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Hello fellow Democrats! Just days until the 2021 election is behind us. So ready!

I'm sure that all of you are going to be focusing on the returns Tuesday night, as I will be. I want to thank all of our PCOs who walked their precincts, dropping our literature and helping your neighbors remember to vote. Kudos to all of you who volunteered with us or directly with candidates. I appreciate your passion for GOTV and candidate support. It takes a lot to run for office and I know that all candidates appreciate your energy.

One of our amazing Membership Policy Caucus leads - **Randy Litzenberger** - will be presenting our pre-meeting program at this month's meeting. I can't believe we've gone all year without an environment-focused program! Randy will present "Climate Policy 101". This program will begin at 6:30. The main event in our meeting in November is a mini-Town Hall with our elected officials.

We have decided to cancel our December monthly meeting in exchange for a 34th Service Project. Our newest board member **Aaron Garcia** contributed the idea to support Camp Second Chance. We will be looking for support from our members to prepare and deliver a hot meal, contribute necessary items and we will also accept donations which we will use to purchase larger items for camp residents. The sign up form is available here: https://bit.ly/CampSecondChance-SignUp Please include this in your charitable efforts this holiday season.

Keeping up the tradition, I have invited our elected officials to join our November monthly meeting for a **Town Hall**. Senator Joe Nguyen and Representatives Eileen Cody and Joe Fitzgibbon will provide you with insight into the 2022 Legislative session and you may have your presubmitted question answered. Submit your question at https://bit.ly/FallTownHall-Questions.

Please stay tuned to the redistricting process. The effects of the final maps will create a new map of the 34th and if you live in one of the affected areas, you will want to learn if you are still in the 34th. I am planning, pending final information, to present an overview of the changes in our January meeting. At that time we will begin welcoming any new precincts as well. We are bracing for these changes and hoping we will have minimal losses.

Lastly I want to plead for any interested parties to contact me about the **open board positions:** 2nd Vice Chair, Platform and Legislative Action Committee Chair and Co-Chair of the Endorsements and Resolutions Committee. I need your help to continue our good work. Please email or call me if you are interested!

Please take time to give thanks, be thankful and hug your friends and family this Thanksgiving. See you on the 10th!

Carla Rogers

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

November 10, 2021

Online Membership Meeting Notice
You Must Register to Attend:

Register Here

6:30pm - Zoom opens for a mini-program: Climate Policy 101

7:15pm - Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies (15m)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes (2m)

Budget and Membership Report (3m) Announcements (10m)

Legislative Town Hall (45m)

Resolution to Consider (10m)

Resolution on Recovery of Salmon, Steelhead and Southern Resident Orcas (See page 6)

Redistricting Status (10m)

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Adjourn 9pm

Please Note:

The 34th District Democrats
have decided to forgo a
December Holiday Party this year due
to the ongoing pandemic

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December Service Project

Due to the continued risk of COVID-19, the 34th Democrats have decided to forgo the December End-of-Year Party. Instead, the Executive Board plans to sponsor a service project for Camp Second Chance.

Camp Second Chance is a clean and sober homeless encampment providing emergency shelter for up to 50 people in tiny homes. The current population is about 53.



The camp is managed by its residents in partnership with the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI). Camp Second Chance is one of ten encampments authorized and funded by the City of Seattle's Human Services Department as part of the City's emergency response to homelessness.

We ask members, PCOs and board members to take part in the way that you are able. This project shows the community our Democratic values.

When you contribute to Camp Second Chance, you are helping to provide bedding, clothing, food, and light – the fundamentals of stable human life. The City provides the infrastructure for the camp such as utilities, and basic sanitation and kitchen supplies – but everything else is the responsibility of the camp itself. The camp leadership distributes resources fairly and carefully to those people who are most in need.

Your material support enables something even more important: a sense of community. To be homeless is to be alone, isolated, cut off from human relationships. The community of the camp provides a sense of belonging, as well as the responsibility to live and work with other people. It's a point of reentry into society, a refuge from chaos, and an anchor in a turbulent world.

There will be more details at the November meeting, stay tuned and be sure to mark your calendar to remove the December meeting. If you have questions, please email the chair - chair@34dems.org.

We Need Your Town Hall Questions For Nov. 10



Please submit your questions to our elected state officials for our Town Hall during our November 10 meeting:

https://bit.ly/FallTownHall-Questions

A Call for Nominations - Recognizing Our Members!



It's time to recognize the special people in the 34th LD Democratic Organization who have done so much to keep this organization vibrant and functional through a hard year. Please nominate someone (or multiple someones) for one of the several awards we give annually. Feel free to make multiple nominations and share why you think they should be recognized. You can find more information about the awards and the people recognized in previous years on the 34th district website: https://34dems.org/annual-awards/

The nomination form can be found at: https://bit.ly/34th-2021-Awards

Nominations are due by Dec, 15 and will be announced at the January meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Ann Martin at martinhtam@gmail.com.

Don't forget that Change Makes \$ense!

Change Make \$ense is a year-long donation drive that will fund the important work we do to get Democrats elected and use our progressive voice to influence policy. You can help us by contributing the loose change you have in your pocket or any amount you are comfortable and willing to give. Have some leftover dollars after your last grocery shopping trip? Throw them our way - we will make good use of them. Missed your last trip to the coffee shop? Why not invest those dollars in the 34th's Change Makes \$ense campaign? Every donation matters, and by the end of the year, they'll really add up! When Democrats work together, Democrats win!



Make a donation anytime! Thank you for your support!

34th LD Democrats Member Survey

Which of Our Programs and Activities Did You Value Most?

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.

https://bit.ly/11-21-SpeakUpSurvey

Thanks for speaking up!

Bylaws Committee NEEDS YOU!

Sarah Koch and the Bylaws and Rules
Committee are looking for one more
committee member to join this short term
work group.

First meeting will be in November.

Committee will meet monthly until March.

Bylaws are crucial for our organization to run smoothly. Join Sarah and the team by emailing bylaws@34dems.org.

Your Executive Board Meeting
For November is
Wednesday the 17th, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Please email the chair to join: chair@34dems.org

Recruiting Still in Progress!

We are still searching for our next 2nd Vice Chair, Platform and Legislative Action Committee Chair and Resolutions and Endorsements Co-Chair. This is only a 1 year commitment - with terms ending December 31, 2022. Help make 2022 successful for the 34th Dems by volunteering as an executive board member! To learn more about the roles, email

vicechair1@34dems.org or chair@34dems.org.

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

Senator Joe Nguyen

Assistant Floor Leader

Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation (Vice Chair); Environment; Rules; Energy & Technology; Transportation

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Representative Eileen Cody

Chair, Health Care & Wellness; Appropriations

303 John L. O'Brien Building PO Box 40600 Olympia, WA 98504 (360) 786 - 7978



Representative **Joe Fitzgibbon**

Chair, Environment & Energy; Appropriations; Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources 305 John L. O'Brien Building PO Box 40600 Olympia, WA 98504 (360) 786 - 7952



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 December newsletter will be Tuesday November 23, 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...

Chair **Carla Rogers** began the meeting with a bit of a rant. She was worried that membership participation was sliding. There has been a lack of turnout at some of our campaign events, as well as for attendance to our meetings and special programs. She urged us to "find a place" in our organization and get engaged. We will soon be heading into 2022 with US Senate race with House members to reelect...with 2024 looming. She gave a shout-out to the state party, which is currently working to fend off Arizona-style "audits" of the 2020 election...**Click HERE to learn more.**

The Speak-Up Survey of the month focused on the Holiday Party. There was an online questionnaire, but there was also a pop-up poll during the meeting. The sentiment of those attending was to hold the meeting virtually and saving the Hall rental fee.

2nd Vice Chair and LAC Committee Chair **Jordan Crawley** and **Janine Anzalota**, State Party Committeeperson, have stepped down from their duties, opening up 3 positions on the Executive Board that will need to be filled. Chair Rogers is seeking members who wish to apply for these spots. A new State Committeeperson will have to identify as female, or non-binary. The 2nd Vice Chair position has no gender requirement. Members are also being sought to help with the annual awards this year and with Bylaws and Endorsements next year.

Nick Bonazza introduced two new Burien PCOs for appointment just in time for the election. **Nancy Kick** is in BUR 34-1057, and **Sam Mendes** lives in BUR 34-1059. The past weekend Sam had won a pair of Sounders tickets donated by Hugo Garcia as part of an incentive to get folks to turn out in Burien for a GOTV event.

Nick reported that this year for the first time the 34th printed separate sample ballots for Burien, with Spanish, specific to what's on the ballot for that city. These races are tight, with disinformation being spread against our candidates as well as their signs being defaced and stolen. There will be GOTV events going on every Saturday until the election in Burien, and one in West Seattle.

Vivian Song Maritz and **Laura Marie Rivera** spoke to us about their campaigns, they are both running for Seattle School Board Director for District 4. We are unable to endorse either, as that district does not overlap into the 34th.

Special Guest former King County Prosecutor **Stephan Thomas** gave a lively presentation on recruiting progressive prosecutors,



Stephan Thomas urges us to think about the prosecutors we pick.

"The Most Powerful Elected Officials Never Held Accountable." They wield this power through their discretion on charging/not charging those arrested for crimes. Thomas says: "Police officers take you to jail, prosecutors send you to prison". Prosecutors are the arbitrators of our values...which crimes are important, and which neighborhoods to concentrate on...and he wonders why we in this area have been electing Republicans as prosecutors. Dan Satterberg was a Republican for years before he switched parties, as was Norm Maleng before him.

Thomas talked at length and in freeform about his background. His mother was active in Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition in Chicago. He presented his "street credentials" and spoke about the War on Drugs and the over-reaction to crime in the 1990's. Then he relayed his experience as a prosecutor. He says we must have a conversation on prosecution, such as our current choice for Seattle Attorney, what could be framed as a choice between "abolition and a return to the '90's".

He promoted the organization he helped found, Prosecutors Accountable to the People. Organized by current and former prosecutors, it is a "coalition of individuals impacted by the criminal justice system, faith leaders, laborers, and voters" whose goal it is to hold prosecutors accountable "to implement community safety strategies that build healthy, safe, and thriving communities". See their website at: www.patpwa.com.

We had a balance of \$500 remaining in our Campaign contribution budget. We voted to give \$100 each to Seattle School Board candidate Brandon Hersey, Burien City Council candidates Hugo Garcia, Sarah Moore, and Krystal Marx, and to the **Highline Schools levy.**

Carla thanked those who provided testimony to the redistricting commission, particularly Bunny Hatcher who gave us a rundown on possible boundary changes for the 34th LD and the 7th CD, siting the maps of the 4 commissioners. We will be experiencing disruption starting January, as we gain and lose PCOs and territory.

We approved **Aaron Garcia** to take over the position of KCDCC Alternate.



Nancy Kick





Aaron Garcia, our new KCDCC Alternate

Homelessness in the Native American Community

Prior to the meeting there was a special program on homelessness in Seattle, focusing on our Native American population and the difficulties many have.

Derrick Belgrade, Executive Director of the Chief Seattle Club spoke of his organization He is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, and also Chippewa-Cree from Rocky Boy Montana.

Although they only make up 1% of the population, they are 15% of the unhoused, and up to 32% of chronic homeless. Native Americans are the least likely to access mainstream services due to historical conflict with the American society and the US Government... genocide, erasure of their culture, and reneged promises of treaties...all have caused deep resentment and mistrust.

The Chief Seattle Club is designed to provide community to Native Americans who may not feel to be a part of the surrounding society. Ironically Seattle, which is named after a local Native chief, has less "Native space" compared to other cities, such as Vancouver which is actually named for a European explorer.

The Chief Seattle Club historically has been a drop-in day shelter, a place to get food, shower, wash clothes and rest in a place that provides a sense of community and belonging Derrick Belgrade for the chronic homeless. They also have 2 shelter locations. The club uses a holistic approach that attempts to keep in balance "Four quadrants" of a healthy person:

Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual...with relevant cultural programs. They will soon have long-term housing, and will be opening a café, which will double as a job training opportunity.

View both the meeting and the pre-program **HERE**

Resolution on the Recovery of Endangered Salmon, Steelhead and Southern Resident Orcas

WHEREAS, between 1991 and 1999, thirteen stocks of Columbia/Snake River salmon and steelhead were listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, including Snake River sockeye, steelhead and spring, summer and fall chinook; and

WHEREAS, the population of Southern Resident orcas, designated as an endangered species in 2005, has declined from 98 individuals in 1995 to just 74 today, with lack of chinook salmon for food a central cause of the decline; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, six federal agency salmon recovery plans, and the expenditure of \$17 billion have left the listed stocks of Columbia Basin salmonids closer to being on a track to extinction than on a path to recovery, and Southern Resident orca populations in continuing decline; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest can replace the power generated by the four lower Snake River dams with a combination of new wind, solar, and demand-side resources (energy efficiency, demand response, and energy storage) that are all achievable in the next ten years; and improved alternatives to the current irrigation infrastructure and barge transportation practices can be developed, and

WHEREAS, resolutions from the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and from the National Congress of American Indians have emphatically called for breaching the lower Snake River dams, in order to honor the U.S. government's obligations under treaties with Northwest Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Senator Patty Murray and Governor Jay Inslee have committed to working "...with our Northwest Tribes, states, and all the communities that rely on the river system to achieve a solution promptly" and added, "We, too, want action and a resolution that restores salmon runs and works for all the stakeholders and communities...:"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 34th Legislative District Democratic Organization recognizes and honors the claims of Northwest Tribes, and applauds the leadership of Senator Murray and Governor Inslee in stepping up to drive a timely resolution of these issues: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that breaching the four lower Snake River dams, accompanied by investments to meet the needs of stakeholders and communities from the Columbia Basin to the coast, must be the twin cornerstones of any lawful and effective salmon and orca recovery plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we call on the Biden Administration to work with Northwest Tribes, states, other stakeholders and elected officials to meet the U.S. Government's legal and treaty obligations and to provide robust funding to make all this happen as soon as possible.

Submitted by the Environment, Energy and Land Use Caucus of the 34th LD.



Mike Wald, Chris Weiss, Peter Newbould, Steve Butts, Leah Griffin pose with some of the litter we picked up in our Oct. 9 Adopt-A-Street work party. Not pictured is Colleen Hinton. Photo by Karen Richter.

Keep Your Eye on the Redistricting Commission

The deadline for Commissioners to submit their final maps to the Legislature is Monday, November 15, 2021. This doesn't mean we will know the final boundaries of the 34th however. We may not know the final decisions until December.

Watch for the results on the Redistricting website. Rest assured, the SKAGIT OKANOGAN FERRY

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leadership of the 34th will be actively monitoring as well and we are planning to use part of our January meeting to get you fully informed of the changes.

Growth Management Planning Ramps Up!

When I moved to Seattle in 1993, the city initiated their first Growth Management Planning process mandated by the state legislature in 1990. I participated in the Land Management Plan process of National Forests beginning in 1979 while living in Southern California. I felt this was an opportunity to learn about Seattle and meet my neighbors. I attended neighborhood meetings on Capitol Hill and later in 1997, in the Admiral District. I felt it was worth my time to research and meet with my neighbors. Now the state is overseeing the third full GMP to update and make changes for a new fifteen-year plan.

It goes without saying that this is a perfect time to review the State's Growth Management Plan. Washington Office of Financial Management website shows the state's 2021 population 7.7 million adding an increase this year of 61,600 new residents. The 2020 census number shows 7,656,200. Seattle grew by 21.1% with a population of 737.015. (2010 population was 508,660). Washington is one of the fastest growing states in the country. The climate crisis, racism, homeless populations and Covid gives us plenty to consider the impacts and consequences of our planning process.

This plan is how we, as residents, design the future our communities, counties, farmlands, industry, resources, and state lands. The foremost goal of the GMA is public involvement. It is seen as a cooperative process between communities, counties, and the state.

Growth Management Goals are:

- Urban Growth
- Reduce Sprawl
- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Property rights
- Permits

- Natural resource industries
- Open Space and recreation
- Environment
- Citizen participation and coordination
- Public facilities and services
- Historic Preservation
- Shoreline Management Act (added)

How can you participate?

There is a *Short Course on Local Planning* through the Washington State Department of Commerce scheduled for November 30th and December 16th for those who wish to become members of a Planning Board and for the general public. The Department of Commerce oversees the GMP for the state. https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/

King County's Comprehensive Plan Manager is Ivan Miller, (206)263-8297 and email: ivan.miller@kingcounty.gov

Their website is: https://kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/GMPC.aspx

In Seattle, the Office of Planning and Development oversees the GMP. The contact is Michael Hubner, (206)684-8380 or Michael.hubner@seattle.gov Their website: https://www.seattle.gov/opcd/ongoing-initiatives/comprehensive-plan

Burien's Comprehensive Plan is coordinated by Susan McLain, Community Development Director. Call the city's main number and ask for her: (206)241-4647. The website is

https://www.burienwa.gov/residents/burien s vision/comprehensive plan

There are many community organizations who watch over planning and development, but the best one I found on GMP was **Futurewise:** http://futurewise.org/

League of Women Voters have past studies on their Washington State website:

https://www.lwvwa.org/Studies-&-Reports#GMA

Scoping will begin in January, but there is current rulemaking listed on Seattle's website.

I hope that the 34th will join with other LDs to be involved in this process.

Submitted by Karin Engstrom, MA

Are you a Democratic woman who wants to run for office?

<u>Emerge Washington</u> is an organization run by women, for women. They are the premier training program for Democratic women in Washington state, offering a comprehensive, cohort-based training curriculum of over 70 hours to ensure that participants are fully prepared to run after graduation.

Applications are open for Emerge WA's **2022 Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland Cohort!** Are you a Democratic woman who's a leader in your community? Emerge needs YOU to step up and apply. Classes start in January and meet one weekend a month until May. Emerge provides you with the training you need to run for office and win, including a powerful network of Emerge alums. **Read about the application process** on Emerge's website and **apply today.**

Applications close November 12th.

To learn more about the Emerge WA signature training program, please <u>visit their</u> <u>website</u> and attend an upcoming **information session via Zoom**, some of which are regionally based.

Upcoming virtual info sessions: RSVP to Emily@EmergeWA.org

October 27th and November 7th @7pm: General session

November 4th @7pm: Northwest WA.



Scenes from the October 9th West Seattle Campaign Kickoff



A group shot of endorsed candidates and their teams in Westcrest Park.



Leah Griffin with Lorena González.



Seattle Council Candidate Teresa Mosqueda takes a selfie with Chair Carla Rogers and Steve Butts.



Candidate for Mayor Lorena González, Teresa Mosqueda, and Port Commissioner Candidate Hamdi Mohamed pose with their 34th Dems T-Shirts.



We worked with unions, the Working Family Party, King County Democrats and with the 33rd District Democrats to maintain a progressive city council in that suburban city. We met up each Saturday starting in mid-September at either the Burien Press coffee shop or the Teamsters Union Hall in Tukwila to pick up lists, enjoy some snacks, and head out to doorbell.

These pictures were taken at Burien Press October 16th and 23rd.



Burien Council Candidate Hugo Garcia.



Sarah Moore hopes to serve on the Burien City Council.



Seattle Port Candidate Norman Sigler and a young volunteer.



Krystal Marx is seeking to retain her seat on the Burien City Council



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