



34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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Chair's Message

Happy Spring Democratic Neighbors!

I regret that the war on Ukraine still rages on. The impact on the people still in Ukraine mounts while millions of immigrants fleeing from the invasion are creating a humanitarian crisis. It is so sad to see this continue for the second month and I can only wonder how long this will go on. This horror persists as the various legal issues surrounding our former President - who actually buddied up to the monster Putin - close in on his inner circle. We all hope that the work they are doing will inevitably hold everyone accountable. It is hard to believe our recent political history, isn't it? Let's all commit to working hard this cycle to keep our Blue majority and shore up our party and infrastructure as we look toward 2024. We must not allow the Republicans to resume control of Congress or the White House. It is incumbent upon us to do everything in our power.

It's exciting to begin to see candidates declare their candidacy for this year's cycle! Candidate filing is May 16 - 20. We are delighted that our very own board member Leah Griffin has decided to run for the state representative seat being vacated due to Rep Eileen Cody's retirement.

All this reminds us that endorsement season is right around the corner. You will see in this newsletter that we will be doing 2 early endorsements to support 2 critical races. The remainder of our endorsements will be handled at our June 9th meeting. There were mixed opinions on the in-person versus zoom options in our Speak Up Survey. The board agreed that our goal is to get as many members voting as possible for representation purposes so we have decided to hold the meeting on Zoom again this year.

A bright spot approaches this summer! We will not have a July meeting (based on the Speak Up Survey results of last fall) and instead will hold a FUNdraiser! Fundraising & Events Chair Gina Topp has been busy organizing the event which will be held on **July 14th at Arthur's** on California in the Admiral Junction. Gina and her committee are busy planning what will be a really entertaining evening. Please mark your calendar and [purchase your ticket today!](#) More details will be shared at the monthly meetings and on our website soon!

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April 13, 2022

Meeting Notice

Register [HERE](#)

6:15pm - Zoom opens for pre-meeting program:
Choose 180

7:05pm - Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies (10m)

Approval of Agenda and Minutes (2m)

Candidate Spotlight (10m)

Endorsements (10m)

US Senate

Washington Secretary of State

Rank Choice Voting Presentation (20m)

Gondola Resolution (5m)

PSARA Initiative (15m)

Medicare Resolution (5m)

Announcements (10m)

Good of the Order

Adjourn 9pm

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Lastly, a big Congratulations and THANK YOU to our 2022 Delegation to the State Party Convention! 32 delegates and 3 alternates were seated at our Caucus on March 26th. (Check the article in this issue for the full list!) I'm excited to attend the event in Tacoma, in person! Please RAISE YOUR VOICE to our delegates if you have input on the platform or a resolution to consider. Contact me if you have input and I will share with the delegation at our upcoming meetings.

Hope to see you on Zoom on April 13!

Carla Rogers

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

Early Endorsements - May Meeting

We will hear motions for early endorsements at the April 13th meeting. The only endorsements we will consider include that of US Senator and WA State Secretary of State. The State Party has requested that these 2 endorsements be considered early to allow for maximum influence for the candidates. The King County Democrats also considered these 2 early endorsements in their meeting last month.

Senator Murray, first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1993 is Washington's first female U.S. Senator. She is the Chair of the Senate Health Education Labor Pensions (HELP) committee and serves as Assistant Majority Leader. Her priorities include tackling the climate crisis, affordable health care, universal paid leave, pathway to citizenship, and strengthening voting rights. The endorsement committee believes her progressive values and seniority benefit Washington residents. Find Senator Murray's questionnaire [here](#).

Secretary of State Hobbs was appointed to his position in November 2021 after serving as a Washington State Senator since 2006. He served in the US Army since 1987 and has a background in cyber security. Secretary Hobbs seeks to eliminate the ballot rejection rates for different racial and ethnic groups, enhance cybersecurity, and increase voter registration. Secretary Hobbs is the first Democrat to serve as WA Secretary of State since 1965 despite recent strong candidates. The committee believes that an early endorsement of Secretary Hobbs will increase the chances of keeping this important elected position in Democratic hands. Find Secretary of State Steve Hobbs's questionnaire [here](#).

There are additional candidates who have submitted questionnaires for the US Senate seat. You can find all the questionnaires [here](#). No other candidates have submitted a questionnaire for Secretary of State. Be sure to mark your calendar for April 13th so you can cast your vote. You must be a member or PCO by March 13th to vote on these early endorsements. [Join or renew today!](#)

Renew or Join the 34th Democrats by May 11 in order to participate in our endorsements meeting on June 8.

Updated Bylaws Proposed

At the May meeting, we will discuss questions on the proposed Bylaws of the 34th District Democrats. The Bylaws committee, led by Sarah Koch, painstakingly reviewed, reorganized and cleaned up the existing Bylaws, while adding and editing to meet current practice. Several material changes are also proposed. The Endorsement Addendum was also updated and will be reviewed and voted on within the context of the full bylaws. The Endorsement Rules from 2021 will be in effect for this cycle, however. Be sure to read the changes on our website before the meeting. [Review the Bylaws on our website](#). Feel free to email Sarah Koch at bylaws@34dems.org if you have questions.

May Election for Open Executive Board Positions

This is official notice that we will be holding an election for the positions of 2nd Vice Chair and King County Democrats Central Committee Male Representative at the May 11th meeting. David Toledo will be running for 2nd Vice Chair and Ted Barker will be running for KCDCC Rep. If you are interested in running for either position, please contact the Chair at chair@34dems.org.

Join the Outreach Committee

Come and help out at our booths as we register voters and advocate for our endorsed candidates and issues. Your presence is also needed in our parade units as we fill the streets with Democrats!

Join us virtually at our
Outreach Meeting

Tuesday April 12 at 6:30pm

To join us on Zoom, Please Contact Karen and Steve at outreach@34dems.org



Join us at the next 34th Dems Pop Up Social
April 22nd, 5:30 to 8pm
at The Bridge, 6301 California Ave SW

Help Wanted!

We continue to look for board and committee support. If you have a small amount of time to share, please consider the following opportunities.

We need one person to work with Treasurer Julie and Chair Carla on the 2022-2023 budget proposal. This is a very small commitment of time - 3-4 hours - between April and mid-May. Financial background is a plus!

Are you comfortable using technology (Google, Slack, email, social media, other tools)? We are looking for a few supporting players on the Communications, Membership & Hospitality and Resolutions committees. Put your valuable skills to work!

Are you interested in participating in candidate endorsement interviews? Want to help make our endorsements meeting successful? We'd love your support on the Endorsements & Resolutions committee.

Please contact the chair at chair@34dems.org if you are interested.

Get Voters' Attention With Targeted Post Cards, Here's How...

They say it before every national election: "This is the most important election ever!" But 2022 really is our chance to hold the line for democracy and our Democratic lead in Congress, or let it go. One way to help is by writing postcards. Studies have shown that colorful, hand-written postcards written by real people to targeted voters, just urging them to use their voices or telling them how to get info about early voting, are effective.

If you want to help this way, send a text to Annie Phillips, 206-244-5209. She will get you specially-printed postcards, addresses, and the script – and stamps if you need them. The current campaign is to Georgia, re: their upcoming primary May 24 – but there will be many more opportunities this year, all the way into October!

Your Executive Board Meeting For April is

Wednesday the 20th, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

On Zoom

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

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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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 2022 newsletter will be Thursday April 28.

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** opened the meeting with remarks about Ukraine, which is of personal concern to her. Carla's entire technical team for her day job lives and works in Ukraine. She, Ann Martin, and Colleen Hinton attended a rally for plight of that country under attack. We observed a moment of silence to reflect on our role in our democracy and in support of the people of Ukraine.

The short 2022 session in Olympia was to end the day after the meeting, and Carla thanked our legislators for delivering on many of our priorities. She expressed personal gratitude to see the passage of Senate bill 5078 in the face of pressure from gun lobbyists. It prohibits large capacity firearm magazines. Our policy caucuses lobbied for, and helped our understanding of, bills as they made it through the session.

The Membership Survey of the month asked us whether we wish to hold June our endorsement meeting in person or virtually.

The Candidate Spotlight featured **Lisa Manion** who is running for King County Prosecuting Attorney. She has served as the chief of staff at the King County prosecuting attorney's office overseeing a staff of 600 employees, with an annual budget of 80 million dollars. She is especially proud of being a co-founding partner of **Choose 180**, a diversionary program to keep non-violent juveniles out of the court system with mentorship. If elected, Manion would be the first woman and person of color in this position.

Judges seeking our endorsement spoke. **Damon Shadid** is running for re-election to his 3rd term as a Seattle Municipal Court Judge in Position 7. West Seattle resident **Faye Chess** is also seeking our endorsement to retain her Seattle Municipal Judge seat.

We heard from the people behind Initiative 134, which would bring "Approval Voting" to Seattle City elections, [Seattle Approves](#).

Efrain Hudnell and **Logan Bowers** gave a presentation on the concept in which a voter gives votes of approval to any number of their preferred candidates in the primary. The two candidates with the most approval votes would then go on to the general election. This process has been used in two jurisdictions so far, most recently in St. Louis for their mayoral race. This voting method differs from Ranked Choice or Instant Run-off voting in that it retains a primary, which is required by Washington State law, and so would not require statute changes to allow a change to our voting

method locally. Candidates emerging from a large field would have a higher percentage of the vote, which in theory would better represent the will of the electorate.

This initiative is slated to be on the November 8 ballot, provided it receives 26,200 signatures by June. According to the Seattle Times, the campaign accepted \$160,000 last December from the Center for Election Science, a nonprofit national think tank focused on the “approval voting” method, per financial disclosures. Much of this money will be used to hire signature-gatherers.

Gina Topp is planning this year's fundraising event which will be in person on July 14th from 6 to 8 p.m at Arthur's restaurant in the Admiral District. The theme is to be revealed in April. She asked that we reserve tickets online during the meeting, those contributions were to be matched.

Nick Bonazza appointed a new PCO, **Zachary Ricketts** for Seattle precinct 34-3767.

Nick then continued by reading off the names of the PCOs that were just redistricted into the 33rd LD and bid them to continue their work with that organization. He also welcomed new PCOs who were redistricted into the



Gina Topp with her daughter Cora.



PCO Zachary Ricketts.



Lisa Manion is running for King County Prosecuting Attorney.



Municipal Court Judge Damon Shadid.



Municipal Court Judge Faye Chess.

34th: **Amanda Brown** from the 11th LD, **Annie Wise, Samantha Souffront** and **Sarah Servin** from the 33rd, **Adam Hutchinson** from the 37th, and **Linda Mitchell** who joins us from the 43rd.

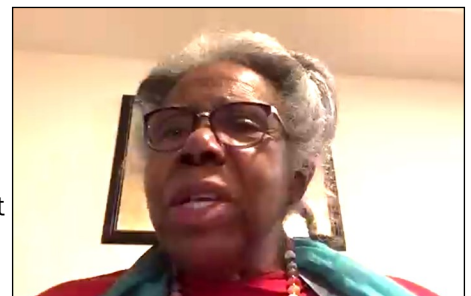
All PCOs who remain in the 34th will remain in office until December, However, to complete our redistricting duties, we needed to conduct another officer election, in which we voted to maintain our current roster of officers.

Colleen Hinton ran down the caucus and convention schedule, followed by **Chris Porter** who gave an appeal for diversity in the delegation we send to the state convention. **Rachel Glass** also spoke in support of inclusion of diverse voices to bring issues to the table and crafting our platform. We then voted to approve the membership caucus rules.

Karen Richter and **Steve Butts** listed the events that have been announced that we are planning to take part in. Contact outreach@34dems.org or volunteer@34dems.org. Carla announced the next Popup Social, March 25th at Future Primitive Brewery in White Center.

Rachel Glass spoke in favor SB 1914 to expand film production incentives in the state, which she believed would pass. It would increase from \$3.5 million to \$20 million. She stated that the film industry generates \$10 for our economy for every \$1 in invested by the program, and we have infrastructure ready to go right in the 34th LD, on Harbor Island.

Our pre-meeting program was given by **Reverend Harriet Walden** from [Mothers for Police Accountability](#). She spoke about how the organization was formed and their current work in police reform.



Reverend Harriet Walden.

Guest Editorial: Stop the Privatization of Medicare

The Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA) is sounding the alarm that traditional Medicare, a program that provides affordable medical care for tens of millions of senior citizens, faces a covert drive to privatize it.

President Trump cleared the way for this dastardly scheme by ordering the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) to use a loophole in Obamacare that permits “tests” of alternative means of delivering Medicare services to improve efficiency and delivery of care. Trump seized on this well-meaning phrase in the Affordable Care Act to ramp up this “test” into a massive, nationwide drive to turn over traditional Medicare to private, for-profit insurance and medical providers. Millions of Medicare recipients were not informed of this plan which the CMS calls “Medicare Direct Contract Entities” shortened by CMS to “DCE.” Even today, few people are aware of Medicare DCEs. The Biden Administration has the authority to terminate it since it was initiated by Trump without seeking Congressional authorization.

PSARA and other defenders of Medicare got wind of the scheme. Our own Rep, Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), co-chair of the House Progressive Caucus denounced it. She drafted a letter, co-signed by 53 members of the House, demanding that President Biden terminate the DCE privatization program.

Physicians for a National Health Program is circulating a petition, signed by over 13,000 physicians and health care advocates urging President Biden and Congress to terminate

the “DCE” Medicare privatization. To sign the petition please click [HERE](#)

The political heat got so hot that CMS announced that the Medicare Direct Contracting Entities (DCE) program will be terminated Dec. 31, 2022. It should have been a time for celebration.

But these same critics looked closely at the program that replaces the DCE, now called Accountable Care Organization REACH (ACO-REACH which translates “Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health”). Despite the high-sounding phrases, the new program is little better than the original DCE. The old merchandise has been repackaged, cosmetic changes applied to make ACO-REACH seem more attractive. But the essence of the matter is the same: to privatize Medicare so insurance companies and other Wall Street Entities can squeeze profits from it. The cost to us is sharp cuts in medical services, patients facing rejection of services covered under traditional Medicare, and a profit bonanza for Wall Street.

We urge all friends of health and healing, all our allies in the struggle for democracy, equality, and health care to join in this struggle. As workers and taxpayers, we paid for this vital program our entire working lives. HANDS OFF OUR MEDICARE!

Submitted by Tim Wheeler, PSARA Board Member of Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA)

See the proposed resolution on page 7.

Notes From the KCDCC Meeting, March 22, 2022

The meeting opened with legislative session debrief. Legislators Karen Keiser, Tina Orwall, Javier Valdez, and David Hackney offered highlights of the recently concluded session. They noted passage of bills on transportation, dispute resolution for Lyft and Uber drivers, environmental issues, insulin price caps and drug affordability board creation, police reform, behavioral health, housing, and schools. Most mentioned the need for a wider Democratic margin in both House and Senate to pass more progressive bills.

There was also discussion of the need to protect the rights of patients from restrictions in light of consolidation of so many health care facilities under the umbrella of Catholic health organizations. Legislators stated that this could best be achieved via ballot measure.

The redistricting debriefing noted that King County has lost the 39th LD and acquired the 12th LD and urged us to

reach out to our new folks. There was discussion of the upcoming caucuses and the need to recruit diverse delegates.

Leah Griffin announced her candidacy for the seat being vacated by retiring Rep. Eileen Cody in the 34th, and Melissa Taylor announced her candidacy in the 46th. Kate Baumgartner updated us on Sen. Murray's recent activities, and Rep. Kim Schrier spoke of the importance of keeping her 8th CD seat in Democratic hands and Arshia Nilchian reported on Rep. Adam Smith's activities on behalf of the 9th CD.

The Endorsements Committee recommended early endorsement for Senator Murray, Representative Schrier, and Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, and all received the 2/3 affirmative vote to secure their endorsements.

Treasurer Melissa Taylor reported a healthy \$82,877 balance in her report. Finance Committee Chair, Tara Gallagher, sought a budget amendment which was approved. She then presented the proposed 2022-2023 budget, with both Basic and Stretch options, and the budget was approved as presented.

Resolution to Stop Privatizing Our Medicare System

Whereas, Medicare has been our national health care system for seniors and the disabled in the United States since 1965; and

Whereas, Medicare beneficiaries are among the most vulnerable populations served by our health care system, and need more, not fewer, benefits and protections; and

Whereas, traditional Medicare, which does not insert a middleman between the Medicare beneficiary and their chosen health care provider, is a public good and should not be privatized; and

Whereas, Wall Street has long sought to profit from public benefit programs, such as Social Security, and has rushed to buy up Accountable Care Organizations managing traditional Medicare services; and

Whereas, the Trump administration opened the door to the complete privatization of Medicare through a Direct Contracting pilot program allowing private equity firms, insurance companies, and corporate health businesses to directly contract to provide Medicare services; and

Whereas, the Biden administration ended the Direct Contracting pilot and rebranded it as the ACO REACH (Accountable Care Organization Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health) pilot to begin in January of 2023; and

Whereas, public health advocates across the country see little difference between ACO REACH and the Direct Contracting pilot, since both pilot programs allow third party private entities to wedge themselves between patients and their healthcare providers and to draw down the Medicare Trust Fund by making huge profits in several ways, including weakening services for Medicare beneficiaries; and

Whereas, addressing the healthcare resource inequities suffered by BIPOC individuals and communities is best done within the traditional Medicare system and not through a privatized ACO REACH style program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 34th Legislative District Democratic Organization opposes privatization of our Medicare system; and supports terminating the ACO REACH pilot program and closing the door on third party entities in our Medicare system; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Washington State US Senators and Congressional Delegation, and to President Biden and US Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra.

Submitted by Karen Richter, 34th LD Democratic Organization member and Co-Chair of the Outreach Committee. Karen also serves as Co-President of Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA)

Leah Griffin's SANE Act Signed Into Law by President Biden



Photo by Jon Shields

Member Leah Griffin saw years of advocacy come to fruition in March as President Biden signed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Within this larger bill is the "SANE Act", a product of years of hard work and collaboration with elected officials in the state and nationally.

A victim of sexual assault in 2014, Leah found, as she sought justice, that our medical facilities and law enforcement agencies were largely unprepared to document rape and pursue offenders. Thus, she turned victimhood into advocacy as she teamed up with Senator Patty Murray and Rep. Pramila Jayapal on the federal level, and Sen. Mankra Dhingra and Tina Orwall in Olympia to find solutions for other sexual assault survivors.

Through her role representing survivors, Griffin was a key contributor to several state laws: To see that rape kits get

tested and track them through the legal system; to create standard forensic gathering techniques in hospitals; and to improve the victim interviewing techniques of police.

Now, with the help of Murray and Jayapal, Griffin has seen her work go national. The SANE Act provides \$150 million for such programs as the training of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) and a national map of access points for help for victims after an assault.

Leah gave a presentation to us at our September 2019 meeting. In it she said:

"I took my rage, and I channeled it into reform. What I understand now is that sexual violence intersects with almost every other issue; healthcare, education, economic justice, law enforcement, homelessness. Trauma is at the root of our society's problems, and it is past time that we talk about it. There is so much to do, and I look forward to making those changes together."

Leah is taking her activism in lawmaking and is running for the newly opened 34th LD Representative seat.

Watch Leah's interview with Natalie Brand on CBS [HERE](#).

Representative Eileen Cody Retires

Eileen Cody has decided to step down from her seat in the legislature after over 27 years of serving us here in the 34th LD, and before that in the 11th, where she was initially appointed to go to Olympia. She will continue to work for us until her successor assumes office next January.

Eileen has also recently retired from 40 years in nursing, working at Group Health Cooperative, now Kaiser Permanente. She is also a founding member of District 1199 NW/SEIU Hospital and Health Care Employees Union. With this basis in medicine, she aptly assumed a leadership role in Washington State's health care system.

In her position as the Chair of the House Health Care and Wellness Committee, she has taken the lead to improve patient safety, mental health parity, public health services and to restore the universal purchase of vaccines. She led the effort to implement the Affordable Care Act at the state level and has been instrumental in making our system a template for the rest of the country.

Many of us have had the pleasure of bidding to get a ticket to her annual cocktail party to help fund the 34th Democrats. She hosted them with her husband Tom Mitchell, and we enjoyed pleasant chat as we watched the late summer sunset. We wish her well, as she is able to enjoy free time, and get some traveling in with Tom. She leaves a legacy of service that will be hard to match.



34th LD Caucus Selects State Convention Delegates and Alternates

2022 Delegation to State Convention is Set!

On Saturday, March 26th, we held our 2022 Delegate Caucus virtually on Zoom. Meeting minutes are here for your reference. Thank you to those who supported and participated in this demonstration of democracy.

This year, our delegation will be a mix of virtual and in-person attendance across our 32 members and 3 alternates. In the coming weeks we will meet to designate a 34th District member to the Convention Rules, Credentials and Platform Committees. We will also meet to determine which 2 Resolutions we will take to Convention along with up to 32 amendments to the WA State Party Platform. This is where we RAISE OUR VOICE as a District. Please consider connecting with any of our delegates if you have input to the Platform or a resolution you would like considered. I will provide deadlines in the coming days. Our state submission deadline is April 25 for Platform changes and May 25 for Resolutions. We will meet to vote as a delegation at least a few days prior so don't delay!

Automatic Delegates:

Carla Rogers, Local Party Chair
Rachel Glass, Local Party 1st Vice Chair
Roxanne Thayer, Local Party State Central Committee Rep.
Chris Porter, Local Party State Central Committee Representative

Pramila Jayapal , US Representative - WA-07 District
Joe Nguyen, State Senator - WA-34 District
Eileen Cody, State Representative - WA-34 District
Joe Fitzgibbon, State Representative - WA-34 District

Elected Delegates:

Ann Martin	Hugo Garcia
Maria Guadalupe Ramirez	Steve Butts
Soleil Lewis	Aaron Garcia
Sofia Aragon	Joe McDermott
Gina Topp	Preston MJV Anderson
Bunny Hatcher	Nick Bonazza
Leah Griffin	Leo Lazo
Elizabeth Rockett	Andrew Litzky
Sarah Koch	Richard Stolz
Elizabeth Heath	Ted Barker
Katherine Woolverton	John P. Dolan
Hailey Hiner	Michael Andrew Mead
Jamie Sarai Margolin	Jeff Sbaih
Heather Barker	Jordan Crawley
Jennifer Robertson	Zachary Ricketts
Sarah Moore	Steve Itano

Our Alternates include Art Chippendale, Linda Kennedy, and Lauri Hennessey.

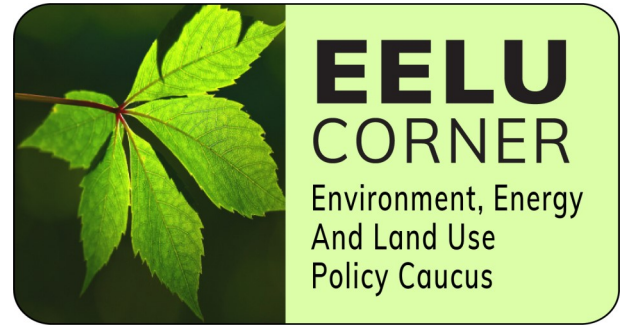
News and Actions from the Environment, Energy & Land Use Caucus

Send a message to President Biden:

Climate change is worsening. Congress is paralyzed. “Build Back Better” is stalled in the Senate. Please urge President Biden to use his executive powers to expedite the transition to clean, renewable energy and to stop subsidizing oil companies.

The Ukraine crisis, with Russia’s oil and gas supply to all of Europe suddenly tenuous, does not mean the US should send fossil fuel to Europe. It means we should help countries like Germany, which is so dependent on Russian oil and gas, to make the transition sooner, by sending them US-built wind turbines and heat pumps.

Please tell President Biden at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>



Sound Transit West Seattle Extension: Raise your Voice!

In 2016, 54% of voters in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties approved ST3, which included the West Seattle Light Rail Extension with projected completion by 2030. Since then, the budget has grown and the timeline has stretched. And we have an alternative to consider which is 1/10th the cost and could be finished in four years.

At our April 13 membership meeting, following a presentation by Sound Transit about their plans, a letter to ST’s Board will be voted on. The letter would express preference for an aerial, urban gondola instead of a light rail to connect West Seattle to SODO and the ID.

According to projections in Sound Transit’s draft EIS, up to 658 West Seattle homes, 120 of our businesses, and 1,140 jobs could be lost. These figures are just from the Duwamish, Delridge and Junction stretches – they don’t include SODO.

Displacement from the aerial gondola with its smaller footprint would be negligible. The gondola can carry more passengers per hour, and the waiting time between cabins is short.

The towers are shorter and slimmer than a light rail would be, the stations are smaller, and the operation is quieter. Urban gondolas already operate in Medellin, Mexico City, and La Paz.

Sound Transit is inviting public comments on its draft Environmental Impact Statement, which shows different routes, costs, and impacts for both the Ballard and the West Seattle extensions, through April 28. Curiously, though, the DEIS doesn’t address environmental impacts such as greenhouse gas emissions from the construction/operation or from trees lost or concrete poured, stormwater runoff from more impervious surface and less urban forest, impacts on wildlife, street traffic or noise pollution – all of which would be less impactful or totally benign with a gondola system.

If you can’t attend our April 13 LD membership meeting, or even if you can, please submit your personal comment at:

<https://wsblink.participate.online/>

EELU Caucus Enfolds 33rd LD Dems

They call themselves “refugees from the 34th”. Some members of the Environment, Energy and Land Use caucus have been reluctantly redistricted and they don’t want to leave that active, inspiring caucus. (and there are no caucuses in the 33rd) So member Kate Richardson suggested that the climate caucus could just keep all its members and welcome any 33rd members who want to join. Both LD Chairs, Carla Rogers and Terri Lindecke, think it’s a smashing idea. And both caucus chairs, Randy and Annie, can stay on the job.

They’d also welcome any new members from the 34th. Interested? Contact litzenbergerrandy@gmail.com for the next Zoom meeting link.

The EELU caucus used to meet on 3rd Mondays. But since that now conflicts with the 33rd monthly meetings, the caucus meetings will now be 1st Tuesdays. The next one is May 3rd at 7:00.

Submitted by EELU Caucus Co-Chairs Annie Phillips and Randy Litzenberger.

34th LD Democratic PCOs - File For Office May 16th - 20th

During the Primary Election of every even-numbered year, candidates for Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) file with King County Elections in the precinct where they are registered to vote. A 17-year-old who preregisters and will turn 18 by August 2, 2022, is eligible to run. Elected PCOs will serve two-year terms beginning December 1, 2022 and ending November 30, 2024.

PCOs are partisan positions. Our candidates file as Democrats. Voters in their precinct must affirm that they are Democrats and select only one candidate from their party. (A voter's affirmation is private for PCO elections only and not matched with names or shared.)

If more than one Democrat files in a precinct, names are placed on the ballot for Democratic voters in that precinct to decide

who will serve during the August Primary. If only one person files, that person is automatically elected.

Online PCO filing will be available 24 hours a day starting May 16, 2022, at 9 a.m. and ending May 20, 2022, at 4 p.m. Please review the excellent resources available on the King County Election Website:

Find the *PCO Manual* and *How to File Handout* [HERE](#)

Find your District and Precinct – updated following redistricting - [HERE](#)

Watch An informative YouTube tutorial on how to file for PCO [HERE](#)

Questions? Contact Nick Bonazza, PCO Committee Chair at: nick5669@gmail.com



*Photos from the March 25 Pop Up Social at Future Primitive Brewery in White Center...be sure to join us for the next one at **The Bridge** in the Morgan Junction on April 22nd!*

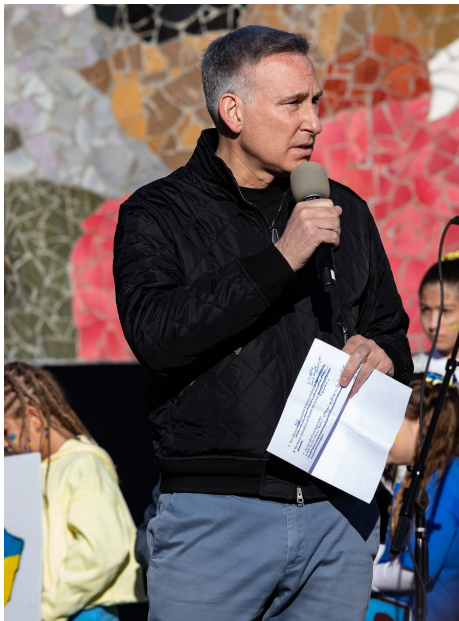
April Pre-Meeting Program - Choose 180, Transformation Through Choice



We will host Sean Goode, Executive Director of Choose 180, an innovative program which diverts approximately 400 youth each year from the criminal justice system. Choose 180 has been shown to be effective at reaching youth, inspiring them to change, and helping them identify the assets and liabilities in their lives that can help or hinder their desire to change. This is another installment in the 34th Democrats Speaker Series. The presentation will begin at 6:15pm. Register for the monthly meeting and join zoom early to hear about this inspirational program helping stop the school-to-prison pipeline in our community.

Scenes From the March and Rally In Support of the People of Ukraine, Saturday, March 5, 2022

Photos by Jon Shields and Colleen Hinton.





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