



## Chair's Message

### Greetings fellow Democrats!

With the tulips and daffodils we welcome warmer weather and opportunities to get outside. It's hard to process the beauty of our region in juxtaposition with the tragedies we have endured the last few weeks. Our hearts ache for the families of those slain in Atlanta and Boulder. The seeds of hate planted during the former administration will be difficult to uproot. Likewise, I am stunned by the voter suppression occurring in Georgia. Our work continues. Don't stand down. We have to fight for our democracy. We have to fight for our lives. I urge you to harness the emotions you are feeling to drive you into action.

We will welcome US Rep. Pramila Jayapal, State Senator Joe Nguyen, Rep. Eileen Cody and Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon to a Virtual Town Hall on May 2 from 1-2:30pm. This event will not require registration. Simply join us on Zoom at: <http://bit.ly/2021-34LD-TownHall>. If you'd like to submit a question, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/TownHall-Questions>. Join us to learn about the highlights of the 2021 session which will end on April 23. Check our Bill Tracker for all the details of the session <http://bit.ly/2021Leg-Tracker>.

We have another packed agenda for our April 14th meeting! Join us at 6:15pm for an engaging Sexual Assault Awareness Month presentation. We will also host a special guest - State Party Chair Tina Podlowski! Hope to see you all on Zoom!

### Carla Rogers

34th LD Chair

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### Regarding our Endorsement Meeting on June 9:

A reminder that in order to vote you must become a new member by May 12, or renew membership by 9pm the night before the June 9 meeting. No exceptions.

## Renew or Become a Member

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**April 14, 2021**

Online Membership Meeting Notice

**You Must Register to Attend:**

**[Register Here](#)**

***Come Early!***

**6:15 pm - A Special Program on Sexual Assault Awareness Month, see article on Page 3**

(Program to last 40 minutes)

### **Proposed agenda:**

**7:00 pm** Call to Order

**Opening Ceremonies** (10m)

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes** (5m)

**Appointment of PCOs** (5m)

**Meet the Candidates** (15m)

**Party Unity Presentation** by Tina Podlowski (20m)

**Chair's Announcements** (5m)

**Change Makes Sense Campaign** (5m)

**Appointment of Board Members** (5m)

**Endorsement Rules Approval** (15m)

[Click to read the proposed rules online](#)

**Resolution to Consider** (10m)

**Good of the Order** (5m)

**9 pm** Adjourn

**Breakout Rooms for Social Time** (30m)

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## King County Democrats Report, March 23, 2021

Chair Shasti Conrad set the meeting off with a great tone. She reminded the committee that we are here to elect Democrats!

Secretary Hamdi Mohammad stepped down from her role to avoid a conflict of interest as she runs for Port Commissioner. Christy Wood, from the 46th, was elected to fill the position.

Finance Committee Chair Tara Gallagher gave a detailed report. The overall goal is to create an “adaptable, responsible budget to set KCD up for success in 2021 and beyond”. The biggest change in the budget was to include a Chair stipend in order to make the position accessible to a more diverse pool of candidates. This could help future chairs with childcare, travel, events, and other KCDCC related expenses. The finance committee also has a goal of hiring staff for the future. The committee is also looking at several special projects as a way to bring in additional donors. The budget and standing rules were both adopted.

The Code of Conduct Committee is working diligently on a Code of Conduct.

The Endorsements Committee will begin interviewing candidates in April. There are over 200 Democratic candidates to be interviewed!

The PCO Recruitment and Training Committee talked about the age and gender distribution of PCOs. The 34th LD has among the best age distribution, and the most equitable gender distribution in King County! There is currently no racial data about PCOs, and the shortfall is being addressed by the committee.

The Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee is looking for additional members, especially allies. If you are interested, please reach out to Chair Andrew Ashiofu [andrew.ashiofu@live.com](mailto:andrew.ashiofu@live.com)

State Chair Tina Podlodowski spoke about “Contest Every Race”. We, in the 34th, don’t really need to worry about recruiting Democratic candidates for uncontested races, but there will be opportunities to volunteer in other swing areas.

The Committee considered resolutions:

- The Resolution to Censure and Expel Representative Robert Sutherland passed by acclamation.
- The Resolution to Act Now on Anti-Asian Violence passed by acclamation.
- The Resolutions for Executive Action to Aid Small Businesses by both Governor and Legislature passed by acclamation.

*Submitted by Leah Griffin, KCDCC Committeeperson*



*Save the dates...*

### 34th District Democrats Candidate Forums

Saturday, **May 22**, 11-1pm - **Seattle City Council**

Saturday, **May 22**, 3-4pm - **King County Executive**

Tuesday, **May 25**, 7-9pm - **Burien City Council**

Saturday, **June 5**, 11-1pm - **Seattle Mayor**

## Pre-Meeting Program - Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 14, 6:15 pm



In April we will begin our Membership meeting with a special program. April is the 20th anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. During this time, it is important to bring awareness to sexual violence and educate the community on prevention tactics. Sexual assault is a major public health, human rights, and social justice issue, and it requires everyone's help to bring it to an end.

This program will be presented by Riddhi Mukhopadhyay (she/her) who is currently the Executive Director at the [Sexual Violence Law Center](#) and has been with SVLC since 2012. Riddhi was as a sexual assault and hospital advocate prior to her legal career. Before

joining SVLC, Riddhi practiced criminal defense and is a former Berkeley Law Foundation Legal Fellow and attorney with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) where she represented immigrant detainees with mental health and competency issues. She currently serves by appointment on Washington State's Gender and Justice Commission and the City of Seattle's Immigrant & Refugee Commission. She is on the board for the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence and is adjunct faculty at the University of Washington School of Law.

The program will begin at **6:15pm** and will be followed by a Q&A session which will end at 7pm, when our monthly meeting will be called to order. Join with [Zoom](#).

Come learn about the challenges survivors of sexual violence face in our court system, the legislative rights survivors are gaining, and how the Sexual Violence Law Center works to uphold those rights and support survivors.

If you or someone you know have witnessed or been victim to an assault, please call **911**; your local assault hotline; the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network at **1-800-656-HOPE**; or the National Center for Victim or Crime Victim Service Helpline at **1-800-FYI-CALL** or **1-800-211-7996**.

## Dow's Hometown Re-Election Campaign Kick-Off



Celebrate Dow's campaign virtually with family, friends, and our west-of-the-Duwamish River neighbors.

The 34th is Dow's home. Let's give him our support with our turnout as he begins his re-election campaign.

**Wednesday, April 7th, 5:30pm**

**[Zoom link provided upon RSVP - Click Here](#)**

Suggested donation levels **but everyone is welcome:**

[Guest \\$25](#) | [Supporter \\$50](#) | [Friend \\$100](#)  
[Benefactor \\$250](#) | [Visionary \\$500](#) | [Champion \\$1,000](#)

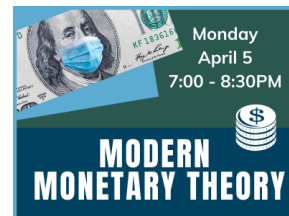
We will get to hear Dow's plans for King County's post-COVID future, see the faces of your hometown neighbors, as well as hear from some special guests.

Questions? Contact Email: [events@dowconstantine.com](mailto:events@dowconstantine.com) or call (206)930-9633

## Modern Monetary Theory Explained

MMT is a currency analysis of the Federal Reserve accounting system and can change our understanding of how we can deal with crucial issues ranging from poverty to creating jobs, expanding health care, fighting climate change, and building a climate supporting infrastructure.

**Vandana Whitney** will explain the basics of MMT and **Randy Mandell** will talk about the implications for funding Medicare for All, a federal jobs guarantee and the Green New Deal.



**Monday, April 5, 7:00 – 8:30PM**

Via Zoom: [bit.ly/34th-36th-MMT](https://bit.ly/34th-36th-MMT)

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:  
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\*Two exceptions this year: February and December

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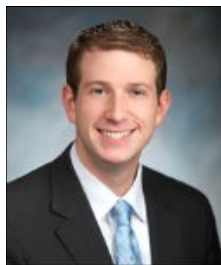
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## Letters and Submitted Articles

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 May newsletter will be Thursday, March 25, 2021**

Mail to Steve Butts,  
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## In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

Zoom Breakout Rooms are the new social times in these days of "Stay Safe at Home", and that's how we spent time before the March meeting. Some of us shared digital space with **Lance Randall**, a candidate for mayor. We lamented over the bridge situation, and were introduced to **Michael Parker's** dog, who goes by the nickname "Dude".

Port Commissioner **Peter Steinbrueck** presented the Land Acknowledgement to kick off the meeting. He wished to acknowledge not just the ancestral lands, but the people... particularly the Duwamish. This allowed a segue for **Dawn Rains** to bring up a change.org petition to reinstate tribal status for the Duwamish. She shared a link <https://www.change.org/p/federal-recognition-for-the-duwamish-tribe>

Steinbrueck is running for re-election. He is taking part in planning to see that the bridge is "back up and running" as soon as possible.

KC Councilmembers **Dave Upthegrove** and **Joe McDermott** tag-teamed with announcements from the County Council. Upthegrove spoke to the pandemic response the county: Implementing hazard pay for grocery workers, renewing the Best Starts for Kids levy, and implementing new \$350M in funds to lift folks from the streets and into permanent housing. Joe working on a fireworks discharge ban in the county. He also called out birthday wishes for an absent Ted Barker.

King County Executive **Dow Constantine** said he was happy to address his home LD organization to which he has devoted much of his time : As a PCO, 2nd Vice Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Chair, County and State Committee member. He talked about the progress in vaccination and the recent opening of the vaccination center at Lumen Field which will be able to vaccinate up to 20,000 people a day. 75% of those eligible have been vaccinated. One of our area's successful efforts to thwart the spread of Covid is has been the ability to move people out of crowded homeless facilities and into hotels, available to rent due to the downturn in the entertainment industry. This effort will continue as the county has borrowed \$350M to buy vacant hotels to serve the chronically homeless with housing stability and provide services to help them stay housed. He also touted the Best Starts for Kids program.

**Teresa Mosqueda** is running for reelection for the at-large City Council Position 8. She moved into the 34th District in 2019,



Our "Speak Up Survey" question of the month was:

***Will you join us on Zoom, or will you attend the meetings in person after the pandemic has subsided?***

This will be valuable information, as Zoom will be incorporated into our meetings going forward, to help with planning meeting spaces in the future. Take a minute to add your opinion [HERE](#).

specifically the Luna Park/North Delridge area. We endorsed her in 2017.

**Brianna Thomas** is running for the At Large City Council seat being vacated by Lorena Gonzales, who is leaving that post to run for Mayor. Brianna is currently an aide for Gonzales. Brianna came of age politically here in the 34th. And went on to work for the campaign to raise the minimum wage in SeaTac to \$15, among other progressive causes.

We met **Lance Randall**, the first mayoral candidate we have heard from this year. He is “a political scientist, an economic development practitioner, an entrepreneur, and artist”. He seeks a comprehensive approach to homelessness, strengthen public safety and provide local assistance plan for small business. He wants to see Seattle accelerate its influence on the world’s stage by maintaining corporations, revitalize the music business and improve our transportation. Randall has worked under Greg Nickels and Ed Murray.

In the pre-meeting breakout social room, Randall shared his thoughts about Defunding the Police. He is uncomfortable

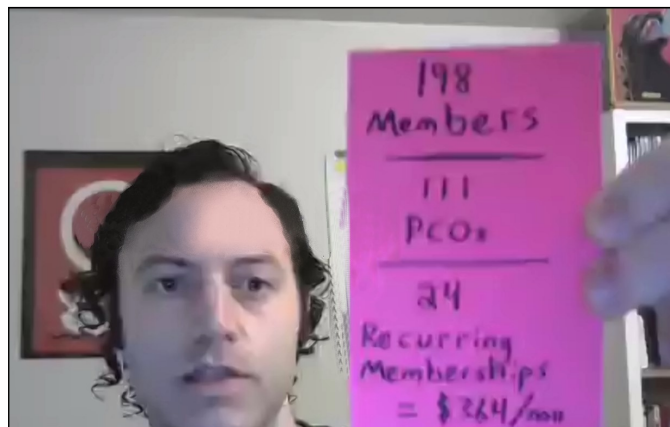


*Candidate for Mayor Lance Randall.*

with the term, even as a Black man, he lives with the anxiety of potential bad law enforcement encounters. He would rather get rid of problem officers, and see funds diverted to existing and new programs within the department for additional training and new social services personnel.

We endorsed a candidate for the open King Conservation District Supervisor position. The unconventional King Conservation Board election took place throughout the month of March. We heard from several of the candidates vying for the seat. **John Comerford** spoke, and **Brittney Bush Bollay** sent a written statement to be read, as she could not be present.

Candidates John Comerford, Brittney Bush Bollay, Kali Clark, David Toledo, and Melissa Tatro were all nominated. Toledo,



*New Membership and Hospitality Chair Trey Lykins “shares his screen” with a low-tech presentation of membership statistics.*

although registered as a candidate, declined to seek our endorsement and threw his support behind Comerford. The first ballot did not result with 60% for any candidate. Bollay won our endorsement by nearly 80% in a run-off with Comerford.

In other business, we passed a resolution put forward by **David Toledo**, calling on Mayor Durkan to appoint a BIPOC Director to the City of Seattle’s Office of Arts and Culture. The seat is now open, and to date all past directors have been White men. Bunny Hatcher summarized the resolution.

We passed an interim budget for May 2021- April 2022 that will be revisited in the fall to correct for the Covid uncertainties. The current budget will include 16 months (Jan 2020-April 2021), a one-time fiscal year change to allow us to begin our fiscal years on May 1. This will give future boards extra time and resources as they start a new term.

**Nick Bonazza** presented PCO candidates **Shellea Allen** in SEA 34-1518, **Dominick Ojeda** in SEA 34-1493 and **Clara Sekowski** in BUR 34-0402 as Appointed PCOs for the balance of the 2020-2022 term.

**Jordan Crawley**, LAC Chair spoke about the new Membership Policy Caucuses, and introduced the co-leads of the Environment, Energy and Land Use Caucus **Randy Litzenberger** and **Annie Phillips**. Randy reported on their recent activities and the new connections they are making in the region.



*Brianna Thomas is a candidate for at-large City Council Position 9.*



*Teresa Mosqueda is seeking re-election for at-large City Council Position 8.*



*Randy Litzenberger is co-lead of the Environment, Energy & Land Use caucus*

## Ben Reilly Steps Down From the Executive Board



Sometimes a resignation really is “to spend more time with the family”. That is certainly the case with Ben Reilly, who leaves as our Rules and Bylaws Committee Chair. He is stepping aside from his volunteer support role on the 34th’s Executive Board with the addition of a third child, and the pressures of work.

Ben served ably as our Treasurer for the 2019/2020 term and brought other talents beyond his skill with numbers. He drew together a panel of immigration and legal experts for one of the best programs on immigration we’ve had at our last in-person meeting in February 2020. It is still available for viewing on our Facebook page.

He also shared some of his writings with us, such as a thoughtful piece on our political environment, artfully

structured around the 6 articles of the “Code of the United States Fighting Force” in the blog piece [The Code of Conduct](#). The Atlantic also chose to print [one of his letters](#).

It is for these many contributions to our organization that we named him “Rising Star” for 2019. We wish him well.

This leaves us without a Rules and Bylaws Chair. At this time there is no rush to fill the role but we anticipate a Bylaws revision cycle between November 2021 and March 2022. This is a role which is only active a couple months out of the year, aside from regular board member participation and meeting attendance. The role definition follows:

“The Bylaws and Rules Committee oversees an annual or biannual review of both the organization’s Bylaws and the Executive Board Standing Rules. The Chair and Vice Chairs will also participate in this exercise.”

If interested, contact Carla Rogers at [chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org)

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## Community Support Letters Wanted in Support of Bridge Funding Request

During Good of the Order at our March Meeting, Hannah Cameron told us that she learned from the West Seattle Bridge Community Task Force that the Seattle Department of Transportation is applying for an [INFRA grant](#) from the US Department of Transportation. SDOT is asking for letters of support from the community. [From the SDOT Blog:](#)

*INFRA grants emphasize projects that generate national or regional economic, mobility, and safety benefits. [Per the USDOT](#), racial equity will also be considered as a selection criterion, to the extent that project sponsors have completed equity-focused community outreach and projects are designed to benefit underserved communities. Based on these and other criteria, we believe the emergency repairs to this critical, nationally significant bridge meet the criteria for the INFRA program. Completing the application is an important milestone in our effort to secure multiple funding sources for the repair project, which is slated to begin construction later this year with a target of reopening the high bridge in mid-2022.*

*While we wanted to ensure that most stakeholder letters of support were submitted with the grant application, USDOT will still accept letters and messages of community support beyond the March 19<sup>th</sup> INFRA application due date. If you’d like to offer your support, [please click this link to sign a communitywide letter](#), or you can send organizational letters of support to [WestSeattleBridge@Seattle.gov](mailto:WestSeattleBridge@Seattle.gov).*

Hannah said that according to SDOT “**There is not a number of letters that is too many.**”

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## A Call to Stand Up Against Asian American and Pacific Islander Racism

Since the start of the pandemic, there have been almost 4,000 incidents of acts of violence against Asian communities throughout the United States. These 4,000 individual events have led to the assault, maiming, and murder of a population who, in the last four years, was scapegoated as an excuse for the incompetence and corruption of the former administration.

Acts of state-sanctioned violence against the AAPI community are notable in American history. Sadly, this list includes such events as the Chinese Exclusion Act and the internment of Japanese Americans during the Second World War.

Noting our party’s commitment to being a party of antiracism. I call upon the 34th to support the AAPI community and raise awareness and stand against anti-Asian sentiments and actions. As Democrats, we must stand in solidarity and fidelity with all members of our multi-racial American community.

Never forget.

— **Richard O’Neill**,

PCO for SEA 34-1468 and KCDCC Alternate

## Remembering Marty McLaren, 34th Member and SPS Board Member

Les Treall, Marty's neighbor, brought news of her passing: "She was vibrant pretty much to the end. She did tai chi in the courtyard on Wednesday, as was her daily norm, and was out visiting in the community on Thursday. Friday, they couldn't wake her. She was very aware of what was happening and was able to, and had time to, say goodbye to all of us. She will be missed."

This obituary was written by Marty with help of a friend.



Marty McLaren (Martha Louise McLaren) lived from April 23, 1944, to March 13, 2021.

In Brooklyn, New York, Marty was born into the family of her mother, Marta B. McLaren, and US Naval officer William F. McLaren. She was the fourth of six children.

In early life, she lived on the east coast of the US, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in the Mojave Desert, and San Diego, and moved to the Bangor Naval Base in Kitsap County at 14. When she was 17, the family moved to Seattle, where she lived most of her adult life. She was blessed with resources to graduate from the UW and had some interesting travels in her life, to Europe in 1967, to South America in 1969, and in 2002 to Ghana.

She was married for 17 years to Ted Kehl, and together they had four beautiful children — Catherine, Andrea, who died at 18 months, Lauren, and Samuel, who died in 2019 at 37. Motherhood and children became the most important and meaningful aspects of her life.

After her divorce, Marty earned a teaching credential. She taught preschool for several years, had an eye-opening 19-month stint at Family Services Homeless Children's Network in the mid-'90s, and went on to teach middle- and high-school mathematics.

In 1994 she moved from the family home on Capitol Hill to the newly forming Puget Ridge Cohousing Association in West

Seattle. Her cohousing community became an anchor and presence in Marty's life. As the community grew and struggled to create itself, she also grew and found herself in fertile soil for developing and extending her interests and passions. Most important, she learned to cherish the opportunity to connect with others and understand them and herself more deeply.

She was moved to advocate strenuously for a return to "sane" math curricula in K12 schools, and her activism led to her running successfully for the Seattle School Board in 2011. She served on the board through 2015 with a deep commitment to students and to dismantling structural racism.

Marty loved to dance, to sing, to bicycle, and, in later years, to row crew. She was involved in various communities that fed her thirst for spiritual connection — including the Dances of Universal Peace, and the Somatic study of the Enneagram, and earlier, St Patrick's and St Joseph's parishes.

She dealt with cancer in 1987, 2013, 2018, and in late 2020, learning to join an attitude of acceptance with her passion to live authentically. She was blessed most abundantly with loving, caring friends and family, who held her with great tenderness to the end of her life.

She is survived by her daughters, her grandson Tracy, her brothers Jerome, William and Alfred, her sister Georgia, and her niece Scotti. Due to COVID restrictions, there will not be a formal commemoration.

## Carla Rogers & Jordan Crawley Accepted to City of Seattle's PACE Program

The People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE) is a 5-session civic leadership program that supports and trains community members on how to be an effective civic activist and leader. The 5-part course concentrates in three main areas: Meaningful Networking, Education to Help Understand Local Government, and How to Connect with and Influence Local Decision Makers.

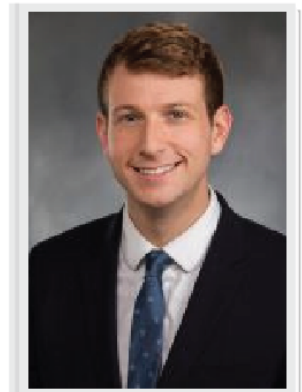
The PACE program is offered three times a year: winter, summer, and fall. Each quarter consists of 20 hours of class time. Sessions are taught by facilitators from community and nonprofit organizations along with City staff who have expertise in the topic and in facilitating group discussion. It is designed for emerging leaders who are invested in their communities and want to learn more about local government. People of color are highly encouraged to apply.

Much more information about PACE can be found [here](#).



HEAR FROM YOUR ELECTED LEADERS

# 34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TOWN HALL



US Rep. Pramila Jayapal - State Senator Joe Nguyen  
State Rep. Eileen Cody - State Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon

Send in Questions via Google Form  
<http://bit.ly/TownHall-Questions>



**SUNDAY, MAY 2 - 1-2:30PM**  
**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
**[HTTP://BIT.LY/2021-34LD-TOWNHALL](http://bit.ly/2021-34LD-TOWNHALL)**  
**JOIN ZOOM**

# Burien Regional PCO Meeting Report, March 20, 2021

PCOs from the 33<sup>rd</sup> LD joined the 34<sup>th</sup> for an all-Burien PCO Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> to provide an opportunity to meet and talk about Burien issues. Presenters were Burien PCOs. **Estey Chen** opened with the Land Acknowledgment as one small act in the ongoing process of honoring this land and its people. Chairs **Terri Lindeke**, 33<sup>rd</sup> LD Chair and **Carla Rogers**, 34<sup>th</sup> LD Chair welcomed everyone as they look forward to the two LDs working together.

**Janine Anzalota** spoke about the work of the 34<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats Equity and Social Justice Committee and their work to recruit BIPOC members, PCOs and volunteers to ensure representation of the multiple languages spoken, ethnicities, and cultural diversity in our LD, including finding ways to identify and combat the rise in anti-Asian bias here and across the country. Discussion followed on why people might be reluctant to engage, the need to identify and address barriers, and when they come in, help them feel welcome.

PCOs in the Community, Building Networks and Outreach: **Annie Phillips & Donna Christensen-Salcedo** identified opportunities to talk about the Democratic Party, issues, and campaigns within our circles, at schools, gyms, etc.; through elected officials already involved with different groups and alliances; in our community, i.e., Burien People for Climate Action, Young Democrats, members of other leadership development organizations. Progressive churches may allow the Equity and Social Justice Committee to speak after services.

PCOs in the Democratic Party: **Sarah Brusig & Krystal Marx** (Burien City Councilmember). There is work to do in King County to support upcoming elections and we need as many Democrats as possible. Meet voters where they are, recognize individual issues change through life experiences, check back. In 2017 seventeen people ran for four seats on the Burien City Council. PCOs in the 33<sup>rd</sup> & 34<sup>th</sup> mobilized, door knocking, texting, calling, doing outreach at festivals. We need to get people active, talk about why it is important to vote on every ballot issue. Build coalitions on advancing issues, have online space where Burien PCOs can pose questions & information, easy talking points, other ways to connect.

Canvassing, virtual & door to door: **Colleen Hinton & Rocco DeVito**. Track your lists, who lives where, whether they are

receptive or unfriendly – information is vital. Having notes available is important. If the voter is not home switch up the days/times you see them or leave notes. [**Don Bennett**: Information entered & saved on Minivan goes directly into VoteBuilder. If you record on paper the PCO Committee Chair or volunteer will enter.] Rocco: why aren't younger people more involved? Don't discount anyone because they are transient, less income, more diverse. Find people that want to be involved, speak to their needs, develop policies that support them.

Data collection: identifying voter priorities: **Obol Wako**. We knock on doors, once we get data how do we collate and act on it? Do we know what our electeds accomplished or are beginning to work on? We need better communication to market what we are doing, what we want to do, and how to build coalitions around that.

**Max Brown**: we have hard information from the last election and projections; we can look at data by city & district and understand the turnout from 2020 elections, identify gaps and deficits, how to take information we get canvassing, listening, and aggregate as high priority for precincts.

We understand the purpose of the Democratic Party is to advance our shared values by electing good, Democratic candidates up-and-down the ballot. But we aren't limited to getting out the vote. Being an effective PCO means building relationships year-round. It takes time to get to know your precinct.

PCOs in Burien are more than PCOs, they are neighbors. Whether they have been PCOs for years or signed up more recently, they share common goals of reaching out to community members, understanding their needs and the issues that concern them, educating voters and giving them a voice. PCOs agreed to meet regularly going forward and identified possible locations, including at private homes and/or kid friendly locations.

Similar meetings will be held for Seattle, White Center and Vashon PCOs.

**Nick Bonazza**  
34<sup>th</sup> Dems PCO Chair

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## Burien People for Climate Action needs volunteers to speak at City Council meetings

**People for Climate Action** (our local Burien branch) is looking for volunteers to make brief (two minutes!) public comments at Burien City Council meetings, urging the Council to focus their efforts on combating climate change, in every aspect of city business.

PCA has developed a wonderful toolkit for cities to use as they figure out how they can address climate priorities locally. Our goal is to have at least one climactivist (there's a new word for you!) attend every BCC meeting and make a comment or suggestion about what the city can do. Meetings are on Zoom, every other Monday at 7 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Colleen Hinton at [colleenmhinton@msn.com](mailto:colleenmhinton@msn.com) or 206-676-2757 for more info and get on our schedule – we will provide you with all you need, and even help you create your public comment. This is a low-commitment, one-and-done opportunity to speak up for the climate!



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