



34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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34th Candidate Forums Announced

The 34th Legislative District Democrats are hosting a candidate forum for Seattle City Council District 1 and King County Council District 8. Increasing community engagement, communicating our concerns with the candidates, and understanding their positions are critical steps in electing the best candidate.

This event will be an in-person moderated forum highlighting two of the most crucial races in the cycle. It is an opportunity for candidates to open up a dialogue about the concerns of the community. **Join us Saturday, June 10th from 1pm to 4pm at Youngstown Cultural Arts Center Theatre.**

We thank the West Seattle Blog for recording the event. We will provide a link to view as soon as possible. Candidate events are open to the public.

Doors open at 12:30, the first forum will begin at 1pm and we will wrap up at 4pm.

[Youngstown Center is located at 4408 Delridge Way SW.](#)

Join Our “Keep On Marching” Summer Social & Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, July 22nd for THREE fun activities** that are super important for helping us elect solid, local Democrats. First, walk with your friends, neighbors, candidates and elected officials in the **West Seattle Grand Parade**. This is always a fun way to get your steps in while representing Democrats to our community. Email the outreach team at outreach@34dems.org to sign up to walk.

After the parade, we will march over to a **special pre-event gathering** for a limited number of guests. We'll toast to a successful primary and general election with wines and snacks from a local winery.

Next you'll want to **Keep on Marching** to our annual **fundraiser & social** starting at 5 PM at C&P Coffee Company. The details are coming together and we'll share them as they are confirmed. You will not want to miss this event! We need your support as we raise funds to do the work electing Democrats in 2023. Look for tickets to go on sale in May.



Membership Meeting Notice May 10, 2023

7 PM on Zoom, Register [HERE](#)

Please note that our meeting will begin at 7 PM this month, and there will be no pre-meeting programming.

7:00 PM - Call to Order and Chair Announcements Meeting Business

Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes

Opening Ceremonies

Land Acknowledgement
VIP Acknowledgements and Announcements

7:10 - Update from King County Prosecutor Leesa Manion

Hear an update and participate in a Q&A about progress being made in the County Prosecutor's office.

7:30 - Washington State Briefing

Attorney General Bob Ferguson will give 34th members critical statewide law updates.

Senator Nguyen, Majority Leader Fitzgibbon, and Representative Alvarado will debrief 34th members on the progress made during the most recent legislative session and what it means for Washington State and the 34th community.

8:20 - Candidate Spotlights

[Jean Iannelli Craciun](#), Seattle City Council District 1
Candidate

[Jesse Tam](#), Port of Seattle Commissioner Position 5
Candidate

8:30 - King County Democrats Central Committee Representative (male/nonbinary) Election

8:40 - Burien Minimum Wage Resolution

8:50 - PCO Appointments

8:55 - Budget Report

9:00 Good of the Order - 9:00

9:05 - Adjournment

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What is Filing Week?

You may have heard about “Filing Week” and wondered... What is this filing week that everyone is so excited about? While we have heard from many candidates already, technically candidates don't have to declare until filing week. To become a candidate, you must complete and file a Declaration of Candidacy and, at the time of filing, possess the qualifications specified by law required for the office and be properly registered to vote in the district represented by the office. This year, filing week is May 15 - 19. Candidates file online via the Secretary of State's Candidate Filing portal. It's an exciting day for the candidate and all of us political junkies.

By Friday of that week, we will know everyone who is running for office that year. You may watch the [Vote WA web page](#). Another source of information is the [PDC \(Public Disclosure Commission\) website](#).

Candidates who accept donations and spend funds on a campaign must file with the PDC. This is a place where you can track who is running prior to filing week.

Join Chair Graham Murphy and attend **Dow Constantine's Annual Filing Week luncheon** to celebrate the end of this consequential week.



See You at the Pop-Up Social - Friday, May 19th



This month we will descend on

Locust Cider

Friday, May 19th

2820 Alki Ave SW, Starting at 5:30

We'll celebrate the last day of filing week and discuss the candidates for each race.

Join us anytime between **5:30 - 8** to talk politics and our upcoming elections!

locustcider.com/taprooms/alki/

Mark Your Calendar! Participate with the 34th at the One Seattle Day of Service!

The 34th District will show our Democratic values by participating in the **One Seattle Day of Service on Saturday, May 20th** this year. The One Seattle Day of Service is a citywide day of volunteerism to give back and take action to improve the city we love. **The 34th District Democrats will devote the morning to the White Center Food Bank.**

The event invites every Seattle neighbor to roll up your sleeves, come together, and give back, with volunteer opportunities in each neighborhood across the City. Joining together a diverse group of public, private, and non-profit partners and organizations, the City will provide a wide array of service opportunities including cleaning and beautification, gardening and restoration, helping neighbors in need, and more.

Stay tuned to our weekly email and next month's newsletter for more details. Email digcomm@34dems.org to volunteer!



CONGRESSWOMAN
PRAMILA JAYAPAL'S SEVENTH ANNUAL

Build Our America

Special Guest
Announced Soon!

**THURSDAY
MAY 4TH, 2023** | **12:00 - 1:00PM**

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RSVP: WWW. LUNCHWITHPRAMILA.COM

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May Board Meeting

This month's Board meeting will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24 on Zoom. Please contact chair@34dems.org if you are interested in attending.

Don't Miss Out on Voting for Endorsements!

We are counting down to one of the most exciting benefits of being a member of the 34th District Democrats - Endorsement Season! Don't miss your opportunity to weigh in on who the 34th will endorse in the 2023 cycle! EVERY MEMBER HAS A VOTE! This year we will consider endorsement for the following elections:

- King County Council District 8
- District 1 and 7 (due to redistricting) Seattle City Council
- Burien City Council Positions 2, 4, 6
- Port of Seattle Positions 2 and 5
- 4 Seattle School Board Directors
- 3 Highline School Board Directors
- 4 Vashon School Board Directors
- Many commissioner roles and judges - over 40 total elections in 2023!

Are you already a member or PCO? Awesome! You are ready to vote. [Check our current member list](#) if you aren't sure.

You must be a 2023 member or PCO in order to vote!

- Renewing members (those who were members in 2022) have until **8pm on June 13th** to join.
- New members (those who were not a member in 2022) must join by **8pm on May 9th**.

Get it done so you can make your voice heard!

<https://bit.ly/join34dems>



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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 June 2023 newsletter will be Thursday, May 25.

Mail to Steve Butts,
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or email to newsletter@34dems.org

Chair's Note

About a week ago, we were once again waiting to see if the Supreme Court would issue another ruling that further eroded women's access to reproductive healthcare and fundamental freedoms. This time we were granted [a temporary reprieve from an abusive ruling](#). Though, make no mistake, this is far from the last time the rights of women will be put at risk by this court.

Republicans across the country are increasingly emboldened by a dangerously radical Supreme Court that has given them permission to pass draconian laws that put the lives of American women at risk. [Ron DeSantis recently enacted legislation](#) to ban abortions after six-weeks, and joined other red states that outright ban or put extreme restrictions on abortion. Just this past week, [North Dakota passed a law banning abortions](#) even in cases of rape or incest. Republican presidential hopefuls feel so confident in their stances on abortion that they recently [bragged about their extreme positions](#) to far-right activists. And while the Republican party is out of step with [the vast majority of Americans who support abortion rights](#), Republicans won't stop their vicious campaign until all abortions are banned nationally.

That is why Democrats need to [keep on marching](#) forward to protect and restore abortion rights for all women across the country. As Wisconsin voters just told the nation – [in a landslide election](#) – Democrats are with the people in standing for safe and legal abortion access.

We can also do our part in the 34th by electing democrats here at home. We can elect local and state democrats who will continue to build and strengthen a blue wall of protection for abortion rights. This year, our Democratically controlled state legislature [strengthened abortion rights](#) and passed "policies to secure the health data of patients and to protect Washingtonians from prosecution and civil cases filed from out of state for seeking an abortion." This followed actions in 2022 by [State, King County](#), and [Seattle](#) Democrats to fortify access to safe and legal abortions.

While the recent Supreme Court case was an abrupt wakeup call and a stark reminder of what's at stake, we must remain vigilant. The other side is not stopping its relentless attacks on women's health and rights each and every waking hour. They're too emboldened and dogmatic to stop now. That's why our 34th community must continue to support and elect Democrats who support abortion rights and show the righteous way forward. And we must [pass a state constitutional amendment](#) to protect abortion rights.

Graham

Committee Updates

Bylaws and Rules Committee

The Board approved sending updated Executive Board and Virtual Meeting rules to the membership for comment. The comment period concluded and no comments were provided. The Board will now vote to approve the rules.

Communications Committee

34th Communications are in high gear with all of the upcoming events and activities. I've been busy creating graphics and promotional materials for the upcoming candidate forums, endorsement meeting and July fundraiser. Steve has created his monthly newsletter to further remind everyone of all of our activities and provide an alternate device for members to learn what's going on in the district. From a technology perspective, we are gearing up for the always-complicated virtual endorsement meeting (lots of ballots for lots of races and candidates!). We are also seeking solutions for checkout at our July fundraiser. Keeping up with Slack and Facebook posts are also important and a big thank you to all those members who like and comment on our posts on Facebook and/or participate on Slack. Anyone can use the banter and business channels. I cordially invite anyone who is technical, a wordpress user, social media user or has interest in providing great communications to our members and beyond to join me! Email me at digcomm@34dems.org.

Platform and Legislative Action Committee

The Committee encourages you to get involved in our [Membership Policy Caucuses!](#)

To join the committee and find out more, email: vicechair2@34dems.org

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee held a meeting on March 13. We set dates of May 13 and September 16th to hold Adopt-A-Street work parties. Nick Bonazza is applying, and will be the lead again, for Vashon Strawberry Days in July. Doris Rahmig is looking into our participation at the WS Bee Festival on May 20. Also on May 20, Outreach will also take part with the One Seattle day of service, Carla Rogers signed the 34th Dems up to take on a project at the White Center Foodbank. To help, sign up [HERE](#).

I have submitted applications for the WS Grand Parade on July 22, and the B-Town Fiesta in September.

To join the committee and find out more, email: outreach@34dems.org

PCO Committee

We need more PCOs! Please sign-up to become one: The PCO - Lifeblood of the 34th - 34th Democrats (34dems.org)

To join the committee and find out more, email: pco@34dems.org

Programs Committee

We organized the Pre-Meeting program (for March 8th), with Steve Daschle, ED of Southwest Youth and Family Services. The program drew positive feedback from members and we will be in touch with Steve about how the 34th can get involved with SWYFS's current capital campaign, which Steve discussed in his presentation.

To join the committee and find out more, email: vicechair1@34dems.org

Resolutions and Endorsements Committee

The committee has been working hard on the upcoming forums, which will feature candidates for the King County Council District 8 and Seattle City Council District 1 seats on June 10 at Youngstown Cultural Center. We are looking for volunteers to help make the day run smoothly. If you can volunteer a few hours of time to help develop questions for the forums, or work day-of-event setting up, taking down or otherwise helping with miscellaneous tasks, please let us know. Endorsements will be considered the following Wednesday, June 14. Educate yourself so that we can make the best possible recommendations.

The committee also put a resolution urging an increase in the Burien minimum wage, commensurate with the cost of living in that city before the executive board of the 34th Democrats. The board discussed the resolution and is sending it to the full membership at the May 10 meeting with a "do pass" recommendation...*the resolution is on Page 9.*

To join the committee and find out more, email: endorse-reso@34dems.org

*In Case You Missed It...***April Meeting Recap**

Pre-Meeting Program - Sustainable Ambassadors

1st Vice Chair Rachel Glass arranged another interesting pre-meeting presentation with Earth Day in mind. Peter Donaldson, director of Sustainable Ambassadors, led the presentation given by students from King County school districts. <https://www.sustainabilityambassadors.org/>

Sustainable Ambassadors is a program designed for students from King County middle and high schools, with college interns to help with coordination. Students identify environmental projects that satisfy sustainable targets, with the overall goal to combat climate change. These projects can be small-scale actions for an individual or family, or solutions for broader impact, such as neighborhood issues. Students design a project, track, and record its effectiveness. Then the information can be presented to others (which they call “storytelling”) in whatever format they choose...TikTok was mentioned as a favorite means of presentation. Their website features [templates](#) that the students can adapt for their own projects. See their presentation [HERE](#).

Membership Meeting

Chair Graham Murphy kicked off the meeting with a few thoughts on contrasts on gun legislation happening during the past week. First, he noted the turmoil in Tennessee during which 2 Black lawmakers were expelled from the state legislature while attempting to bring a focus on their lax gun laws in the wake of a mass shooting event at an elementary school. Meanwhile, here in our state, Democratic legislators were putting together the final details of a ban on assault-style rifles, putting the lives of children first before guns. Laws like this are why it is important that we maintain our “Blue Wall” in Washington, Graham reminded us.

VIP Acknowledgements

Seattle Councilmember **Teresa Mosqueda** spoke of the November housing levy. She announced that there was to be a public hearing on April 19th, followed by a public comment opportunity. She believes that the city levy will complement the county’s Prop. 1, the Crisis Care Centers Levy. She also spoke of how Seattle received national attention for recently enacted Seattle gig worker sick leave. Mosqueda also brought up opportunities for free tax preparation help.

Burien Mayor **Sofia Aragon** seconded support of Prop. 1, and that she was doorbelling for it. She thanked the 34th for their endorsement of the levy and urged us to get out the vote.

Leslie Harris, Seattle School Board director, announced that she is not running for reelection. She said that while it has

been “the best job” of her life, she is saddened by the fact that the state does not fully fund education. Once again, she called McCleary settlement “fake news”. Additionally, Seattle Public School District faces a \$131 million deficit for the school year 2024/2025. She offered support to anyone who wished to run for her seat.

King Conservation District Board Member **Chris Porter** rose to echo support for the Crisis Care Centers Levy, saying that good mental health leads to good environmental health.

Former Seattle Councilmember **Jan Drago** was also recognized by the Chair.

Candidate Spotlight

King County Council Position 8

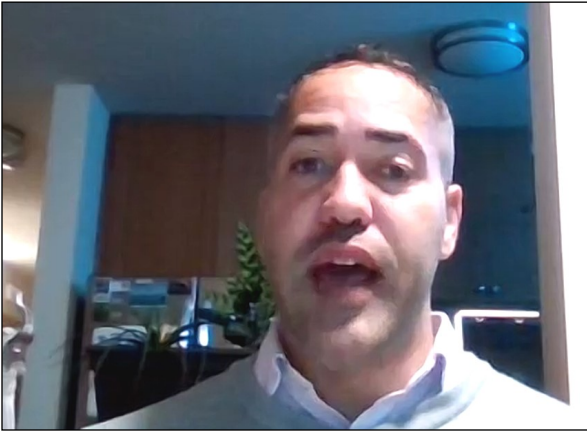
Sofia Aragon returned to speak about her run for a King County Council seat. She feels she has a deep appreciation for the various jurisdictions in King County, where she has lived in Seattle and Burien, but also of East King County. Work has led her to spend time on First Hill and the Rainier Valley. She stressed her life-long commitment to the Democratic party having been a delegate for Obama, Sanders, then Biden following her support of Elizabeth Warren. She doorbelled for Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and has served on the Board of the 34th. A nurse, healthcare is important to her. She would also bring diversity to the Council.

Seattle City Council Position 1

Maren Costa has worked in the tech sector and holds numerous patents. She was Amazon's first principal designer and was a team leader managing million-dollar budgets. She was instrumental in establishing Amazon’s environmental “Climate Pledge” and the Bezos Earth Fund. She was fired after standing with warehouse workers during the pandemic. The National Labor Relations Board sued and won on her behalf.

Preston Anderson is originally from Tacoma and is an Army veteran. He has been in the field of Human Services for 15 years as a clinical social worker. He has experience in inpatient psychiatric settings at Western State Hospital. He feels that his background would be unique on the council and wants to bring the skills his profession has given him to help tackle chronic problems such as homelessness and behavioral health issues such as growing drug overdose deaths.

Rob Saka is an Air Force veteran. He has served on the King County Charter Review Commission and played a role in the recent search for a new Seattle Police Chief. Using those experiences he would work to put in place community-based



Preston Anderson is running for Seattle City Council.



Maren Costa introduces herself.



Seattle Council Candidate Rob Saka



Leslie Harris, Seattle School Director for District 6 announces she won't seek another term.

public safety policing policies that would include mental health response teams. He has spent pro bono hours volunteering for non-profits that help the unhoused and would work for more effective and humane camp sweeps.

Ted Barker was elected to serve as our State Committeeperson. Joe McDermott nominated him, and later spoke on his behalf, calling Ted a “Pavement Democrat”, one who is out doing the work. Ted challenged the candidates present to bring their supporters to our Endorsement Meeting, stating that’s how he became involved with the 34th...through the campaign of Tom Carr for City Attorney.

Katie Wilson, General Secretary of the Transit Riders Union, gave an overview of initiatives to raise the minimum wage in various local cities starting with SeaTac, which became the first city in the country to establish \$15 an hour as the local minimum wage and is currently at \$19.06. Seattle followed, and is now at \$18.69, and then last year voters in Tukwila approved \$18.99 an hour (starting this July). Wilson noted that the wage needed to afford a market-rate 1 bedroom apartment in King County is over \$30 an hour. Currently there is a campaign in Renton. The next places to tackle are Burien and unincorporated King County via council action.

A presentation from the group [Reconnect South Park](#) was given by 34th member **Maria Ramirez**. She was joined by **Robin Swartz** from the Duwamish River Community Coalition. It is a grassroots organization that has gathered to form a vision with the community about how to bring back the area that is bisected by Highway 99...a problem that faces many low-income and communities of color. The project is one of 45 “Reconnecting Communities” grantees by the US Dept. of Transportation, who gave the group \$1.6 million. This is on top of previous funds given by Seattle and WSDOT to do studies. They are beginning the process of creating a solution involving the removal of that portion of 99, and how best to direct traffic on the other highways in that area.

PCO Chair **Dorothy Gesick** rose to encourage members to volunteer to get out the vote for King County Prop. 1 – The Crisis Care Centers Levy on the April 25th Special Election ballot. Doorbell materials were available, and there were opportunities for textbanking.

We approved a budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024 that starts in May. The monthly financial report was given by Treasurer **Julie Whitaker**, most notable was the announcement that we completed the move of all banking activity to BECU.

In the Good of the Order, **Carla Rogers** announced that she had signed up to take on an event on May 20th for One Seattle Day of Service...**Ann Martin** informed us that the West Seattle Democratic Women had to reschedule their March meeting of the topic “Beyond the Land Acknowledgement”, a native woman’s take...**Steve Butts** will have a 34th Dems booth at the White Center Cambodian New Year Festival...**Maria Ramirez** let us know about homes available in South Park for those that meet certain income guidelines.

You can view the meeting on YouTube [HERE](#)

Meeting Notes From the April 25 Meeting of the King County Democrats

Chair Carrie Barnes delivered the Chair's report, reminding members that filing week is May 15-19. She offered a description of the Endorsement Committee's process and progress, and cited Kat Pipkin, Andrea Ornelas, Wes Mills, and Melissa Taylor for their tech expertise, and Beth Bazley and Martin Chaney for their leadership. We should encourage candidates we know to file with the PDC and fill out their questionnaires as soon as possible to help avoid a last-minute crush of candidates seeking endorsements. She also stated her hopes for passage of Prop. 1 and thanked us all for our efforts to help that happen.

Bryce Cannelli from the 46th LD delivered a presentation on The Political Landscape for Trans People in 2023, which was an update on Trans rights nationally. She defined terms, presented statistics, and highlighted ways in which Trans individuals are having their rights to use appropriate restrooms, dress according to their gender identity, use the names and pronouns with which they identify, and receive gender affirming medical care under attack in several states. She urged KCDCC members to counter misinformation, stay active, and connect with the Gender Justice League.

Carrie Barnes urged all LDs to list their events on the KCDCC Legislative District Calendar to be shared county-wide. This can be done at calendar@kcdems.org.

Carmen Rivera, of the 11th LD, gave a presentation on Policing Policy, and what we need to do to protect our communities. She noted that the passage of 5352 lowered the bar from "probable cause" to "reasonable suspicion", which will result in more police pursuits. She stated that this will result in more accidents and deaths and expressed disappointment that Democratic legislators voted in favor of the bill. She also expressed concern about cities' establishing their own drug possession laws when there are insufficient resources for diversion to work.

Candidate Recruitment and Support Committee Chair, Kristina Beverlin, gave an update on Contest Every Race, describing how Vote Builder helps identify strong Democrats who could be recruited

to run for office. She further stated that there will be future workshops for candidates to help them be better informed about the topics of housing and transportation.

Martin Chaney, Chair of the Endorsements Committee added to Carrie Barnes earlier update, describing the Diversity Training by Lillian Hawkins which was available to all committee members, and its impact on candidate interview processes. He also noted the single-jurisdiction vs multi-jurisdiction rules for KCDCC endorsement, pointing out that KCDCC will not endorse for offices in single LD offices until that LD has endorsed. He ended by stating that Endorsement Committee members have signed both Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality agreements

Barnes offered the Fundraising Committee update, saying that there will once again be a barbecue and pool party, and it will be scheduled for after the August Primary Election.

Paul Chapman, Chair of the 43rd LD, warned of a proposed non-proportional allocation of delegates. ChapDemocratic LDs in King County man [lays out his concerns here](#). Instead of allocation delegates based on number of Democrats in an LD, each LD would get the same number of delegates. This would greatly reduce delegates from heavily and give much more power to LDs in red areas of the State. This would likely make our Washington State delegation Whiter and less LGBTQ+ friendly. (See the [State Party's 2024 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan - PDF](#)).

He urged us to protest this change and posted a URL to do so by Saturday, March 29th.

Submitted by Bunny Hatcher, KCDCC Committeeperson

Thanks to everyone who helped push the Crisis Centers Levy over the line in the April Special Election. Soon there will be 5 King County sites to help those facing behavioral issues.



Chris Porter and Gina Topp wave signs with King Co. Exec. Dow Constantine to remind voters get their ballots in.

Seeking Committee Chairs

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: We need your help to recruit and retain existing members, as we as certify all PCOs and members who are eligible to vote. This role will help ensure our endorsement processes go smoothly! You also get to be our preeminent host and create warm and welcoming gatherings for all members, their families, and guests.

Fundraising and Events Chair: We need you helping ensuring we raise necessary resources to support our endorsed candidates and run an effective Democratic membership organization. You'll get to lead our major annual fundraiser and additional events that bring our membership together.

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

King County Democrats Central Committee Representative (male/nonbinary) Election

We will be holding an election for a new King County Democrats Central Committee Representative (male or non-binary) at our May membership meeting. If you are interested in running for this role on the 34th Executive Board, please contact Graham at chair@34dems.org.

Only duly elected PCO's elected for the 2023-2024 term (in the 2022 Primary) may vote for KCDCC Representatives. Each candidate who is nominated in advance shall be allowed to submit a written statement to the Chair and Secretary of the district no later than May 5th or (5) days before the virtual election. Submitted statements received by the deadline will be included in the weekly email of the district, the Sunday prior to any virtual election being held. Statements can be no more than 350 words. Each nominated candidate will be offered an opportunity to give a speech no longer than three (3) minutes. Speeches will be given in the order in which candidates were nominated.

For more info on the election process, please refer to our January newsletter: [2023-January-Newsletter.pdf \(34dems.org\)](#)



Photo by Jon Shields



Doris Rahmig and Peter Newbould
(Photo by Steve Butts)



Photo by Jon Shields

Photos from the 2023 White Center Cambodian New Year Festival.



Steve Butts and Dorothy Gesick
(Photo by Jon Shields)

Resolution in Support of Raising the Minimum Wage in Burien

WHEREAS the 34th District Democratic platform supports living wage tied to the median market housing rate: and

WHEREAS low wages contribute to housing insecurity, homelessness, and many other social problems that weaken our communities; and

WHEREAS someone working full-time at the minimum wage in Burien has to spend well over half their income to rent a modest 1-bedroom apartment for \$1,600 a month; and

WHEREAS in 2013 and 2014 the cities of SeaTac and Seattle established local minimum wages higher than the state minimum wage; and

WHEREAS in 2022 Tukwila voted by over 82% to raise their city's minimum wage to approximately the level of neighboring SeaTac, with a phase-in for smaller employers and an exemption for the very smallest employers; and

WHEREAS according to data from the Employment Security Department, in 2022 more than 2,000 Burien workers were making less than the minimum wage in effect in the neighboring city of SeaTac, mostly working in retail, accommodations, and food services; and

WHEREAS raising Burien's minimum wage would boost the income of many of these workers and their families, as well as encouraging other cities to do the same, raising the floor throughout King County; and

WHEREAS a petition urging the Burien City Council to pass legislation in 2023 to raise the minimum wage is circulating in Burien,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the 34th District Democrats endorse the campaign to raise Burien's minimum wage through a law similar to the one Tukwila passed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the 34th District Democrats will ask members to help circulate the coalition's petition building support among Burien residents, workers, and local businesses, and demonstrating the strength of public support to the council.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the 34th District Democrats will work with the coalition to urge the Burien councilmembers to pass legislation this year to raise Burien's minimum wage.

Introduced by: Katie Wilson, Transit Riders Union. 34th District Sponsor: Chris Porter, PCO

Submitted to the 34th LD Democrats April 2023 by Chris Porter. This resolution was unanimously approved by the Executive Board to be presented to members at the May 10, 2023 meeting with a recommendation to adopt. Members may speak in favor or against per our [Bylaws](#).



Former Seattle Councilmember Jan Drago sits across from Candidate Maren Costa at the April Popup.



Bruce Stotler shares a beer with King County Prosecutor Leesa Manion at our gathering at Prost! on April 28th.



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