



34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

Burien Georgetown Pioneer Square SODO South Park West Seattle White Center Vashon/Maury Island

Chair's Message

It's June, and that means it's officially endorsement season! At our June 14th meeting, we plan to consider candidates for endorsement for up to twelve elected seats, which are listed in our Membership Meeting Agenda. I am using my note this month to help you prepare.

First, with multiple competitive races, I hope each of us approaches our endorsement meeting with a sense of purpose and privilege. Our purpose is to elect solid Democrats who will lead with Democratic values and support and implement policies that make our communities better for all constituents. Our privilege is to endorse candidates who we believe will fulfill our purpose, and help guide voters to make the best choices in the upcoming August 1st primary.

As you consider each candidate for the 34th's endorsement, reflect on these questions:

- 1) How well does this candidate represent Democratic values? Our platform shares our values: [34th Dems Platform - 34th Democrats \(34dems.org\)](https://34dems.org)
- 2) What solutions are they offering that will solve the most pressing issues in my community?
- 3) What has been their record and experience in office and/or within my community?
- 4) How proud will I be that this person is representing my community in office?

To help you answer these questions and learn more about our King County Council District 8 and Seattle City Council District 1 candidates, I hope you will **join us at our live and in-person candidate forums on Saturday, June 10th**. There will be an opportunity to mingle with candidates and speak with them before, between, and after the forums. I look forward to seeing you there and you can learn more here: [2023 Candidate Forum - June 10 - 34th Democrats \(34dems.org\)](https://34dems.org)

I also ask that you learn about the candidates who are running by reading their websites and articles from local publications and blogs. Members will also receive all candidate responses to the King County Democrats questionnaire prior to the endorsement meeting. You can see who has filed to run for each race here: [Who has filed - King County \(34dems.org\)](https://34dems.org)

Prior to June 14th, I encourage you to read our bylaws that govern endorsements: [Endorsement Rules Addendum to the Bylaws - 34th Democrats \(34dems.org\)](https://34dems.org)

Here are some key highlights to keep in mind:

- 1) Candidates that declare as a Democrat and submit the questionnaire provided by the King County Democrats are eligible for endorsement.

Membership Meeting Notice

June 14, 2023

6:30 PM on Zoom, Register [HERE](#)

Please Note: Our meeting will begin at **6:30 PM** this month, and there will be no pre-meeting programming.

Call to Order and Chair Announcements - 6:30 PM Meeting Business

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes
- Budget Report
- PCO Appointments
- Land Acknowledgement

Review of Endorsement Process and Rules Endorsements for Consideration

- Board Block
 - ◇ King County Superior Court Judge Pos. 30 - Coreen Wilson
 - ◇ King County Superior Court Judge Pos. 39 - Joe Campagna
 - ◇ King County Assessor - John Wilson
- Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No 2
- Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No 5
- King County Director of Elections*
- King County Council District 8
- Seattle City Council District 1
- Seattle School Director District 6
- Burien City Council Position No 2
- Burien City Council Position No 4
- Burien City Council Position No 6

Good of the Order

Adjourn

**Will consider this seat for endorsement if an eligible candidate is running.*

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- 2) Voting members of the 34th District Democrats who joined by May 10th or renew (from the prior year) by June 13th and elected and appointed PCOs may make motions, speak, and vote during the endorsement meeting. No proxy voting is allowed.
- 3) Each seat will be considered for endorsement one at a time.
 - a) Eligible members and PCOs may make and second motions to consider an eligible candidate for endorsement.
 - b) Whoever makes a motion for a candidate can speak for two minutes in favor of that candidate's endorsement or cede their time to the candidate. Someone can speak against the candidate for two minutes. If someone speaks against the candidate, then the person who seconded the motion can speak for two minutes in favor of the candidate or cede their time to another eligible member or PCO. If a second person speaks in favor of the candidate, then a second person can speak against the candidate for two minutes. Then speeches are closed for the candidate. This process continues for all candidates up for an endorsement.
 - c) Once all speeches for each candidate are complete for a given seat, voting will commence to decide who - if any candidate - will receive the 34th's endorsement. Voting will be conducted by electronic ballot. All votes will be validated to ensure they are coming from eligible voters by our Tally Committee.
 - d) A candidate must receive 60% of the vote to receive an endorsement.

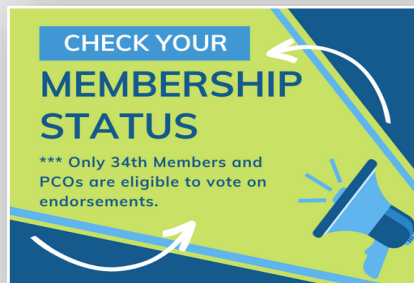
Once we have endorsed candidates, we will put all of our energy into getting them elected. This includes PCOs and 34th volunteers getting out the vote. Printing and sharing materials to let our community know who are the best candidates to vote for in this election. And giving money to candidates most in need of it to win their races.

You can help us raise funds to support Democrat wins in local elections by joining us at our July 22nd Summer Social and Fundraiser: [Keep on Marching Fundraiser - 34th Democrats \(34dems.org\)](#)

Thank you for your participation in making critical endorsement decisions. Our collective voice will make a difference for our communities in this election!

--- **Graham**

You must be a 2023 member or PCO in order to vote at our upcoming Endorsements meeting!



[Click to Check Your Membership Status Today...](#)

[...Click to Renew By June 13](#)

- Renewing members (those who were members in 2022) have until **8pm on June 13th** to join.
- The new member deadline (those who were not a member in 2022) has passed for the June 14th meeting. However, we will continue to endorse candidates into the fall so join today!

Get it done so you can make your voice heard! <https://bit.ly/join34dems>

Learn about the Candidates - (Seattle City Council) D1 and (King County Council) D8

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



It's primary time! Calling all PCO's and Volunteers!

These local elections are important and we need you to get our sample ballots out to your voters for the August 1 Primary.

Pick up canvassing materials **Saturday, July 8, 10-12 noon!** We will be outside in the back at C&P. I welcome any volunteers to assist with distributing precinct packets.

Remember: you can become a PCO any time.. .Dorothy Gesick would love to hear from you: pco@34dems.org

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. Add your name to march with us

[HERE](#)...or 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 VIP 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. [Buy your ticket](#) today!



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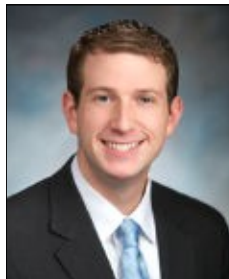
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Letters and Submitted Articles

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 July 2023 newsletter will be Thursday, June 29.

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

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.

Join Fellow 34th'ers at the June Pop-Up Social - Friday, June 23rd

This month we will meet at **The Bridge**

Starting at 5:30pm

Hope for sunny weather so we can meet on their back patio! There will be plenty of topics to discuss as we gear up for the Primary on August 1.

thebridgeseatle.com



Members Ted Barker and Bruce Stotler.

Committee Updates

Bylaws and Rules Committee

The Bylaws and Rules Committee worked to finalize amendments to the Organization's Standing Rules, which were ultimately adopted by the Executive Board. During the coming month we will finalize amendments to the Organization's Bylaws with the goal of submitting revisions for consideration during the July membership meeting

Communications and Technology Committee

34th communications are in high gear at this time of year. We have 3 of our biggest events (candidate forum, endorsements meeting and fundraiser) of the year approaching and it's been our focus to make sure that as many people as possible know and attend. Another huge focus has been supporting the technical aspects of the endorsement meeting itself. This is a big job as it often sets the stage for a successful meeting. If you have technical skills (google docs, zoom, wordpress, social platforms) there is a place for you on the communications and technology committee. We are now promoting our [outreach events](#) and hope that we get lots of folks signing up to support our presence in the community. As it is right now, 34th communications is a one-woman show. If you'd like to help by posting on social or if you have technical skills, please contact the chair to help out! digcomm@34dems.org.

Platform and Legislative Action Committee

The Platform and Legislative Action Committee planned and conducted a legislative session town hall to ask questions of our elected officials in Olympia and begin the process of preparing priorities for 2024. We also are working alongside the Resolutions & Endorsements Committee to plan and conduct the 2023 candidate forums by preparing questions centered around the priorities of our district's voters and the Organization's most recently adopted platform. During the coming months we will initiate the platform development process in preparation for the 2024 session, elections, and caucus.

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

We participated in the White Center Cambodian Festival on April 29. Doris Rahmig, Dorothy Gesick, Mary Hollister, Peter Newbould, and Steve Butts manned the booth at various points. We obtained 5 registration forms, gave away several blank forms, and QR code cards which link to the online registration site.

The committee learned of, and subsequently applied and was accepted to, the White Center Pride Festival on June 3rd, which is the same day as Burien Pride. Nick Bonazza is going to take the lead on that, as we had already agreed to provide a tent

and table for the Burien event with the 33rd LD Democrats.

On May 13th, we had an Adopt-A-Street work party to clean our section of 16th Ave SW. Karen Richter, Melinda Grant and Steve Butts were joined by Chris Weiss and Les Urb from the 33rd LD.

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

Programs and Community Partnerships Committee

Due to my in-depth involvement with the Legislative Forum in May, Graham and I decided we would not offer the membership a Pre-Meeting program in May. Instead, I organized the program flow of the Legislative Forum with Jordan and we both formulated the final questions that were asked of the Legislators. We met several times throughout the month to finalize edits and tweaks on the questions to be asked and how the general scope and nature of the Forum would look. We both served as co-moderators for the May Legislative Forum Event. I have been working with Ann Martin and Bunny Hatcher in May and June on formulating the program flow of the June Candidate Forum (wording and order of questions, etc.). The three of us crafted and edited the questions for the City Council portion of the Candidate Forum. Due to the significant time required to organize and finalize details for the June Forum, there will be no Pre-Meeting Program at the 34th Dems June General Membership Meeting. I will be moderating the Seattle City Council portion of the June Candidate Forum.

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

Resolutions and Endorsements Committee

At the regular meeting of the District organization a resolution in support of an increased minimum wage in the city of Burien passed. Members are urged to sign the online petition to the city council to support passage of a minimum wage commensurate with the minimum wage effective July 1 in the city of Tukwila.

Considerable time is being spent on two forums scheduled for June 10 that will feature the candidates for District 8 of the county council and District 1 of the Seattle City Council. These forums are an effort to more fully educate our members and the public about the candidates seeking our endorsement on June 14. The regular meeting of the District organization will be devoted to consideration of County Council District 8 and Seattle City Council District 1 endorsements as well as Bloc endorsements for positions in which seeking our endorsement have no opposition. Stay tuned for future endorsements in July and after the primary in August.

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

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

This meeting didn't have a pre-meeting program, but with candidates seeking our endorsement, and a legislative session update, there was plenty to fill the 2-hour, 20-minute meeting. Chair **Graham Murphy** kicked off the meeting with a few announcements:

- Our Candidate Forum will be Saturday, June 6 at the Youngstown Community Arts Center for King County Council District 8, and Seattle City Council District 1.
- The Endorsement Meeting will be held on June 14. New members were to have joined by the start of the May Membership meeting; 2022 members were given until June 13 to renew to participate.
- The annual Summer Social and Fundraiser will be held on July 22 at C & P Coffee. The theme of the event is "Keep on Marching", taking its cue from the West Seattle Grand Parade which will be earlier in the day. Graham handed the mic to Acting Fundraising Chair Gina Topp, who directed members to buy tickets; If they did so during the meeting, they would also get free admission to the summer picnic. [Get your tickets HERE.](#)

Rachel Glass gave the Land Acknowledgement. She's been expanding her invocations by providing information members can use to help Indigenous Peoples via donations to organizations which benefit them, taking this monthly rote recognition beyond mere words. This meeting we were asked to assist Chief Seattle Club chiefseattleclub.org

Several VIPs were on hand to address us:

Seattle Port Commissioner Fred Felleman spoke of activities and goals of the Port of Seattle. He noted that the Port of Seattle is only one of four port authorities in the country that manages both a seaport and an airport. SeaTac is the fastest growing airport in the nation and has received awards for customer service. He talked about efforts to control ship speed, carbon sequestration and marine habitat restoration. He also touted the work in the state being done to develop sustainable jet fuel.

Outgoing King Conservation District Board Member Chris Porter rose to thank the members of the 34th for their support during his term. The 34th was the only LD that chose to endorse in the race last year, and he appreciated our endorsement. Chris' term ended in May.

Carla Rogers introduced newly elected **King County Prosecutor Leesa Manion**, who gave updates on her first few months in office. Manion has been conducting listening tours, meeting with those involved in the county legal processes. Among other initiatives, she has established two new divisions: One to tackle gender-based violence and prevention, and another to take on economic crimes and wage theft.

Chris Porter introduced Washington State **Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz**, who had officially announced her

candidacy for Governor earlier in the day. She spoke of her achievements in her current position and of a few of her goals as Governor if elected. The Lands Commissioner leads an organization which manages over 6 million acres. It generates \$400 million in taxes. She is proud of the state's efforts to combat fires. As Governor she would continue the work of Jay Inslee in expanding the use of sustainable energy to achieve a goal of 100% clean energy by 2040. Franz also said she'd keep a close eye on hospital mergers across the state, often done by faith organizations which restrict certain care options in communities.

Legislative Session Recap

Rachel Glass introduced Senator Joe Nguyen and Representatives Joe Fitzgibbon and Emily Alvarado. Committee Chair Jordan Crawley presented questions that were answered by each in turn.

Sen. Joe Nguyen started. He's now the Chair of the Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee and one of the senate budget writers. The biggest action for him this year was the passage of a \$70 Billion budget, and especially putting money into the Climate Commitment Act. While he was pleased to work on climate change issues, he was especially happy to be able to fund basic needs such as the program for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Joe Fitzgibbon is in his 7th term as Representative. He was elected Majority Leader last fall, and now is in an oversight role and spending less time on details..."A mile wide and an inch deep" as he characterized his new position. Joe is proud of the great strides the state made on gun issues: An assault weapons ban, a 10-day waiting period to obtain a gun, and the ability to sue firearm manufacturers over their marketing decisions. The state also created a Medicaid-style option for undocumented state residents.

Our newest Representative, **Emily Alvarado**, is part of the first Latino Caucus and is Vice Chair of the Members of Color caucus as well. She is proud of the work the state has done in standing up for reproductive healthcare with a shield law to protect patients and medical practitioners from out-of-state anti-choice laws and assuring that access to the abortion pill mifepristone is guaranteed. Copays and deductibles for abortions were also eliminated.

Gains in fair housing were made by addressing some discriminatory practices. \$150 million was put forward to assist people who have been impacted by racially restrictive covenants, undoing practices the government helped put in place. Yet more work remains to be done on tenant protections.

While it was a good year for increasing market-rate housing in the session, more action is needed to increase housing for low-income citizens is needed, with state funding and tenant protections. More density, more apartments. Progressive



State Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz is running for Governor in 2024.

taxation dedicated to housing is also needed.

And while the state made investments in healthcare facilities in the 34th, more needs to do more in behavioral health state-wide

Jordan noted that they would shortly return to Olympia for a Special Session to provide state regulation on drug use and possession. A temporary fix to comply with a State Supreme Court ruling expired and the legislature adjourned without replacing it... permanent legislation is needed to guarantee uniformity across the state.

Spotlight on Candidates

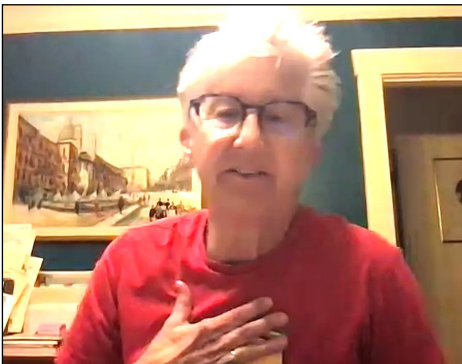
Phil Tavel is taking another shot at the D1 seat having run in 2019. A long-time West Seattleite, he's a graduate of the Wellstone Academy. Active in the community, he is on the board of Allied Arts, has served on the Morgan Junction Association board, and has done fundraisers for West Side Baby and West Seattle Helpline. He has been a public defender and is currently an administrative law judge. Public safety and homelessness are the two issues he most wants to tackle. Phil's website is: tavelforseattle.com



Phil Tavel is a candidate for Seattle D1.

Also running for D1 is **Jean Iannelli Craciun**. She founded the Diversity Center of Seattle in 2018, whose mission is to "advance diversity equity and inclusion by driving authentic innovation for change in our workplaces and communities". She was involved in the Jimmy Carter Administration working on women's issues. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, she spent 30 years in Alaska where she started several businesses before moving to Seattle in 2006 with her wife and children. More information about Jean is at: jeanforseattlecitycouncil.com

Port of Seattle Candidate **Jesse Tam**, a 40-year resident of King County, came to this country from Hong Kong and worked his way into leadership positions in banking and real estate. He's a former Parks Commissioner for the City of Newcastle and is on the board of the Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as a student mentor at Seattle University. Tam wants to leverage our global position to work with Asian nations to bring trade here. Learn more about Jesse at: electjessetam.com



Jean Iannelli Craciun introduces herself.

We have a new Representative to the King County Democrats. With Ted Barker assuming the role as one of our State Party Committeepersons, that left our KCDCC representative male/non-binary position open. The PCOs present elected **Chris Porter** to fill that position, switching places with Ted on the Executive Board. Chris is no stranger to the KCDCC, having served over the years in endorsements. He hopes to work on social justice issues, improving KCDCC's Code of Conduct, and refining the endorsement process.

We adopted a **resolution to raise the minimum wage in Burien**. Last month we heard from Katie Wilson of the transit Riders Union about successes in raising the minimum wages in various municipalities in the county. The next push in that effort is in Burien. Chris Porter sponsored Wilson's resolution in support of that goal. Ann Martin described the resolution, which was approved by the members. Read the resolution at: 34dems.org/burien-minimum-wage



Jesse Tam seeks to be a Port Commissioner.

In the Good of the Order, **Roxanne Thayer** rose to express the concerns of the residents of Vashon Island over a recent change in SeaTac traffic patterns that has planes flying directly over the island, and at a lower altitude. This has greatly increased the noise level. The islanders are attempting to work with the port commissioners to address this issue.

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

Meeting Notes From the May 23 Meeting of the King County Democrats

Chair Carrie Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. Following the Land Acknowledgement, offered by Hunter Brown, the current Agenda and the April meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Barnes presented an amendment to the KCDCC Endorsement Rules: "The name of any candidate recommended for endorsement shall be released to the Executive Board at least two days prior to any vote on the endorsement". The rule originally called for 5 days' notice. The amendment was approved unanimously.

48th LD Chair, Lisa Weber, presented a resolution in support of U.S. H.R. 589, known as The Mahsa Act, in response to the abuse and murder of women by Iran's Morality Police. After discussion, and the recognition that this resolution could be interpreted as calling for additional sanctions against Iran, membership voted to postpone action on the resolution until the July 2023 meeting.

Endorsement Committee Chair, Martin Chaney, presented the Committee's first bloc of candidates recommended for endorsement, who are eligible and have completed interviews with the Committee, as follows *:

Court of Appeals, Division 1	Judge Position 4	Leonard Feldman
King County Superior Court	Judge Position 30	Coreen Wilson
King County Superior Court	Judge Position 33	Mark Larranaga
King County Superior Court	Judge Position 39	Joe Campagna
King County	Assessor	John Wilson
King County	Council District 2	Girmay Zahilay
Port of Seattle	Commissioner Position 5	Fred Felleman
City of Burien	Council Position 6	Krystal Marx

At the request of Melissa Taylor, Dave Hamilton, Bellevue Council Position 7, was removed from the bloc. After discussion, by a vote of 25 - 9, membership decided to hold Hamilton's consideration until the September 2023 KCDCC meeting. The remainder of the bloc was endorsed unanimously.

The following candidates for Port of Seattle Commissioner, Position 5, were also eligible to be co-endorsed for that position, with Fred Felleman, since they had submitted questionnaires, been interviewed, and all candidates for their race had been considered. However, neither received the 2/3 supermajority vote necessary for co-endorsement, and Felleman remains the sole endorsed candidate.

Chaney then presented the following bloc of candidates who are eligible for endorsement because they are single jurisdiction candidates who have submitted questionnaires and received the endorsement of the single LD containing their jurisdiction *. This bloc of candidates was also unanimously endorsed by KCDCC membership

City of SeaTac	Council Position 3	Elizabeth Greninger
City of SeaTac	Council Position 5	James Lovell
City of SeaTac	Council Position 7	D. Merryweather
City of Tukwila	Council Position 2	Armen Papyan
City of Tukwila	Council Position 4	Dennis Martinez
City of Tukwila	Mayor	Kate Kruller

* Endorsement list edited to highlight SW King County races. See the full list at www.kcdems.org/2023-endorsements/

Submitted by KCDCC Committeeperson Bunny Hatcher

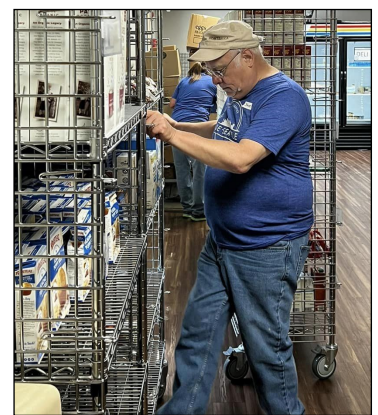
34th Dems Participate in One Seattle Day of Service at the White Center Food Bank



Carla Rogers helps clean dirty distribution crates.



*Ann Martin washes one of the White Center delivery trunks.
Photo by Carla Rogers.*



*Steve Butts puts shelving in place.
Photo by Carla Rogers.*

Notes from the General Session of the May 6, 2023 Meeting of the State Central Committee

Our Senator Joe Nguyen welcomed the meeting participants to the 34th LD at the IAM Union Hall in South Seattle. Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal gave a powerful speech on the gains of the Biden Administration.

The Chair's report included information on bringing the party back to the local level and investments to support local work. Outreach by Committee members, such as the Affirmative Action Committee, to assist LDs in their work to increase diverse representation, to better reflect their communities is one step. Two new committees were named to support local organizations: a Technical, that will give LDs website templates and develop a toolkit on virtual balloting, making it "clean and easy". This committee will also begin a full audit of statewide systems security, critical to protect data.



The Party Modernization Committee will increase outreach and participation and is working on developing models, including constituent caucus connections, to increase diversity, and hybrid meetings to allow working families, or those who can't get to in-person meetings, to participate in their local LDs more easily.

Shasti Conrad, the new Washington State Chair, wants to see meetings create a "safe space with productive collaboration". Her commitment in support of this is to personally reach out and celebrate the grassroots work that has delivered both candidates and policies.

DNC member report: the Democratic Convention will take place in Chicago in 2024, with hotels assigned much closer than 2020!

A few of the national resolutions were covered, including

- Standing up for policies to deal with noise pollution;
- Condemning dark money and influence in politics;
- Condemning gun violence and Common-Sense Reforms;
- Law enforcement accountability.

Sophia Danenberg ran unopposed and was overwhelmingly supported, as the new DNC member.

Four amendments to the by-laws passed easily, one clerical and three allowing hybrid meetings for committees and a hybrid state convention.

The most debated portion of the meeting was the Washington State Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic State and National Convention. The Rules Committee put forward a delegate selection plan that allowed for flat, or equal, number of delegates to be assigned to each LD, regardless of "proportionality". This plan was posted for input and 160 people responded. Based on that input, a compromise plan was developed, officially titled the "Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Plan" (DSAAP) also known as the "Conrad Compromise".

The DSAAP rewards increased diversity and LDs who get Democrats elected. The following is from the "Plan Overview":

Total elected delegates per LD will be allocated first equally between Legislative District organizations, with 20 delegates and 10 alternates per district. Then additional delegates will be allocated if Democrats won that district in the prior cycle, and finally another additional 10 delegates if that district demonstrates it properly reflects its community by meeting its Affirmative Action goals. The total delegation will be 980 elected delegates + any bonus delegates allocated in the prior way.

[See the plan HERE](#)

One amendment to the DSAAP came forward to lessen the equal allocation and increase proportionality of delegate allotments. After speakers for and against, it failed. The DSAAP "Conrad Compromise" passed. A "White Paper" on the DSAAP adopted plan is under way for distribution. A study and analysis of this plan, post implementation, will determine its effectiveness and changes will be made based on this analysis.

Submitted by Roxanne Thayer, State Committeeperson

Board Meeting Announcement

Our next 34th Executive Board meeting is on Wednesday, June 21st at 7 PM via Zoom. Contact chair@34dems.org if you'd like more information

Potential Health Care Restrictions at Religiously Affiliated Health Facilities

State Committeeperson Roxanne Thayer offers up notice of potential roadblocks to patient rights Washington residents may face when seeking care at many of our state's hospitals, which are increasingly subsumed by large religiously-affiliated health facilities. This is a list of examples of such restrictions published by the ACLU of Washington es of reproductive, end-of-life and LGBT health services and information that may be restricted or denied at religiously-affiliated health facilities

<https://www.aclu-wa.org/docs/examples-services-and-information-may-be-restricted-religious-health-facilities>

- Provision of contraceptive device
 - Tubal ligations and other forms of female sterilization
 - Vasectomies
 - Treatment of miscarriages, including but not limited to, counseling about miscarriages and treatment options
 - Treatment of ectopic pregnancies, including but not limited to, counseling about ectopic pregnancies and treatment options
 - Provision of emergency contraception (for example, whether an ovulation or pregnancy test was required prior to dispensing)
 - Abortions
 - Information about Washington's Death with Dignity Act
 - Referral to support organizations or cooperating providers to assist a patient in using Washington's Death with Dignity Act
 - Allow medical providers to participate in Washington's Death with Dignity Act including, providers employed, contracted, with privileges, lessee, other
 - Palliative sedation
 - Palliative care/nursing support for patients who choose to stop eating and drinking to allow natural death
 - Removal of ventilator support, dialysis or other advanced life support
 - Removal of artificial hydration and nutrition
 - Fertility treatments, including but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, preventative mastectomies
 - Transgender health services, including but not limited to, genital reconstructive surgery; chest reconstructive surgery; and prescriptions for appropriate medications and feminizing and masculinizing hormones
 - HIV/AIDS treatment and counseling that includes discussion of condom use • Counseling for intersexuality
 - Anal health counseling and care
 - Contraceptive counseling and prescriptions
 - Contraception provision related to drug trials
 - Contraception provision related to noncontraceptive benefits, including but not limited to, cancer treatment, heavy periods, endometriosis, and fibroids
 - Pharmacy dispensary
- If you are refused any of these healthcare services at a religiously-affiliated facility for religious reasons, [please let the ACLU know.](#)



Former 34th Dems Eboard member Jacqui Morris and son at White Center Pride. Photo by Karen Richter.



Ted Barker made a new friend at White Center Pride. Photo by Karen Richter.



Chris Porter stopped the Dems booth at Burien Pride while putting bike miles in for his Trevor Project pledge.



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