virginia. I am a senior project manager in the ecommerce sector. I have 3 sons ages 18, 22 and 28 along with husband Bill. Skubi and Larvae are my pampered pups.

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CANDIDATE FOR 1st VICE CHAIR

Rachel Glass

My name is Rachel Glass! This January, I will be running to retain my position as 1st Vice Chair, and I would be honored to have your vote as I strive, through my role in leadership, to stand for and help to achieve the change I want to see in our party, our community and our world!

My personal passions and top priorities, which drive my work on the 34th LD Executive Board are:

- 1) Expanding our membership;
- 2) Building relationships and coalitions in the community with BIPOC, youth, and folks who have historically not felt welcome in the Democratic Party;
- 3) Recruiting more PCOs as we work to create more personal connections with our neighbors in the 34th and help increase voter turnout;
- 4) Recruiting more volunteers for campaigns and projects that promote our mission which is to elect Democrats;
- 5) Creating more opportunities to GOTV in our District and in other Districts, cities, and states, where Democrats need our help to win.

I am a lifelong Progressive Democrat and have voted in every election since turning 18. I'm a proud Union member (SAG-AFTRA-Seattle Local

& AEA), working union contracts since I graduated from college. I have lived in West Seattle for 22 years. I'm the current PCO of the largest precinct in the 34th LD (elected in 2016). I ran my Precinct Caucus in 2016 and retained 100% of my delegates to the LD level.

I was appointed the Chair of Elections/Caucus Committee—2019-2020: I recruited over 50 volunteers; planned/oversaw all aspects of Caucus 2020; organized and ran all committee meetings; when Live Caucus 2020 was canceled due to COVID19, I continued to actively recruit/train Sanders & Biden supporters to run for delegate; I ran phone/online training sessions to help them navigate the entire Delegate process. I successfully recruited/trained folks in the 34th, 29th, 33rd, 41st, 43rd & 47th LDs to run! I recruited folks from communities of color, Muslim communities, LGBTQ+ communities, and youth ages 17-24 to participate in the first-time ever Virtual Caucus 2020.

I organized GOTV opportunities (phonebanking, textbanking, postcarding, and letter writing) for 34th LD and community members during the 2020 election cycle and personally recruited countless friends, family, and members of the 34th to help with GOTV!

I participated directly in GOTV campaigns from July to November: in the 34th LD and in all key Battleground States—2020. In the last five months, my husband, daughter, and I achieved:

- 325 Phone calls to voters in my precinct.
- 100 handwritten letters to PA voters.
- 810 handwritten postcards to PA, OH, MI, SC, GA voters.
- 483,768 texts (and counting) sent to key swing-state voters all over the country; we had thousands of conversations, helping English- and Spanish-speaking voters to register to vote, sharing information about candidates, helping voters to Vote By Mail or find their polling places, giving them GOTV resources, reminding them to vote themselves, giving info RE: rides to the polls, and helping them to track their ballot once they voted.
- I'm a Four-Time WA State Delegate (Obama-2008, 2012; Sanders-2016, 2020)
- I'm the co-founder and lead organizer of Hate Free Delridge (est. 2016), an active grassroots group in West Seattle responding to hate crimes through a volunteer-driven Rapid Response Network and advocating for BIPOC and marginalized groups; HFD sponsors forums, events, workshops, community rallies, GOTV; HFD offers resources/support to targets of hate crimes.
- I am the female narrator for the audio version of the WA State Voters Pamphlet (Secretary of State's office), which provides access to all voter info on the ballot in each election for blind/disabled voters; 2013-present.
- I have been a Table Captain for every WA Alliance for Gun Responsibility Annual Fundraiser Luncheon since the organization's inception.

I look forward to continuing to represent the 34th LD Democrats as your 1st Vice Chair and I appreciate your vote!

CANDIDATE FOR 2nd VICE CHAIR

Jordan Crawley

I am Jordan Crawley, Legislative Action Committee Chair from the 34th LD Democrats, letting you know I am running for the position of Second Vice-Chair of our organization for the 2021 term.

I have worked tirelessly as a strong, progressive voice in our organization. My determination to make the 34th Dems an inclusive, welcoming, and empowering space for all has driven my work as chair of the Legislative Action Committee and as a vital part of the Bylaws & Rules Committee, Caucus Committee, and the ad hoc Code of Conduct Committee. I plan to carry forward the momentum built over the last two years into the coming years as our Second Vice-Chair.

As we move forward as an organization, I want us to multiply our advocacy efforts, improve the diversity of our organization, and actively engage our Membership.

I believe we can best accomplish this by building coalitions with other organizations, committing to outreach and engagement in BIPOC communities and toward young Democrats, and utilizing new tools that empower members to work on a wide range of policy issues.

My partners and I have laid the groundwork to achieve these outcomes, but it will take new, highly-motivated leadership to realize this vision and truly make progress.

My accomplishments from the last two years include:

- Working with the Membership to develop policy priorities for the 2019-2020 term;
- Planning and executing forums and debates for candidates in 2019;
- Developing a legislation tracker and following legislation related to our policy priorities;
- Shaping a more organized and efficient resolutions process;
- Drafting Bylaws amendments with more inclusive language;
- Drafting Rules amendments that will establish Policy Caucuses to provide an avenue within the organization for members to advocate for the issues they care about;
- Helping lead the comprehensive revision of our Code of Conduct to better outline the standards of behavior within our organization and determine fair and expeditious means of addressing violations;
- Serving as a West Seattle PCO since entering the organization;
- Working on the #FillEverySeat campaign at the County level to appoint and elect more PCOs in our region; and
- Serving on the State Platform Committee within the Education Plank.

I will reach out a few more times between now and the January 13th election, but please feel free to contact me by phone or email with any questions you might have.

I look forward to speaking with you and hope to have your support for the position of Second Vice-Chair.

Jordan Crawley

Chair, Legislative Action Committee - 34th LD Democrats

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE COMMITTEEPERSON (VOTE FOR 2)

Chris Porter

My name is Chris Porter and I am running for State Committeeperson – My pronouns are He/Him/His. I have been a member of the 34th since 2008. Over that time, I have served as chair and co-chair of the fundraising committee, Emcee of our garden parties, and served on many campaigns. I am a PCO of 1520 and work hard to keep the voters informed and engaged. I recently lead efforts to re-write our code of conduct so that it is relevant to issues around social media and cyber bullying; It was the last step to ensuring that our meetings remain a safe place. I participated in the the Black Lives Matter march in West Seattle and gave a speech to over 3500 West Seattle residents. I helped cleanup our downtown after the protests and looting. Currently, I serve on our state committee as a co-chair of the Affirmative Action Committee. We worked hard to send one of the most diverse delegations to the national convention. I helped craft the code of conduct for the state party and presented it to the body with an overwhelming approval. I am a nurse in the community and help to keep seniors and vulnerable voters safe during COVID by doing shopping for them to decrease their risk. I am a recently elected Supervisor of the King Conservation District. I am the first person of color and LGBTQ+ to be elected to the district in its 71-year history. I am grateful for the support of the 34th in helping me win the office. I remain a strong champion for the environment and have converted my yard into a wildlife habitat where the bees that I keep and the birds and other pollinators can rest, find cover, build nests, and eat.

There is so much work to do to continue to build diversity and bring underrepresented voices to our organization. I am a member of the Social Justice and Equity Committee and we hope to do great things in 2021. I ask for our continued support and vote.

Janine Anzalota

I want to get more involved in the 34th and am running for one of the two seats available for State Committee Person. I was appointed as a PCO for Burien,1047 last Fall. I ran for my seat and received over 80% of the vote.

I work for King County, in the Office of Equity and Social Justice as an Equity & Civil Rights Manager. I have a background in racial equity work in public health and civil rights.

I think it's critical for Black, Indigenous, People of Color to get more involved in the party and bring forward issues important to us. It's particularly important for folks like me, who have the time and resources to participate, to do so. There are many BIPOC folks who don't have the time and resources to be more involved in local political organizations.

I identify as Afro-Indigenous Latinx and queer. I'm 41 and am happy to answer any questions you may have. I hope you'll support my candidacy for State Committee Person.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/janzalota/>

KCDCC COMMITTEEPERSON (VOTE FOR 2)

Leah Griffin

Greetings Fellow PCOs,

I ask for your support of my candidacy for King County Committeewoman. I was honored to be asked to run last year, and have since filled the post representing the 34th. I ask to be entrusted to continue in this role.

I am a school librarian, who advocates for sexual violence prevention and systems reform. I've helped advocate for the passage of multiple pieces of legislation including a rape kit tracking system, police training in trauma informed interviewing techniques, rights for survivors, an end to the rape kit backlog in Washington State, storage of unreported rape kits, and the development of model sexual assault protocols for hospitals. Most recently I worked with the amazing Approve R-90 team to ensure access to sexual health education for all Washington public school students.

I am enthusiastic about continuing to make connections, and to make change locally.

Richard O'Neill

My name is Richard O'Neill and I am asking for your support for my candidacy for King County Committeeman. I was honored to be asked by our PCO Committee Chair Nick Bonazza to run for this position and am excited to do so.

I am a financial analyst who advocates for demand side economic reforms such as the Green New Deal, Medicare for All, and Student Loan

Forgiveness. I began my public life interning with the Rahm Emanuel Administration in Chicago in the Department of Housing and Economic Development. From there I was worked with various campaigns in the city of Chicago. Currently I am a PCO for the 34th LD.

Norman Sigler

I ask for your vote and support to become the next King County Democratic Central Committee Committeeman from the 34th. I want to thank Max Brown, Leah Griffin, Ted Barker, Martha Koester, and Gina Topp for representing the 34th well on the KCDCC over the last year. This is the time to continue bold progressive action on behalf of working people and people in poverty. For far too long, our Democratic party has benefited corporate interests over the interests and concerns of hardworking and vulnerable Americans who have been left behind by capitalism (also known as corporate socialism). This COVID-19 Pandemic and the now occurring Climate Crisis requires a new energy of compassion paired with dogged action from all to create a society where all people not just survive but thrive, no matter what comes their way. To do that, we need a population that is educated, healthy, and safe. Congratulations on getting rid of the danger in the White House. We must now work to change the hearts and minds of those who desperately thought he would be the change they needed. This work falls squarely on the grass-roots and Legislative Districts are best positioned to engage our fellow neighbors in ways and effectiveness yet to be seen. It will be my honor to represent your voice at the KCDCC. Let's work together for the benefit of #AllOfUs.

I am an executive recruiter focusing on diverse leadership searches as well as an elected PCO in 34-1443 in the Genesee Hill neighborhood. I have door knocked for several candidates and initiatives supported by Democrats at the national, state, and local levels. In 2009, I ran as a Democrat for Seattle Mayor and in 2015 for the Port of Seattle Commission. I am a paid dues member of the 34th Legislative District. My heart is filled with Love for my neighbors and fellow world citizens. I love the diversity of our current elected officials who live in the 34th and want to see our county, state, and national leadership more representative of the economic, ethnic, and gender reflections of America. I believe a diverse and inclusive Democratic party is best positioned to lead America in solving the above-mentioned challenges.

KCDCC ALTERNATES (VOTE FOR 2)

Bunny Hatcher

I hope you are holding up well during these stressful times. I am taking a break from writing postcards to Georgia voters to ask you to vote for me as your 34th LD King County Committeewoman Alternate. I have served as a PCO from Cross precinct on Vashon for the past 5 years, been both a State and National Bernie Sanders delegate, and served on both County and State Platform Committees. Despite the challenges of my rural precinct (everyone lives on 5 acres, down dirt roads) Cross had a 92% ballot return for our November 3rd election. I am a member of several progressive groups, co-moderate an MS support group, and am a leader of the island's 4-H club - illustrative of my ability to work effectively with diverse groups. As our Reorganization approaches, I hope you will deem me worthy of your vote for the position of King County Committeewoman Alternate for our 34th Legislative District.

Thank you! Sincerely, Bunny Hatcher PCO, Cross Precinct (#3339)

Ted Barker

My involvement with the 34th District Democrats dates back about 10 years and I have held a variety of positions in this time. While large races for high profile offices offer a lot of excitement, it has been the importance of local races that has been what I've discovered in the 34th. For this reason, I would like to continue my involvement in the 34th with a focus on local politics. The County organization and its interface with the local Legislative District organizations provides the best opportunity to pursue these goals. Please support me for King County Committeemen Alternate.

SECRETARY

Sara Smith

My name is Sara M. Smith, and I'm running for the position of 34th Dems Secretary this year. I have a great deal of leadership experience in for-profit, non-profit, and volunteer positions. My experience includes Seattle Children's, Washington Mutual, faith organizations, and currently at ADT Commercial. I have the fantastic opportunity of working on a product that removes race, age, and gender to identify potentially suspicious behaviors WITHOUT bias. I'm thrilled to be able to promote social justice in a for-profit setting as more businesses are paying attention to these matters.

My goals in becoming Secretary building upon the existing excellent foundation created by previous Secretaries, ensuring timely and clear communication, and nurturing relationships.

TREASURER

Julie Whitaker

This is my 2nd term as PCO for Carpenter. I would like to contribute more to the 34th Dems. As Treasurer, I feel I can do that.

As a single mother of two on a very limited income, budgeting was a necessity. I became extremely proficient at accounting for every penny spent. At the end of the month my account balanced perfectly.

Now, as a single Senior, this is still the case. In my current employment I order from up to 12 different vendors - what needs ordered, how much of each, and how often - all which constantly changes. This requires multi-tasking, attention to detail, accurate inventory/record keeping, and balanced paperwork. My work duties correlate to the Treasurer's duties of receiving funds from numerous sources and dispersing those funds as directed. I look forward to working with Ben regarding all the duties of the Treasurer, and contributing my skills to the 34th District Democrats as Treasurer.

Proposed Rules for the 2021 Reorganization Meeting

Virtual Meeting Rules.

The 34th District Democrats By-Laws shall be in effect for the reorganization meeting. However, if there is any conflict between these rules and the By-Laws, then these rules take precedence.

Appointments.

Appointment of Temporary Chair.

King County Democrats Central Committee shall appoint a temporary chair for the reorganization meeting. The temporary chair shall call the meeting to order and serve until the Chair election, and will then pass the gavel at the discretion of the incoming Chair.

Appointment of Temporary Officers.

The temporary chair shall appoint a secretary, parliamentarian, sergeant-at-arms, and tally committee. These officers shall serve until the incoming Chair appoints permanent officers, or for the remainder of the meeting at the incoming Chair's discretion.

Nominations and Speeches.

Nominations

Candidates may be nominated from the floor during the reorganization meeting. For officer positions subject to a gender rule, the statement of candidacy shall state the gender of the nominee.

Nominations Determine Ballot and Speech Order

Candidates nominated shall appear on the ballot in the order they were nominated. All nominated candidates may speak in the order that they were nominated.

Same Candidate Nominated for Multiple Positions

A candidate may be nominated for more than one office, but may only be elected to one office. Any ballots cast for a candidate who has already won an election shall be treated as spoiled. A candidate may voluntarily decline their nomination in one election to preserve their eligibility for later elections.

Candidate Speeches.

Each candidate may address the meeting for up to three minutes to campaign for the position being sought. Speeches must be "live." Candidates may yield all or part of their time to other speakers, including virtual guests.

While candidates may campaign for office as they see fit, a speech that is solely against the election of another candidate is out of order.

Elections.

Eligible Voters.

Democratic Precinct Committee Officers ("PCOs") who were elected in August 2020, including those elected by virtue of being the only candidate to file in their precinct, are eligible to vote at the reorganization meeting.

Pre-Registration.

Each eligible voter who registers at least 24 hours before the meeting shall receive a unique identification code, which may be used to "sign" electronic ballots and verify that votes were recorded correctly. The temporary chair may, at their discretion, change the pre-registration deadline to be shorter than 24 hours if the technology used to conduct the meeting allows it.

Signed Ballots in Contested Races.

Voting in contested races shall be by electronic ballot, which shall be "signed" using the identification code described above. Voting in uncontested races, or on questions other than elections (e.g., voting to approve the agenda) may use a voice vote in accordance with the By-Laws.

Simple Majority Required.

A candidate must receive a simple majority to win an election. If no candidate receives a simple majority and no candidate voluntarily withdraws, then a subsequent round of voting shall be held and each candidate who received less than 15% shall be dropped. If no candidates are eliminated by the above rule, then the candidate(s) receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped, unless doing so would lead to a round of voting with fewer than two candidates.

Gender Rules.

For elections with a gender rule where the outcome of a previous election determines eligibility, ballots shall be prepared for each possible gender outcome of the relevant previous election(s), and only the appropriate ballot shall be used.

The election for State Committee Members and King County Democrats Central Committee Positions and Alternates shall be conducted simultaneously. Voters may vote for any two candidates having different gender self-identification, and ballots that vote for two candidates having the same gender self-identification shall be treated as spoiled. If only one candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, then the subsequent ballot(s) shall include only those candidates having a different gender self-identification than the elected candidate.



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