



## 34<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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### Chair's Message

#### ***Hello Democrats!***

As my term winds down I continue to process all that I have learned and all that we have done as an organization. This is my second year so a lot of what we needed to accomplish I had experience with from 2021. That sure helped me get through it and proves how valuable it is to have 'done that before'. I am excited to share my experience with the next elected chair and I am hopeful to have the honor of continuing in my Communications Chair role. I am also open to taking on the Platform and Legislative Action Committee Chair position to further grow the 34th Membership Policy Caucus structure. Advocacy is so crucial and I know that it is important to offer organized advocacy at the district level. I am excited to learn who is interested in stepping into the roles on the Executive Board. I hope to see lots of folks at my Board Open House as well (see below).

It is my 2nd election season as Chair and I am definitely feeling in the groove. We determined our strategy for the election cycle early and set a plan in action back in May. Nick Bonazza - our PCO Chair - is always an important voice in these plans. I was also excited to have Preston Anderson lend his voice to our strategy. Here we are now in the final days of the 2022 campaign cycle - voting begins on October 21st!!! I've been going out to Covington on the weekends to doorbell for Dr. Kim Schrier. WE MUST HOLD THAT SEAT! The Cook Political Report considers WA-08 to be a toss-up, and The Hill has named Dr. Kim Schrier's race one of seven that could determine control of the House in November!!! Will you join me in Covington? [Sign Up here.](#)

I want to give a shout out to all the PCOs out there. I say this often but it's true - you are the lifeblood of our organization. The 34th's main goal is to GET OUT THAT VOTE and PCOs are the key.

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**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

### **Meeting Notice - on Zoom**

Register [HERE](#)

#### **6:15pm - Pre-Meeting Program:**

**A Panel on Public Safety** (Panelists to be announced not later than October 9)

#### **7:30pm - Call to Order**

#### **Opening Ceremonies & Chair's Remarks** (10m)

#### **Veterans Day Recognition** (10m)

#### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes** (2m)

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

#### **PCO Appointments & GOTV Reminders** (10m)

#### **2023 Reorganization**

##### **Board Roles Overview** (40m)

#### **Final Campaign Contribution** (6m)

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

#### **9:00pm - Adjourn**

### **Renew or Become a Member**

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# Executive Board

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**Gina Topp** | Parliamentarian

...Chairs Message (continued from Page 1)

We need more PCOs to step up and take a neighborhood. It's a commitment that is worth about 10-15 hours A YEAR. That's it! Doorbell your precinct twice a year. You can also phonebank them or textbank them. Direct Voter Contact WINS ELECTIONS. Be a part of the winning team! Contact Nick if you are interested. [pco@34dems.org](mailto:pco@34dems.org).

We recognized about 25 of our 95 PCOs at the September meeting. If you were not at the meeting, you were missed. Our delivery team dropped off your thank you bag - a small token of our appreciation - and your door hangers. PLEASE distribute them! Lit drop is acceptable voter contact in minivan. Ballots will drop in a few weeks and then its game on! Help us get that vote out - thank you for your efforts and energy!

Lastly, I always say 'DO SOMETHING' and now is the time. Beyond Dr. Schrier, Marie Gluesenkamp Perez in Vancouver is also a potential gain for Democrats. Let's flip the 3rd and deliver another win to DC! If you can donate, this is a great way to DO SOMETHING! [Learn about Marie and donate today!](#)

**See you in the neighborhood - and at upcoming canvasses!**

**Carla Rogers**

34th LD Chair - [chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org) - 206-432-1998

## End of 2022 Meeting -

### Pre-Session Q&A with Legislators, Annual 34th Awards and a Toast to Representative Eileen Cody

Our final membership meeting of the year will be held at The Hall at Fauntleroy on Wednesday, November 9th. This is the night after the election and hope to also celebrate lots of Democratic wins. Starting at 6:30pm, we will hold a Pre-2023 Legislative Session Q&A with our legislators. This will be moderated by our caucus leads. We will welcome our new Legislator and hear her goals for her first session. Next we will present our annual 34th awards. Our meeting will transition to honoring Eileen Cody for her 28 years of service to Washington.

Appetizers and dessert will be provided, along with a complimentary glass of champagne as we toast Representative Cody. Attendees are asked to bring a main or side dish to share. We will have a cash bar. Join us as we prepare for 2023, celebrate our wins, honor our fabulous members and volunteers and say thank you to our friend Eileen Cody.

RSVP at [THIS LINK](#).



**34th Dems Pop Up Social**

**Friday, October 21**

**5:30 - 8pm**

At **Beer Star**

9801 16th Ave SW in White Center

[www.beerstarusa.com](http://www.beerstarusa.com)

34th Dems Social Justice & Equity Committee Event:

## Engaging with AAPI Community Members Living in the 34th LD

**October 27 5:30pm-7:30pm On Zoom**

Click [HERE TO JOIN](#)

Meeting ID: 941 033 8824 Passcode: 4UWkSL



Soleil Lewis,  
Social Justice & Equity  
Committee Chair

Join this special event which will feature a discussion about the experiences and concerns of AAPI community members living in the 34th LD....with the goal of designing solutions to engage our AAPI community neighbors with voter registration, engagement, and inclusion.

## Mark Your Calendar! A Toast to Eileen Cody November 9, 6 - 9pm - The Hall at Fauntleroy

Our final meeting of the year will be 3 hours to remember. This will be just one day after the election and we're hoping it will be a huge celebration. Beyond that we've got a great night planned. First, our caucus team will moderate a Pre-session Q&A with Senator Nguyen, Representative Fitzgibbon and ....

Leah Griffin OR Emily Alvarado (depending on the election). We'll send out a link to submit questions next month.

We will open the meeting at 7:30pm with our 2022 Awards which will transition us to a toast to Representative Eileen Cody. We all need to show up to make this proper send off for Rep Cody after 28 years of



service to our district. Mark your calendar and see you on Wednesday, November 9.

**If you'd like to contribute in any way to this celebration, please email Gina Topp - our [fundraising and] events chair - [fundraising@34dems.org](mailto:fundraising@34dems.org).**

## Join a Field Trip to Covington and Support Dr. Kim Schrier



We have scheduled 2 more field trips to support the reelection of Dr. Kim Schrier. This is one of the most critical NATIONAL races this year. It will be a tight race, a battle to the finish. Dr. Schrier is running against Matt Larkin - a MAGA Republican. [Learn more about Larkin here](#). We MUST keep the 8th blue, folks. Join us in our support of this campaign.

### NEW Dates!

**October 15** (Issues) and **October 30** (GOTV)

We will meet at Arbor Heights Elementary and travel in carpools to Covington. We will leave at 11:15am and join the group in Covington at noon. We will meet the campaign at the Covington Library, get our walk routes and make sure everyone is ready to log their results in MiniVan. We will end the canvas at 3 and head home in our carpools. If you'd like to drive directly, no problem! The goal is to get 8 or more canvassers for each date. Carve out some time and [sign up now](#). We may also do additional dates in October.

Unable to make it on our field trip dates? Look for other opportunities.

The campaign is also doing [phone banks](#) and [texting](#).

### Sign up. Do Something!

## Postcards to Voters!

Meet every Tuesday at C&P Coffee from 10:30-noon to write post cards encouraging people to vote.

Contact **Kathy Rawle** for more information.  
[kategr@gmail.com](mailto:kategr@gmail.com)





Andrew Villeneuve from the Northwest Progressive Institute explains his ideas on messaging.



Annabel Quintero recounts her experiences on September 11, 2001.



Tag Gornal shows off his custom tee-shirt printed with his precinct.

## September Meeting Recap

The 34th District Democrats returned to the Hall at Fauntleroy on September 14 to meet again in person for the first time in two and a half years. The last we gathered was before the shutdown...of the pandemic, and of our West Seattle bridge. A significant amount of planning and preparation took place beforehand as we ramped up for the meeting. New members and members in new roles together refit all the pieces required for in-person gatherings.

The pre-meeting program began with a 9-11 remembrance given by **Annabel Quintero**, a survivor of the 2001 World Trade Center attack. She is the author of a book based on her experience that day: The title, [Step Step Jump](#), describes her flight down 46 stories to safety after one of the planes crashed into her building...and subsequently her personal journey of "Transforming Trauma to Triumph". She brought copies of her book to autograph and sell. Many members of the 34th may recall her 2018 candidacy for the State Senate.

Next up we heard from **Andrew Villeneuve**, who spoke about the advocacy group he formed while still in high school, the [Northwest Progressive Institute](#). Much like a Democratic version of Frank Luntz, Villeneuve and the NPI work on reframing messaging to advance progressive causes. The group also boasts extensive experience in polling issues in the Northwest, and Villeneuve ran through some recent polls on issues that indicate public support of Democratic values. "2022 could look a lot like 2018" he said.

Once the meeting got underway, Seattle School Board Member and long-time 34th'er **Leslie Harris** rose to speak of the tentative agreement the district had just made with teachers, who had stayed out of class the first few days of the new school year. She regretted that she was unable to march with the teachers, given her position, but she said that with the settlement the district comes with the price of a deficit to be faced in coming years. "McCleary is fake news" Harris said, a declaration she has often made in the past when funding is brought up. Another concern is that the district has lost students during the pandemic...along with the money that they would have brought to the district.

**Chris Porter** will be running for re-election in 2023 as a supervisor on the board of the King Conservation District. He said the annual Native Plant Sale for 2023 will be taking pre-orders starting in November.

We are gearing up for the election, and the meeting was a good point to pass out doorhangers for canvassing. PCOs also received a "goody bag" that came with a personalized button to thank them for their effort. PCO Committee member **Preston Anderson** introduced a pair Coordinated Campaign Organizing team members for King County, and new PCO **Graham Murphy** in Precinct SEA 34-1410. Preston has been doorbelling in South Park, a new area for our LD, looking for Democrats who could be future PCO recruits.

**Lois Schipper** spoke of the Highline School Prop 1, which will allow the sale of bonds for money to replace and improve deteriorating schools in that district. Evergreen and Tyee High Schools, and Pacific Middle School will be rebuilt in particular. We voted to endorse the ballot measure.





(L to R) Vice Chair Rachel Glass and Chair Carla Rogers

Another issue that will be confronting Seattle voters in November will be to choose how city elections are conducted. A signature drive for Initiative 134 for Approval Voting put the measure on the ballot, with the city adding Ranked Choice Voting as an alternative.

Seattle Proposition 1 has two parts: Question 1 is a YES or NO vote to change the voting process. Regardless of that choice, voters can select either Prop 1A or Prop 1B. If YES on Question 1 prevails, the winner of Prop 1A or Prop 1B will be adopted.

Explained by Troy Logan from Seattle Approves, a YES vote on Prop 1A would make Approval Voting the Primary election process for the city. Voters would select all the candidates they approve of being elected. The top two vote receivers advance to the General Election.

Two representatives from FairVote Washington advocated for Prop 1B, the Ranked Choice option. Voters would rank their Primary choices in order of support, with the top two advancing to the November ballot. (This method is normally used as Instant Runoff Voting with a single candidate winning in a single election, but Washington State law requires a Primary.)

Members voted by ballot on the two options: A YES prevailed for Prop 1B and Ranked Choice. We voted not to endorse Prop 1A.

Campaign contributions rounded out the evening. The Executive Board proposed these donation amounts: \$2,000 – **Leesa Manion**, King County Prosecutor, and \$1,000 each for **Steve Hobbs**, Secretary of State, the **King County Proposition 1** – Conservation Futures Levy, and to Rep. **Joe Fitzgibbon**.

Fitzgibbon would share his contribution with candidates in tight legislative district races. It was moved and approved that we also give money to Sen. **Joe Nguyen**, who likewise would redirect his money to more critical races. The final amounts were: \$2,000 – Leesa Manion, with \$ 750 going to each Hobbs, Fitzgibbon, Nguyen, and KC Prop 1.



Coordinated Campaign Organizers speak about volunteer opportunities. Ryan O'Connor (right) has assumed that role for the 34th LD.

**Photos by Jon Shields**



Graham Murphy is the new PCO for Precinct SEA 34-1410



All PCOs received personalized buttons... Richard Bartlett shows off his.



Chris Lampkin speaks against Approval Voting.

## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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#### Joe Nguyen

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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 November 2022 newsletter will be Thursday, October 27.**

Mail to Steve Butts,  
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146  
or email to newsletter@34dems.org

## KCDCC Meeting, September 27, 2022

After land acknowledgement, approval of agenda and August meeting minutes, Scott Forbes reviewed Zoom protocols.

Chair Conrad reported as follows:

- Ballots drop in 3 weeks.
- \$5,000 was raised at the recent KC Democrats BBQ, with attendance by many candidates.
- State Committee met on September 17 and 18 in Wenatchee in-person, with disappointing attendance.
- Democrats have raised more money than Republicans for the first time in years.
- Shasti is optimistic about holding Kim Schrier's 8th CD seat and sees a slight chance to take 3rd CD.
- Recent visits from Mandela Barnes (WI) and Rafael Warnock (GA) was reported on.

Members Unanimously supported the Recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day.



Rob Dolin presented Endorsement Committee recommendations and they were adopted as a bloc. Members also agreed unanimously to endorse as a body any outstanding matters if endorsed by appropriate LDs.

Melissa Taylor presented Treasurer's Report. KCDCC currently has a balance in excess of \$75,000. Members unanimously passed a budget amendment approving creation of a new candidate fund of up to \$40,000 for candidate contributions. They further approved distribution of such funds as follows:

- Leesa Manion - 70%
- Claudia Kauffman, Debra Entenman, Claire Wilson, Jamila Taylor, and Christine Reeves - 4% each.

Scott Forbes moved to continue to hold meetings virtually and this was passed unanimously. Shasti Conrad pointed out that, with the lifting of the Governor's Emergency Declaration, LDs will need to amend their By-Laws to permit ongoing virtual meetings in the future.

The KCDCC Reorganization will take place December 11th, and it will be virtual. LDs must wait until after that date to hold their own reorganizations.

1st Vice-Chair Carrie Barnes reported that she will send out a canvassing calendar, and asked that each PCO contribute 2 hours to doorbelling or phonebanking for our Democratic candidates.

Hanna Floss encouraged members to become certified Election Observers. There are training opportunities soon. For more info, contact her by email at hanna.floss@gmail.com. Certification is good for 2 years, so current observers may need to renew.

Rob Dolin encouraged LDs to put endorsements on the King County Democrats website.



## Honor a 34th Dem!

Show your appreciation for our rockstar volunteers. Each and every board member and volunteer who spends their time and energy supporting the work of our organization deserves a big high 5! Take a few minutes to submit an easy-to-complete nomination form. Learn more about the different awards on our website. Chris Porter is acting as chair of the awards committee. If you have questions, reach out to Chris at [wsdcm@34dems.org](mailto:wsdcm@34dems.org). Nominations are due on October 30th. The awards will be given at our final meeting of the year on November 9th. Thank you for helping us recognize our MVPs!



## 2022 General Election Endorsements

### US Senate

**Patty Murray**

### WA Secretary of State

**Steve Hobbs**

### US House of Representatives

**Pramila Jayapal**

### WA Senate

**Joe Nguyen**

### WA House of Representatives, Pos. 1

**Emily Alvarado & Leah Griffin**  
(Dual)

### WA House of Representatives, Pos. 2

**Joe Fitzgibbon**

### King County Prosecutor

**Leesa Manion**

### Supreme Court Justice

**Mary Yu**, Position 1  
**Barbara Madsen**, Position 5  
**G. Helen Whitener**, Position 6

### King County Superior Court

**Kristin Ballinger**, Position 2



**Let's get our endorsed  
candidates elected!**

**Contact Nick Bonazza to  
help: [pco@34dems.org](mailto:pco@34dems.org)**



### King County Superior Court

**Kristin Ballinger**, Position 2

### SW Electoral District Judge

**Brian Todd**, Position 1  
**Andrea Jarmon**, Position 2

### W Electoral District Judge

**Lisa Paglisotti**, Position 1  
**Kuljinder Dhillon**, Position 2  
**Rebecca Robertson**, Position 3

### Seattle Municipal Court Judge

**Catherine McDowall**, Position 1  
**Pooja Vaddadi & Adam Eisenberg**,  
Pos. 3 (Dual)

**Willie Gregory**, Position 5  
**Faye Chess**, Position 6  
**Damon Shadid**, Position 7

### Ballot Measures

**YES** - KC Prop 1 - Conservation  
Futures Levy

**YES** - Seattle Prop. 1B

**YES** - Highline School Levy

## 34th Reorganization - January 11...Learn about Executive Board Roles

Being a leader in our organization is an honor. The entire executive board serves the membership and community. We are responsible to the State Party as we represent the local party organization. Every two years (odd years) in January the organization does a 'Reorganization'. Essentially this is when new leaders are elected by our PCOs and in some cases, our members. Below are the roles which are elected:

- Chair
- First Vice Chair
- Second Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- State Party Delegates (2 of male, female, non-binary)
- King County Democrats Central Committee (2 of male, female, non-binary)

All other positions on the executive board are appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the membership. Without leaders, there is no way for our organization to move forward.

**This is the time to consider stepping up and playing a key role in our organization.**

To help you determine where you might fit in, we have a [roles description document](#) available. We will also spend time in our upcoming membership meeting on October 12th to share an overview.



**Lastly, the Chair will be hosting an open house on November 16th.**

This will be an end of term celebration with snacks and beverages provided by the Chair. The entire board will be on hand to answer questions and share experience. Some board members will seek to return to the board next year. We will define which roles will be open in the next couple weeks. Please make plans to attend the open house if you are interested. It doesn't signify a commitment, just interest! Hope to see you on November 16th between 6:30-8:30! [RSVP here](#). The address is in the RSVP form.



Membership Chair Trey Lykins checks in Michael Epton at our first in-person meeting in since 2020.



Preston Anderson mans the lit table and hands out PCO packets at the September meeting.



Ann Martin and KC Prosecutor Candidate Leesa Manion at the September Pop Up Social.



Chris Weiss chats with former Burien City Councilmember Austin Bell at our booth at the B-Town Fiesta.



(L to R) Michael Epton, Bruce Stotler, and Ted Barker at the Pop Up Social at Ounces in September.





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