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### **Chair's Message**

### **Greetings Fellow Dems!**

I feel so accomplished now that I've survived my first endorsements meeting as Chair! It was a long but productive night that resulted in some surprises and other disappointments - but we were cordial, generally patient and excited to participate in democracy here in the 34th. I'm proud of each and every one of you! We had the third largest attendance of any meeting in recent history! We did it on Zoom! High Five! Congratulations to all of our endorsed candidates - we are excited to support you in the coming months.

I meant what I said to the new members at the start of the meeting last month.... please walk through the open door to our organization. Get involved. Listen. Be heard. Participate. Advocate. Socialize. Be a Proud Democrat. Reach out to myself or any of our board members to get involved. We need you. Our candidates need you. A little time or a lot - we'll gladly take it! So many things to do. Join us!

I announced at the end of the meeting our upcoming 34th Reunion Picnic on September 18th. Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details. This will be a casual, fun and upbeat gathering of Dems at Shelter 3 in Lincoln Park - right on the water. We'll eat, drink and talk politics with candidates and neighbors. I want to see all your faces there!! It's been too long.

This newsletter has a few upcoming and important events. Check our website for more details and get these on your calendar. The 2021 Primary is around the corner (August 3!) and we need lots of sneakers on the ground. We're printing door hangers for our PCOs and volunteers to share our sample ballot. These will be available in early July. Our GOTV Kick Off (July 8) will be a great opportunity to learn about our strategy to make sure we have high voter participation in our district. A few of our endorsed candidates will be on hand to cheer us on and get us fired up for action.

Last month, our King County Dems Alternate Rep, Richard O'Neill, resigned as he is moving to another district. Please contact me if you are interested in this great opportunity to be a liaison to the county democratic organization and sit on the Executive Board. We will elect a new representative at our August meeting.

Lastly, please keep yourself safe as we begin to get back to life as normal. We don't want to go backward. I am anxious to see you all in person in September and that can only happen if we are smart and cautious this summer.

Carla Rogers

34th LD Chair - chair@34dems.org - 206-432-1998

# July 14th, 2021

Online Membership Meeting Notice
You Must Register to Attend:

### **Register Here**

**6:00pm** - Zoom opens for mini-program "National Infrastructure Bank"

### 6:45pm - Call to Order

### **Opening Ceremonies** (5m)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes (2m)
Budget and Membership Report (3m)
Announcements and Review of Endorsement
Process (5m)

### **Endorsements**

Port of Seattle

### Candidate Spotlight (5m)

# PCO Appointments and GOTV Kick Off Event Details (5m)

34th Platform (15m)

### **Resolutions to Consider (15m)**

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### Adjourn 9pm

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## **Executive Board**

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## **May 2021 State Party Central Committee Notes**

The May meeting was virtual with 156 attendees. DNC members gave their reports with one DNC member reminding the body of the difficulty of not having medical insurance and to experience a medical emergency. David McDonald, member of the DNC Rules and Bylaws, shared with the body the in the next presidential cycle, there will be four states that will go early (lowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, and South Carolina). This will affect the delegate selection window. The Budget was passed.

The Chair appointed 7 members to the Executive Board, Chris was one of those appointed.

Four resolutions were introduced and passed by acclamation, among them include: Holding Tacoma Police accountable; Senate Filibuster; Censure and expel Rep. Robert Sutherland.

Committee reports were given: Special thanks for the work on the Advocacy committee and the passing of the Capital Gains Tax. Committee reports were Affirmative Action Committee, Advocacy, Elections, Finance, and Rural Committee, and redistricting. There was no new or old business and meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm.

There was a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training for all state committee members that started at 1:30pm and lasted for 2 hours.

The state redistricting committee is busy getting the word out about redistricting meetings (see call for input below) across the state. The committee has been recruiting people to provide testimony at these meetings as well as coaching people on the dos and don'ts of providing testimony at public hearings. The committee is also educating people on the impacts of redistricting when done badly.

Submitted by Janine Anzalota and Chris Porter, State Committeepersons



# ROUND #2: Districts Seven & Nine Public Outreach Meeting,

July 31, 2021, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

The Washington State Redistricting Commission is holding public outreach meetings that will affect our district.

The purpose is to gather public input on the drawing of new congressional and state legislative maps. For more information or to register to participate, visit https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/outreach-meetings.

Leading the meeting will be Paul Graves, Brady Piñero Walkinshaw, and Sarah Augustine.

**Click Here to Register for Public Comment** 

# King County Democrats Endorsements Of Potential Interest to the 34 Legislative District

KC Council Pos. 5: Dual

Dave Upthegrove & Shukri Olow

KC Superior Court #47: Andrea Robertson

Port of Seattle Pos. 1: **Ryan Calkins** 

Port of Seattle Pos. 3: Hamdi Mohamed

Port of Seattle Pos. 4: Toshiko Hasegawa

Burien City Council #1: Hugo Garcia Burien City Council #3: Jimmy Matta Burien City Council #5: Sarah Moore Burien City Council #7: Krystal Marx



The complete KC Democrats endorsement list can be found **HERE** 



# Sign up to help Get Out The Vote for the Primary!

**We need you!** Please sign up to help GOTV in the 34th. You will never be pressured to do more than you want to do. If we could have 10 people working every week in the neighborhoods, we CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN! Sign up below to learn more and we will be in touch with you.

## We are having a Primary GOTV kick off call on July 8 at 7pm

Join Zoom: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83582622336">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83582622336</a>

### **GOTV Canvassing Send Off - Saturday July 17**

PCOs and Volunteers are invited to join us at either

**C&P Coffee** at 10:30 - 11:30 or **Burien Press** at 11:00 - 12:00

Candidates will be there to cheer us on and PCOs can pick up walk literature.

Email Nick Bonazza (pco@34dems.org), Colleen Hinton (caucus@34dems.org) or Carla

Rogers (chair@34dems.org) to ask questions



## Learn about the National Infrastructure Bank at our July Pre-Meeting Program

At the July meeting we will be considering a Resolution Urging Congress to Enact National Infrastructure Bank Legislation. Don't know about the NIB? Join us at **6pm on July 14** to learn all about it.

The National Infrastructure Bank policy is contained in HR 3339 in the United States Congress. This bank would complement agreements in Congress to spend through the budget, which the Coalition for a National Infrastructure Bank supports.

But all budgetary spending will be far too small. The NIB will finance \$5 trillion of infrastructure which will include repairs and new projects such as High Speed Rail. It has been done previously in United States' history.



There is growing national support. Dozens of state legislatures have filed or passed resolutions to congress; as have city and county councils. The Pennsylvania, Alaska, and Virginia Democratic Parties have also endorsed as have county and other Party entities. The Coalition speakers will explain the workings of the proposed Bank and answer all questions. **More information can be found HERE** 



### 34th LD Democrats Member Survey

This is a monthly series of 34th Membership surveys that will help the leadership of the 34th understand and respond to the input of our membership. We will use the data collected ONLY to modify the way we conduct 34th business and activities going forward. Your responses are anonymous. PLEASE PROVIDE HONEST INPUT! The good, bad and ugly! Your input will make us STRONGER as an organization.

http://bit.ly/July-Speak-Up-Survey Thank you for speaking up!

### Please Note the Special Date...

Your Executive Board Will be meeting <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 28</u> at 7pm

Please email the chair if you would like to join:

chair@34dems.org

# 34th Officer/Board Member Position Opening

Previous **Male KCDCC Alternate**, Richard O'Neill, has resigned as he is moving to another district. This leaves an opening to help represent our LD at the county level, and have a seat on our Executive Board. We will be voting on a replacement at our August meeting. Candidate must identify as male, or non-binary.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Carla Rogers <a href="mailto:chair@34dems.org">chair@34dems.org</a>

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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 August newsletter will be Friday, July 30, 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...



The Juneteeth Flag

A special pre-meeting program about Juneteenth was presented by Rachel Glass. Washington State passed a bill making it a state holiday in April, and it became a national holiday the following week on June 16.

The June meeting was dedicated to our endorsement process and

drew more than 375 attendees swelled by supporters of several contested races, not the least of which was that for King County Executive featuring two of the 34th's favorite sons, Dow Constantine, and Joe Nguyen.

Before the nominations began, Jake Garcia from the "Best Starts for Kids" spoke about that levy renewal. It was first passed in 2016 as a 350M levy. This year the renewal will generate close to \$900 million over the next six years to improve access to childcare and other services for children and families in the county. King County Proposition 1 will be on the August 3 Primary ballot.

We currently have 548 members. Several board members spoke about opportunities that come with being a member:

- 1st Vice Chair Rachel spoke about upcoming programs. These presentations will have an emphasis on social justice.
- 2nd Vice Chair Jordan explained the new membership policy caucuses that give members an opportunity to participate in, and how they have helped to "expand our voice" and better interface with the community as well as our policy makers.
- Jeff Sbaih encouraged folks to get involved with his Equity and Social Justice Committee. He highlighted a recent event with assistance from other community groups to vaccinate hard to reach populations.
- Community Partnerships Chair Dawn Rains recommended a few of the other committees to new members to consider involvement in.

To verify membership and residence in the 34th LD, attendees were given a unique log-in link. Non-members were indicated with a "Guest" prefix to their name in the Zoom roster. Features of Zoom were used for voting. Zoom YES/NO buttons were used for voting by acclamation, in place of voice votes. "Zoom Polls" were used as



Shukri Olow is running for King County Council Position 5



The Zoom ballot format

ballots to endorse candidates. The poll simply popped up on screen and members selected their candidate and disappeared - off to be tabulated when submitted. A separate Zoom breakout room

served as a tally space, and where candidate surrogates could observe.

A board-recommended slate was passed that included the Best Starts for Kids levy, Andrea Robertson for Superior Court Judge, and Hugo Garcia for Burien City Council Position 1. Krystal Marx, running for re-election to the Burien Council, was pulled from the slate and endorsed separately.

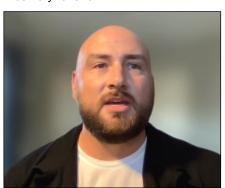
A resolution, "EQUITY NOW" was presented by Chris Porter and passed. It urges Governor Inslee to issue an executive order to undo some of the damage to Affirmative Action caused by 1998's I-200, and its subsequent misinterpretation.

One of the nominees for the Burien City Council came under scrutiny for having voiced previous support for Trump, and the Republican "Stop the Steal" push late in 2020. Those comments on social media stood in contrast to their support of our Democratic Party values. However those who spoke against their endorsement welcomed the candidate to the Party and recommended that they continue their work on community issues important to them.

Krystal Marx was asked about and acknowledged her social



Jake Garcia explains the "Best Starts for Kids" levy renewal



EJ Juarez Speaks for Dave Upthegrove's re-election bid to the King County Council

media posts announcing a primary run for US Congress in the 9th CD. She said she would serve for at least the period before the 2022 election, and afterward should she not be elected.

We could not reach a consensus on an endorsement for Seattle Mayor, and a motion for a dual endorsement of Lorena Gonzáles and Bruce Harrell fell on vote shy of approval

We were unable to get to the Port of Seattle races due to the lateness of the hour.

### **Endorsed Candidates to Date**

### **King County**

Executive

### **Dow Constantine**

King County Council Position 5 \* Dual Endorsement:

Dave Upthegrove and Shukri Olow

### Seattle

Mayor

### **No Endorsement**

Seattle City Council – Citywide **Teresa Mosqueda** – Position 8

**Brianna Thomas** - Position 9

Seattle City Attorney

### **Pete Holmes**

**Burien City Council** 

**Hugo Garcia** – Position 1

Jimmy Matta - Position 3

**Sarah Moore** – Position 5

Krystal Marx - Position 7

# King County Superior Court

Judge Andrea Robertson - Position 47 \*

### **Ballot Initiatives**

King County Proposition 1 -

Best Starts for Kids Levy - Approve



## **Resolution Urging Congress to Enact National Infrastructure Bank Legislation**

To Memorialize The United States Congress To Enact H.R. 6422 Or Similar Legislation To Establish A National Infrastructure Bank To Finance Urgently Needed Infrastructure Projects.

Whereas, the American Society of Civil Engineers stated in its 2017 report card that the United States scores a D+ regarding the current state of infrastructure and that four and one half trillion dollars would be needed to restore the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair. Newer projects and over two trillion dollars' worth of corrective projects are currently unfunded and the remaining projects are not adequately funded;

Whereas, a new National Infrastructure Bank (NIB) could directly aid in fostering an economic recovery and build the infrastructure projects we have neglected. Legislation to create such a bank has been introduced into Congress this spring, H.R. 6422. The new NIB is modeled on four previous institutions created by Presidents George Washington, John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, which helped spur massive economic growth; and,

Whereas, H.R. 6422 was introduced by Representative Danny Davis on March 31, 2020, and would establish a new four trillion-dollar National Infrastructure Bank authorized to invest solely in infrastructure projects. It would be funded through a repurposing if existing Treasury debt, as was done previously in the United States; and would require no new federal spending; and

**Whereas**, a new National Infrastructure Bank (NIB) could directly finance much of our nation's infrastructure, in partnership with state and local officials, and hire people who have lost their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Whereas, the new bank would create an estimated twenty-five million new jobs paying Davis-Bacon wages. It would ensure project labor agreements for all projects and Buy American provisions also while awarding a significant number of contracts to disadvantaged business enterprises and mandating large-scale minority hiring. It is expected to grow the economy by four to five present each year; and

Whereas, seventeen state legislatures and numerous county and city governments have introduced or passed resolutions in support of the bank. Additionally, organizations like the National Association of Counties, the U.S. High-Speed Rail Association, the National Latino Farmers and Ranchers, the National Congress of Black Women, the National Federation of Federal Employees, the Democratic Municipal Officials, the American Sustainable Business Council, the National Association of Minority Contractors, and many others have endorsed the new bank. Now, therefore,

**Be it Resolved**, the 34th District Democratic Organization endorses HR 6422 or similar legislation to urge congress to pass this legislation; and,

**Be it further Resolved** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to each member of the Congressional Delegation and to the President of the United States, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the resolution be sent to our state legislative delegation and the governor to inform them of our support for the National Infrastructure Bank.

Submitted by Bunny Hatcher



Chris Weiss and Karen Richter take a breather near the end of the afternoon.



Leah Griffin hard at work.

# Our 1st Adopt-A-Street Post Pandemic Work Party

Late this spring, Seattle Utilities finally cleared the way for us to resume cleanup activities on our Adopt-A-Street, 16th Avenue, from Roxbury to Elmgrove. Nine 34th District Dems spent the afternoon of June 12 cleaning up the street.

Leah Griffin, Christy Gamrath, Bruce Bergman, Bob Ferrell, Jeanne Merritt, Karen Richter, Chris Weiss, Steve Butts, and Melinda Grant took part in this first work party since 2019.

# Max Vekich Nominated by President Biden to Federal Maritime Commission



Max is a long-time member of the 34th District Democrats. He has enjoyed a full career as a longshoreman and labor leader. Based in Seattle since 2004, Max has worked in all the ports of Washington State, and has maintained engagement on all manners of Port infrastructure and operations. In 2009 he ran as a candidate for a slot on the Port of Seattle Commission, coming in second. Since then, the Northwest Seaport Alliance which he advocated for, has come into being, combining Seattle and Tacoma container operations. He has weighed in on numerous port issues, like the reactivation of Terminal 5, which will be a reality in 2022.

Max is a native of Aberdeen, Washington, and before resettling in Seattle, he was a four-term Representative to the Washington State House of

Representatives, serving parts of four Olympic Peninsula counties. When elected in 1982, he was youngest Democrat in the State House. He served as chair of three committees during his tenure: Agriculture, Trade & Economic Development and Commerce & Labor. The Washington Historical Society recognized his efforts by awarding him the Robert Gray Medal.

Max is married to our former Chair, Marcee Stone. They have three adult children and four grandchildren.



Karen Richter and Colleen Hinton assist a student with her voter registration form.



Annie Phillips is always prepared for action.

# Voter Registration at West Seattle High School

A rainy Friday, June 11 found several members of the 34th during West Seattle High's Senior Checkout Day registering first-time voters. Chair Carla Rogers provided the connection, and the school set up a canopy to give us some shelter from the rain.

Karen Richter, Annie Phillips, Colleen Hinton, Jeanne Merritt and Steve Butts received 8 paper forms, and helped several others to use the online process on their phones.

# **Proposed Platform for the 34th District Democrats**

Jordan Crawley, our Second Vice-Chair and chair of the Platform & Legislative Action Committee, began the platform process after our reorganization in January. For the first two months, he organized a coalition of members to lead the Membership Policy Caucuses and help draft the platform. Jordan and our Chair, Carla Rogers, also worked alongside representatives from the Muckleshoot, Puyallup, and Suquamish Tribes to draft a section on "Tribal Relations & Sovereignty". After the first draft was complete, the Social Justice & Equity Committee reviewed and amended the platform. The Executive Board, then, did the same and now recommends that the membership adopt this platform.

This process benefits the organization and is helping us move forward. Not only are we taking steps toward formally establishing a tangible identity for our organization, but we've also begun forging strong, meaningful, cooperative partnerships with other community-based organizations, other Party organizations, and our region's Tribes. Please take some time between now and the membership meeting on **July 14th** to review the platform. Please send any questions or comments to Jordan at <a href="mailto:lac@34dems.org">lac@34dems.org</a> so that we can make our meeting time productive.

During the meeting, we will consider adopting the platform inclusive of any amendments approved by the membership. Review it here: <a href="http://bit.ly/34thPlatform">http://bit.ly/34thPlatform</a>.

## **Resolution in Support of Eliminating the Senate Filibuster**

WHEREAS The the authors of the United States Constitution intended legislation to be passed by <u>simple majority vote1</u>, and the Constitution mandates <u>supermajority votes</u> in only a few specific cases;2 and

**WHEREAS** The Senate <u>filibuster was created unintentionally in 1806</u> after Senators removed what they thought was redundant language in the Senate rules, and was not part of the design of the Senate;3 and

WHEREAS The use of the Senate <u>filibuster was rare throughout much of the 19th century</u>, and when employed it was generally used to delay and influence but not obstruct legislation, with most filibustered legislation eventually passing;4 and

WHEREAS Senator John Calhoun and Southern Senators began to use the Senate filibuster successfully to <u>preserve</u> slavery prior to the Civil War5 and then to <u>block voting rights</u> for Black citizens during Reconstruction;6 and

**WHEREAS** The Senate adopted the "cloture rule" in 1917 in the midst of a national security vote to allow a two-thirds vote to end a filibuster; 7 and

WHEREAS While Senate <u>filibuster was used rarely8</u> "from the 87 years between when Reconstruction ended until 1964, the only category of legislation against which the filibuster was employed to actively stop bills in their tracks was <u>Civil Rights legislation</u>",9 including <u>200 bills outlawing lynching</u>,10 bills ending poll taxes and employment discrimination, and the <u>Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1964</u>;11 and

WHEREAS The Senate rules were changed in the 1970s to reduce the cloture vote to 60, to institute a <u>"tracking system"</u> and the <u>"silent filibuster"</u> that allows other legislation to proceed while a bill is being filibustered, and to allow a Senator to filibuster without even needing to be present;12 and

WHEREAS The use of the filibuster has skyrocketed since the 1970 and in recent years been used to <u>block progressive</u> <u>legislation</u>, including bills on worker rights, lobbying reform, voting rights and election reform, wage discrimination, a public option for healthcare, consumer protection, banking regulations, Social Security benefits, the DREAM Act, climate change legislation, and gun violence prevention in the wake of the Sandyhook mass shooting;13 and

WHEREAS The Senate filibuster rule has created a de facto supermajority requirement to pass any legislation;14 and

WHEREAS The filibuster has for several decades allowed <u>Republicans to set the legislative agenda</u> even when not in control of the Senate and despite representing a minority of the population of the United States;15 and

WHEREAS The U.S. House of Representatives has introduced <u>H.R. 1</u>, <u>The For the People Act</u>,16 which would <u>expand</u> <u>voting access</u>, reduce the influence of big money in elections, and reverse the Republican Party's assault on voting rights in many states;17 and

**WHEREAS** The U.S. House of Representatives has passed <u>H.R. 5</u>, <u>The Equality Act, 18</u> which would <u>prohibit</u> <u>discrimination</u> on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation; 19 and

WHEREAS The U.S. House of Representatives has introduced <u>H.R. 536</u>, <u>The New Way Forward Act</u>,20 which would reform the process for enforcing the <u>immigration laws</u> of the United States;21 and

WHEREAS A national \$15 minimum wage was a <u>central campaign promise of President Biden</u>, Vice President Harris, and many Congressional Democrats and is supported by a large majority of Americans;22 and

WHEREAS Discussions are underway regarding a New Civil Rights Act;23 and

WHEREAS The above legislation will likely be blocked by the requirement to achieve a 60-vote supermajority to end not just a filibuster but to overcome even just despite Democrat control of the U.S. House, Senate, and Presidency; and

**WHEREAS** Abolishing the <u>filibuster will benefit Democrats</u>24 and a progressive legislative agenda that will improve and strengthen the United States;25and

**WHEREAS** Eliminating the filibuster will enable moderate Senators to "work across the aisle" and pass bills which have the support of a bipartisan majority;26 and

**WHEREAS** Failing to fulfill our campaign promises because of an arcane Senate rule is unacceptable to Democratic voters and constituency groups, and would <u>further embolden the rise of the authoritarian right</u>;27 and

WHEREAS More than 60 organizations and unions28 have joined in calling on the Senate to abolish the filibuster;29

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 34th District Democrats support the elimination of the Senate filibuster, including by using the so-called <u>"nuclear option"30</u> if necessary; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 34rd District Democrats call on Senators Murray and Cantwell to make a public statement in support of ending the Senate filibuster, and to sponsor, support, and actively work to end the Senate filibuster in 2021 and pass the aforementioned legislation; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be submitted to Washington State Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Washington State Representative Pramila Jayapal, each of the Legislative District Democrats organizations of Washington State, and members of the media.

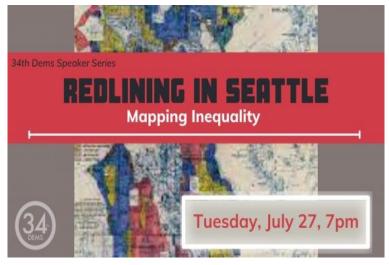
Submitted by Camille Gix, Policy & Advocacy Committee Chair, 43rd LD Democrats, and Paul Chapman, 43rd LD Democrats member and PCO.

# Redlining in Seattle - "Mapping Inequity" Tuesday, July 27 at 7pm

Ubax Gardheere will present a program "Redlining in Seattle – Mapping Inequality" to help members of the 34th Dems and the community at large learn the history behind this topic. For most of its history Seattle was a segregated city, as committed to white supremacy as any location in America. People of color were excluded from most jobs, most neighborhoods and schools, and many stores, restaurants, hotels, and other commercial establishments, even hospitals. As in other western states, the system of severe racial discrimination in Seattle targeted not just African Americans but also Native Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, people of Mexican ancestry, and also, at times, Jews.

# Join us for this FREE presentation which requires no registration.

Ubax is the Equitable Development Initiative Division Director in the City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development. She currently oversees the EDI fund the City is investing in community-based organizations working in Seattle on anti-displacement strategies and economic development opportunities. Ubax's core values are rooted in Social Justice and transformative practice, she prioritizes working towards equity, authentically listening to community and she has extensive experience in community development and building an inclusive vision with many of Seattle's communities of color. She was a member of the Housing Affordability Livability Agenda Committee. Ubax previously was a Program Director at Puget Sound Sage. She was responsible for advancing Sage's priorities related to equitable transit-oriented development, she focused on land use policy, affordable housing policy, transit-oriented development, community based participatory planning, leadership



development and importance of racial justice in policy making. Ubax serves as a Governance Group Member for Communities of Opportunity, a multi-million dollar, cross-sector initiative aimed at creating systems change across King County to address equitable health, housing and economic opportunity and serves on Serves on Seattle Foundation's Covid response and recovery fund Advisory Board. She serves on the board of Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) a partnership of the County and East King County Cities who have joined together to assist with preserving and increasing the supply of housing for low-and moderate-income households in the region. Ubax is a proud single parent to three very energetic kids who keep her on her toes. She is also a candidate for King County Council District 9.

No registration is required for this Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83582622336



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Sign up by filling out this form and mailing it with a check made payable to:

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