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From the Desk of the Chair What a privilege!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve all of you as Chair of the 34th District Democrats. It was wonderful to have family, neighbors, and friends from across the country join our last meeting and see a smooth reorganization in action! What a contrast from how the disastrous new leadership in the US House of Representatives conducted its transition.

I am grateful for everyone who stepped up to ensure our reorganization went well, including Carla Rogers, Carrie Barnes, Gina Topp, Steve Butts, Ted Barker, Trey Lykins, and Ann Martin. Getting this newsletter out on time is also a testament to a smooth leadership transition.

Now that we're fully into 2023, our upcoming endorsements are just around the corner. In fact, we will have our first candidate spotlight of the season at our upcoming membership meeting. With open seats this year, we expect to have many candidates to consider for our endorsement in each race.

Our endorsements can be a powerful force and guide for voters, and members have a critical role in vetting and selecting candidates for endorsement. This is especially true in a crowded field of candidates. It is a top priority for me that our upcoming candidate forums and endorsement processes run smoothly. Members of our Board are starting to meet to plan these out. You'll also find a message below from our 2nd Vice-Chair, who is working on potential updates to our Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Code of Conduct that will support an orderly approach to forums and endorsements.

Once we've endorsed candidates and initiatives, we need to successfully support them and get solid Democrats elected! Over the coming months, I will be working with our Board to develop and align around a strategy for electing Democrats. The strategy will focus on retaining and increasing our membership across our new 34th boundaries; adding more PCOs to our ranks who can drive our get-out-the-vote efforts; and increasing our funds so that we can effectively get more resources to endorsed candidates who need them.

If you're reading this and you have not renewed your membership, please do so now: **Renew your membership or join us today.**

At our upcoming membership meeting, I'll be bringing forward my appointments for chairs of our committees. I have confidence that

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Meeting Notice February 8, 2023

On Zoom, Register HERE

6:30 Pre-Meeting Programming - Celebrating Black History Month.

We will kickoff our membership meeting this month with a pre-meeting program celebrating Black History Month (see the full agenda below). You can also help us develop and support future monthly programs. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact 1st Vice Chair, Rachel Glass, at vicechair1@34dems.org.

7:30 Call to Order

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes
- How to give input on virtual/in-person meeting cadence

Opening Ceremonies

- Land Acknowledgement
- VIP Acknowledgements and Announcements
- Candidate Spotlight Judge Joe Campagna KC Superior Court Pos. 39

Membership Drive

Appointment and Confirmation of Board Members PCO Appointments and GOTV Budget Committee and Development

January Financial Report

Preparing for Updates to Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Code of Conduct

Good of the Order 9:00 Adjournment

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Executive Board 2023-2024

Elected Officers

Graham Murphy | Chair chair@34dems.org

Rachel Glass | 1st Vice Chair vicechair1@34dems.org

Jordan Crawley | 2nd Vice Chair vicechair@34dems.org

Chris Porter | State Committee Person wsdccm@34dems.org

Roxanne Thayer | State Committee Person wsdccw@34dems.org

Bunny Hatcher | King Co. Committeeperson kcdccw@34dems.org

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Preston Anderson | King Co. Committee kcdccma@34dems.org

Steve Butts | Secretary secretary@34dems.org

Julie Whitaker | Treasurer treasurer@34dems.org

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Jordan Crawley | Bylaws & Rules bylaws@34dems.org

Vacant | Caucus and Elections

Vacant | Community Partnerships

Carla Rogers | Communications digcomm@34dems.org

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Vacant | Equity & Social Justice

Lauri Hennessey | Fundraising & Events fundraising@34dems.org

Vacant | Membership & Hospitality

Steve Butts | Outreach outreach@34dems.org

Dorothy Gesick | PCO Coordination pco@34dems.org

Jordan Crawley | Platform & Legislative Action lac@34dems.org

Rachel Glass | Programs vicechair1@34dems.org

Vacant | Young Democrats Liaison

Other Roles

Carla Rogers | Webmaster webmaster@34dems.org

Steve Butts | Newsletter Editor newsletter@34dems.org

Gina Topp | Parliamentarian

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the folks who are being appointed are well-positioned to help us achieve our goal of electing more Democrats, including Lauri Hennessy for our Fundraising & Events Committee and Dorothy Gesick for our PCO Committee. If you can help us raise funds or have ideas, please contact Lauri at laurihennessey@gmail.com. If you're ready to learn more about becoming a PCO, please email Dorothy at dgesick18@gmail.com. We also have more committee chair seats available and I encourage you to read below for more information.

While our next membership meeting is virtual, I'm also considering bringing us back to in-person meetings on a more regular basis. Over my term, I plan to have a mix of in-person and virtual meetings. While I consider an approach that balances participation, accessibility, engagement, and cost, I'd appreciate your input. You'll find a link to a form below to share your thoughts.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 PM.

-- Graham

Some Chair Personal Facts

- Graham lives in West Seattle with his husband, Danny, son, Collin, and dog, Shirley.
- He grew up outside of Albany, NY, and attended George Washington University and Northwestern University.
- He has worked in philanthropy for his entire career, and focuses on organizational design and development.
- In his free time, he enjoys TV, movies, putting together music playlists for parties, reading the news, and obsessing over politics.

Dorothy Gesick to be New PCO Committee Chair

I'm Dorothy Gesick, and with your approval, I will be your new PCO Committee Chair, who is on a very steep learning curve. I aim to present many good Dems seeking appointment as PCO's throughout the year. A Seattle resident since June 2021, I wanted to continue my political activism here. San Diego had the Grassroots Organizing (GO) team but in Washington state PCO's have voting privileges, which I think is a great incentive to become one. Every election cycle is important - federal, state or local. One voter contact can make a difference in close elections. Covering more precincts is key to success. I hope to hear from you soon.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to outgoing Precinct Committee Chair, Nick Bonazza. He "gifted" me with binders of information and has spent considerable time introducing me to my new role. Please bear with me as I assume this role of precinct coordination.

In Solidarity,

Dorothy Gesick

PCO Appointments for February

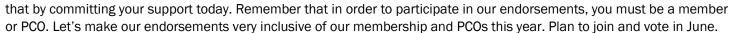
The following Democrats have stepped forward to be appointed as Precinct Committee Officers for the coming two years: Heather Engel, Michele Frix Dassel, Gayle Sommers, Andrew (Drew) Estep, Leslie Harris, and Ron Irvine.

Join or Renew Today!

Your voluntary contributions help keep the 34th District Democrats strong. We nurture great candidates and campaigns with contributions and other forms of support, and work to support progressive policies here in the 34th District and beyond. Running an organization like the 34th takes thousands of volunteer hours and *tens of thousands* of dollars. We are a powerful district and carry a lot of weight in the state. Let's all do our part to fund the success of the 34th to maintain our standing.

Renew your membership or join us today. There are *2 ways to contribute - one-time or monthly. If you have already joined, THANK YOU for your support.

This is going to be a huge year for the 34th. The election cycle will be very active and we need to support our endorsed candidates in the primary and general. Help us do



*We do not turn away any members due to lack of financial means. Please contact the chair for information.



We are looking for members to raise their hand to join our new Board as chairs of committees critical to our goals for this term:

Membership & Hospitality Chair: You will lead our efforts to recruit and retain existing members, as well as certify all PCOs and members who are eligible to vote. This role will help ensure our endorsement processes go smoothly! You also will be asked to serve as our preeminent host and create warm and welcoming gatherings for all members, their families, and guests.

Community Partnerships Chair: You will build partnerships and coalitions with local political and nonprofit organizations, including fostering strategic and mutually beneficial relationships and increasing the diversity and inclusiveness of our membership.

You can raise your hand, express interest, and find out more by emailing chair@34dems.org.

Talk Issues, Current Events and Chat with Special Guests. Join Us!



34th Pop Up Social



34th Dems Pop Up Social - Friday, February 24th 5:30 - 8pm

At the **Beveridge Place Pub**

6413 California Ave SW beveridgeplacepub.com

Join the KC Democrats Endorsement Committee

Time to **RENEW** your

34th Membership!

We need two additional members to represent the 34th on the KCD's Endorsement Committee. Endorsements that come from King County Democrats are powerful, and your role will be pivotal to ensuring the voice of the 34th is heard. The Chair of the 34th can make four appointments to the committee, including one appointee and three alternates. We will be asking for the appointee and alternates to divvy up the participation so that it is manageable for all. To learn more, please email

Share Input on In-Person Membership Meetings!

You can submit your input until end-of-day Wednesday, February 8th using this form:

https://forms.gle/D2DGMNZE6SytJ7SQ8

Introducing the Officers for 2023-2024

On January 11th, the elected PCOs of the 34th District voted to elect the leadership who will take the district forward toward the 2024 Presidential election. Please welcome our new elected board:

Chair - **Graham Murphy** chair@34dems.org

1st Vice Chair - **Rachel Glass** vicechair1@34dems.org

2nd Vice Chair - **Jordan Crawley** vicechair2@34dems.org

State Committeeperson (male) - **Chris Porter**wsdccm@34dems.org

State Committeeperson (female) - **Roxanne Thayer** <u>wsdccm@34dems.org</u>

King County Democrats Central Committee
Representative (female) - **Bunny Hatcher**<u>kcdccw@34dems.org</u>

King County Democrats Central Committee
Representative (male) - **Ted Barker**kcdccm@34dems.org

King County Democrats Central Committee Alternate (female) - **Leah Griffin** kcdccwa@34dems.org

King County Democrats Central Committee Alternate (male) - **Preston Anderson**kcdccma@34dems.org

Treasurer - Julie Whitaker treasurer@34dems.org

Secretary - **Steve Butts** secretary@34dems.org

Chair Graham will be appointing committee chairs imminently and PCOs will vote to approve his appointments in February and beyond. Congratulations to all of our leaders.



From the Desk of the 2nd Vice Chair, Jordan Crawley:

Get Involved in Policy, and Advocacy, and Updating Our Bylaws, Rules, and Code of Conduct

Hey, Dems! As your Second Vice Chair, I'm excited to work alongside each of you to strengthen our communities and promote our values from our precincts to D.C.! I am also taking the reins for the Platform and Legislative Action Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee. Since 2018, I've happily accepted the role of LAC chair and plan to bring the same energy into this term as I have the two previous. Despite my frequent leadership and involvement in amending the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Code of Conduct, serving as the BRC chair is a new role. My intention for every position I hold is to structure it as a cooperative effort in proactive advocacy between myself and the members of our organization.

With that at heart, I have a couple of announcements:

The **Platform and Legislative Action Committee** and the **Membership Policy Caucuses** will be gearing up for this term and soon setting planning and preparation meetings. If you are interested in participating in policy research, advocacy days, platform development, or anything else related to public policy, please reach out to me at wicechair2@34dems.org so we can include you.

The **Bylaws and Rules Committee** is entering a review and revision phase for the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Code of Conduct as a part of our traditional reorganization process and in preparation for the 2023 election season. With the goal of these governing documents representing the will of the membership, we are looking for volunteers to sit on the BRC and work together to come up with language that will facilitate the function of our organization for the next one to two years. Even if you don't participate in the drafting process, we look forward to working with you in the eventual adoption process. If interested, send me a note at vicechair2@34dems.org.

Thank you all for your engagement and commitment to progress!

Jordan

Two Elections are Set for February

We're kicking off the year 2023 with two special elections on February 14th Make note...that's two **separate** elections. For those members of the 34th who live in Seattle, they will automatically receive a ballot from King County Elections. Everyone in the district is eligible to vote in the other, but you will need to go online to cast a ballot.

I-135 "House Our Neighbors"



Ballots for the February Special Election were sent out on January 25 to voters in Seattle to decide on the city initiative I-135, House Our Neighbors. We endorsed a YES vote to support this issue at our January meeting.

I-135 will address the increasingly expensive cost of housing in Seattle by creating a public development authority (PDA) to develop own, and

maintain social housing that is publicly owned with resident leadership. Properties would be permanently affordable, featuring diverse and cross-class communities made up of residents with incomes from 60 - 120% of the Area Median Income. For more information, click to see the **House Our Neighbors website**.

Help Make I-135 a reality

The King County Democrats are supporting this initiative with a GOTV drive from Jan. 21st through Feb. 14th that will include flexible opportunities for PCOs and other volunteers to canvass, text, or phone Democratic voters.

Sign up to join this campaign **HERE**. Contact **Marc Auerbach** with your questions. You can reach him at marc46dems@gmail.com



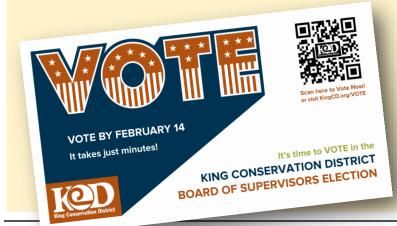
King Conservation Board of Supervisors 2023 Election

The King Conservation District is holding an election for Seat #3 on the Board of Supervisors. 3 candidates are running: April Brown, Csenka Favorini-Csorba...and 34th member and current KCD Boardmember, Chris Porter! We endorsed Chris at our January meeting...let's return him to another term...do it for the bees!

This unique election will again be done with electronic ballot access, with options for physical mail-in ballots. King County Elections will do the tabulation and post all results.



This postcard is your cue to vote for Chris Porter



Ballots are available online from January 24 through February 14, at 8:00 PM.

Physical ballots must be postmarked by February 14, (or dropped off at KC Elections at 919 SW Grady Way, Suite 200, Renton) and received by February 23, 2023, to be counted.

To vote, and for more information, go here: kingcd.org/about/board-of-supervisors/
elections-and-appointments/

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

Senator Joe Nguyen Assistant Floor Leader

Environment, Energy & Technology (Chair) Human Services, Ways & Means

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Representative **Emily Alvarado**

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Representative **Joe Fitzgibbon**

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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 March 2023 newsletter will be Wednesday, February 22.

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

In Case You Missed It ...

January Meeting Recap



New Chair of the 34th District Democrats Graham Murphy

The 34th District Democrats organization recomposed itself to face another two years at our biennial reorganization meeting. The PCOs who were elected in the 2022 Primary, and Members picked a new roster of officers, some of whom are new, while others chose to continue in their roles from the last term.

The meeting was called to order by recently elected King County Democrats Chair **Carrie Barnes.** She appointed **Gina Topp** as Parliamentarian, **Ted Barker** to serve as Sergeant at Arms, and **Steve Butts** as Secretary.

After the customary opening agenda items, the process of electing officers began. The Chair was the only contested position. Running for the office was **David Toledo**, who has lived in the 34th LD off and on over the years, with **Graham Murphy**, a new member who joined the 34th and became a PCO in 2022. Graham won the position via a Zoom poll of the PCOs attending, and he then assumed the role of Permanent Chair for the rest of the meeting. Since the remaining office seekers were unopposed, they were elected by voice votes. (See the list of new officers on page 4)

Several "VIP" Speakers were on hand to say a few words:



Carrie Barnes is Chair of the King County Democrats

King County Executive **Dow Constantine** spoke of a push to improve behavioral health treatment delivery and sustainability. A levy to support this effort may be on the ballot in April. You can learn more about here:

https://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/constantine/news/release/2022/September/26-behavioral-health.aspx

KC Councilmember **Joe McDermott** rose to congratulate former Rep. **Eileen Cody** on her newly acquired position of "citizen" as she steps away from the decades of serving us in Olympia. (Eileen later popped in to greet us briefly.) He also spoke in support of Dow's behavioral health plan. Other issues he is working on include mitigating the noise pollution affecting those who reside near the SeaTac Airport, and an effort to reinstate federal recognition of the Duwamish Tribe.

Carrie Barnes spoke about the recent county reorganization and made an appeal for volunteers to their efforts. She is looking forward to helping PCOs in successfully tending to their precincts.

The Initiative Spotlight highlighted Seattle's I-135, which will be the totality of the February 14th Special Election Ballot which were to be sent out on September 25th. **Camille Gix** from Yes on I-135, House Our Neighbors explained the initiative. This measure would create a public development authority (PDA) to develop, own, and maintain publicly financed, mixed-income social housing developments. The city would provide start-up support for the PDA, with the Seattle city council determining the amount of ongoing city support.

See the House Our Neighbors website for information: **houseourneighbors.org**

We voted to endorse the initiative. The lead volunteer for the King County Democrats **Marc Auerbach** made a pitch to recruit volunteers to help to pass this initiative. (See page 5 to get involved with this campaign.)

Another election in February is the special election for a spot on the King Conservation District's Board of Supervisors. Our own **Chris Porter** is running for reelection to this seat. He highlighted the uniqueness of this election process – one that is separate from the other February election – and the process for voting in it. We voted to endorse Chris. (More Information on how to vote in this election is on page 5.)

February Board Meeting

This month's Board meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 15 on Zoom. Please contact chair@34dems.org if you are interested in attending.



Rachel Glass retains her position as 1st Vice Chair. She will also continue to bring us excellent programing to our meetings.



Bunny Hatcher is assuming a position of KC Democratic Central Committee, and will be our lead person on the KCDCC Endorsement committee



Jordan Crawley is returning as 2nd Vice Chair and will Chair our LAC and Platform Committees, and will update our Bylaws and Rules..see his call for volunteers on page 4.

King County Democrats Report from the January 24, 2023 Meeting

Newly elected KCDCC Chair, Carrie Barnes, called the meeting of the new term to order, and Hunter Brown offered the Land Acknowledgement, followed by the adoption of the agenda and approval of the minutes from the December 2022 Reorganization meeting.

Barnes welcomed all attendees and cited our role as liaisons between KCDCC and our LDs. 1st Vice-Chair,

Jeremy Barksdale, noted that ballots will mail on the 25th for February elections for voters to decide on Seattle's I-135, and Enumclaw School



bonds. There will be a postcard with instructions for electing a King Conservation District Supervisor.

Since all LD reorganizations have concluded, Barnes introduced and welcomed all the returning and newly elected LD Chairs, KCDCC Committeemen and Committeewomen, and their alternates.

She then introduced all the Committee Chairs, and they described their plans, as follows:

- Endorsements Committee TBD
- PCO Recruiting and Training Committee Alex Erickson Precinct alterations from redistricting will come soon - still in the works
- LAC Committee Lisa Weber Lobby Day is February 1, 2023.
- Outreach Committee Yvette Maganya
- DEI Committee Andrew Ashiofu
- LD Support Committee Jeremy Barksdale
- Candidate Recruitment and Support Committee -Kristina Beverlin and Jacob Morrison - There will be a training on February 26th.

Marc Auerbach highlighted GOTV opportunities for I-135

Hanna Floss reminded attendees that there are always ongoing opportunities for training to become an Election Observer, and Anne Udaloy urged all PCOs to attend the February 4th training.

Chris Porter, Candidate for King Conservation District, asked for our support and showed the postcard that

will provide voting information, as the position will not be on the regular ballot.

During the meeting the Chair posted links for several activities.

To sign up to serve on committees:

https://forms.gle/vRjPAJvF13Nb21xx7

For info on precinct alterations map:

https://kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/elections/ maps/precinct-alterations.aspx

To sign up for in-person Lobby Day on Feb. 1st:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpQLSdlod6k5DdW3fdq7avB 47IJ6k3WNFZG3rok vYFCf9YbqXnnA/viewform

For observer training:

https://forms.gle/FL16bbVW8gXwokq78

Submitted by KCDCC Committeeperson Bunny Hatcher

Member Preston Anderson First to Announce For the D1 Race

Preston Anderson is first out of the gate as he announced earlier this week that he will seek to replace retiring Lisa Herbold on the Seattle City Council from our District 1.

Originally from Tacoma, Preston is a former Army Medic, and is currently a homeless and behavioral health service provider,



working for the Veterans Administration.

Preston is a PCO, and had been active in the PCO Committee, taking steps to reach out to recruit PCOs in the new, unrepresented areas we now have after redistricting, including South Park. He is a new Alternate Committeeperson from us to the KCDCC.

Affordable housing, livable wages, and access to workforce education and training are a few of his priorities... Click to see the article in Westside Seattle to learn more about his candidacy.



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