



34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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

34th District Democrats Membership Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

On ZOOM - Register [HERE](#)

Please note that 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
Land Acknowledgement
PCO Appointment

- Stephen Lamphear (BUR-34-1058)

Vote on the Appointment of Hannah Cameron, Membership and Hospitality Chair

Review of Endorsement Process and Rules

Endorsements for Consideration and Community Presentations

Presentation on the Seattle Housing Levy (10 minutes)

- Nimco Bulale from the [Renew the Seattle Housing Levy! - Yes for Homes](#) campaign will join us to provide information and answer questions; we will vote on a related endorsement.
- [Poll shows Seattle residents support \\$970 million housing levy | The Seattle Times](#)
- [Support the 2023 Seattle Housing Levy - Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King & Kittitas Counties \(habitatskc.org\)](#)

Board Block

- Endorsement of the Seattle Housing Levy

Vashon Island School District Director Position No 5

Highline School District Director, District No 1

Highline School District Director District No 4

Presentation on Ranked Choice Voting for Presidential Primaries (10mins)

- Kari Bull from [FairVote Washington](#) will join us to provide information and answer questions; we may vote on a related resolution in a future meeting.

Burien City Council Position 2

Burien City Council Position 4

King County Council District 8

Presentation on Renewing Seattle's Democracy Vouchers Program (10 mins)

- Estevan Munoz-Howard from [Fix Democracy First](#) will join us to provide information and answer questions; we may vote on a related resolution in a future meeting.

Vote on Approving Contributions to Campaigns

We have a total budget of \$5,500 for candidate contributions, and the Board has agreed to the following framework for contributions to each race below:

King County Council District 8 - **\$250**

Seattle City Council District 1 (Rob Saka) - **\$250**

(We are limited in what we can contribute due to the Democracy Vouchers program.)

Seattle School Director No 6 (Gina Topp) - **\$1,175**

Burien City Council Position 2 - **\$750**

Burien City Council Position 4 - **\$750**

Burien City Council Position 6 (Krystal Marx) - **\$750**

Highline School District Director, District 1 - **\$500**

Highline School District Director, District 4 - **\$500**

Reserves - **\$575**

Good of the Order

Adjourn

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Chair's Message

You only have until Tuesday to submit your ballot! Get your ballot into a [dropbox](#) before you miss your chance to have a say in this election. As I shared in the [July newsletter](#), I recommend you vote for needed progress and cast your ballot for our endorsed candidates: [Rob Saka](#), [Gina Topp](#), [Fred Felleman](#), and [Proposition 1](#)!

Thank you to our PCOs for knocking on doors and reminding voters to get out and vote. We need more PCOs heading into the general election - [please consider becoming one today!](#)

At our August meeting we will be considering endorsements for the November 7th general election.

We will be considering endorsements in Burien City Council races. The 34th is focused on [supporting solutions](#) in Burien for unhoused neighbors, as well as for the broader community and businesses. Who is elected in Burien will impact [the path the city takes](#).

We will also be voting on endorsements for the Highline School District. We are concerned that right-wing extremists are seeking to take over the school board, which will be disastrous for our community. We've heard reports from members of the community that a local [Moms For Liberty chapter](#), a hateful far-right group, is supporting candidates in these races. We must not let extremists control student learning.

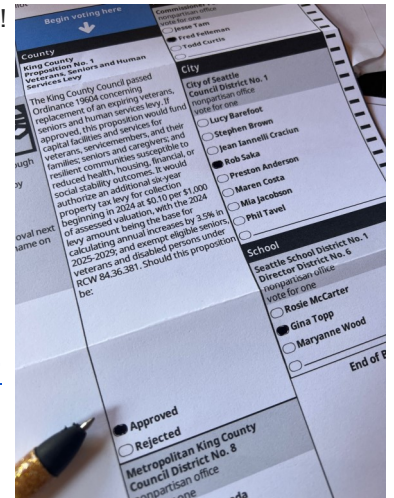
You can see the full list of positions we'll consider endorsements for below.

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 \(34dems.org\)](#)
- 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?



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!](#) encourage you to read our bylaws that govern endorsements: [Endorsement Rules Addendum to the Bylaws - 34th Democrats \(34dems.org\)](#)



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.
- 2) Voting members of the 34th District Democrats who joined by June 14th or renew (from the prior year) by August 8th 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 see our budget for contributions in the agenda on the first page.**

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

-- **Graham**



Only Members Can Vote to Endorse

You must be a 2023 member or PCO in order to vote at our upcoming Endorsements meeting! [Check your membership status HERE](#)

Renewing members (those who were members in 2022) have until **8pm on August 8th** to join. The new member deadline (those who were not a member in 2022) has passed for the August 9th 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>

Join Us at the [Duwamish River Festival](#)

Take a shift at our booth at this event in South Park...now part of the 34th LD!

August 5, 12-5pm

In the
**Duwamish People's Park and
Shoreline Habitat**
8700 Dallas Ave S.

You can sign up [HERE](#), or contact
outreach@34dems.org

Join the August Pop-Up Social

Join us for some post-Primary conversation with your favorite Democrats on

Friday, August 25th starting at 5:30pm

at [Future Primitive Brewing](#)
9832 14th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98106



Board Meeting Announcement

Our next 34th Executive Board meeting is Wednesday, August 16th at 7 PM via Zoom.

Contact chair@34dems.org if you'd like more information

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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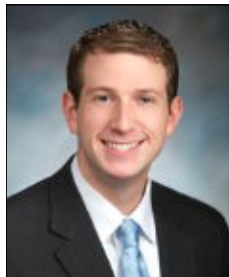
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Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

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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 September 2023 newsletter will be Thursday, August 24.

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



Rep. Emily Alvarado and Layne Bautista pose before the West Seattle Grand Parade.



Sen. Joe Nguyen was one of the sponsors of our July Fundraiser at C&P Coffee. (Photo by Jon Shields.)



Nick Bonazza assists a future voter playing "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" at the Vashon Strawberry Festival, July 15.

Committee Updates

Outreach Committee

Nick Bonazza once again took the lead to represent the 34th at the Vashon Strawberry Festival, July 15 and 16. Several of us from the mainland joined with islanders to help at the event. Nick signed up 12 new voters and sent applications and QR cards home with more. On July 22nd, we took part in the West Seattle Grand Parade. Rep Emily Alvarado joined us as we walked with candidates Rob Saka and Gina Topp and their contingents of family and supporters. We put in applications to have a booth spot in the Duwamish River Festival coming up on August 5, and also for the Fiestas Patrias Parade on September 16. Both events are in South Park.

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

Precinct Leadership Committee

We are pleased to announce that a former PCO is applying for an appointment at the next membership meeting on August 9th and perhaps one other who indicated interest. Former PCOs please come forward! The August primary election on August 1st will soon be behind us. Let's GOTV for the general election with hopes that turnout will be higher than the primary. No doubt we are all looking forward to the last election in 2023 – there were only 4!

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

Programs and Community Partnerships Committee

We decided that we would not offer a program this month before our General Membership meeting, so instead, Rachel

Glass joined the Fundraising and Events Committee to help plan and organize the Annual Fundraiser (Keep On Marching). She created lists of potential invitees, made phone calls, sent emails, and texts to invite and send reminders to our membership and to the general community to bring ticket buyers, sponsors, and other donors to the Fundraiser. She organized the slate of volunteers to help with pre-event set-up, checking in attendees, and checking out guests at the end of the evening. She also helped at the VIP Vintner's 3 Chair Tasting Event which took place for sponsors before the event! .

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

Resolutions and Endorsements Committee

Several issues have arisen that require committee actions including a resolution supporting legislation coming from the state legislature that would implement Ranked Choice Voting for the 2028 presidential election, a resolution supporting renewal of the Democracy Vouchers funding by the Seattle City Council, and endorsement of renewal and expansion of the housing levy, which will appear on the 2023 general election ballot. Meetings focused on endorsement of candidates and issues were or are being held at the regular meetings of the organization in June and in August. Endorsements can be found in numerous places online and in printed materials being distributed throughout the district.

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

Seeking a Committee Chair

We are looking a member to raise their hand to join our Board as:

Fundraising and Events Chair

We need your help 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.



Gina Topp presents a vision for Seattle Public Schools at her July 26th campaign kick-off for Seattle School Director Position 6. (Photo By Jon Shields.)

Report of the KCDCC Meeting of July 25, 2023

Chair Barnes introduced Snohomish County Sheriff candidate Susanna Johnson, current Bothell Police Chief and 33 year law enforcement veteran. Both Johnson and Barnes pointed out that King and Snohomish counties share an interest in this race due to frequent interaction between law enforcement agencies from these contiguous counties. Johnson stated that she is running out of concern for the public. The current Sheriff insists that a community cannot have both law enforcement accountability and public safety. He has rehired officers who were fired for abusive behavior towards members of marginalized groups, and tried to keep one of his new hires even when his links to the Proud Boys became public. Further, she said that supporters have been told that if they display her yard signs, they may face retaliation by Proud Boys members. Chair Barnes encouraged us to assist with Johnson's campaign in any way possible, and Ann Udalo offered to provide information on how to help.

Lisa Weber had placed a Resolution of Support of the Mahsa Act H.R. 589 on the agenda. (Named for Mahsa Amini, the young woman who was arrested in Tehran for improperly wearing her compulsory hijab and subsequently beaten and killed. It would place sanctions on Irani Officials.) Melissa Taylor moved to postpone consideration of this resolution indefinitely, citing the nuanced foreign policy issues involved. Debate cited support and opposition from local Iranian immigrants and human rights issues. Following debate, the motion to postpone indefinitely passed by a vote of 23-12. Barnes praised Weber's commitment, efforts, and passion for the issue.

Some members of the 11th LD asked to invoke Rule X of the Endorsement Rules, and rescind the endorsement of Valerie O'Halloran for Renton City Council Position #3. At the June KCDCC endorsement meeting, O'Halloran was pulled from the bloc presented by the Endorsement Committee, but after discussion she received the necessary 2/3 vote and received the KCDCC endorsement. Members of the 11th pointed out their reasons to rescind endorsement. Endorsement Chair and Vice-Chair pointed out that, for over 4 months, the KCDCC Endorsement Committee met several times per week, developing the questionnaires, reviewing the ones submitted by candidates, and interviewing candidates. Information, meeting invitations, and Zoom links were provided to the Chairs of each LD, as well as to those each LD had designated as representatives to the Endorsement Committee. No representative from the 11th had participated, nor had the 11th notified KCDCC that their LD had endorsed a different candidate. Therefore, the Endorsement Committee had relied on the candidate questionnaires and interviews in making its endorsement recommendation. Following debate, a motion to extend debate failed on a vote of 23-12 and the motion to rescind failed on a vote of 18-17.



Endorsement business continued, with Endorsement Committee Chair Martin Chaney offering recommendations as follows:

Levy Issues

Raise the Wage Renton Yes for Homes

Single Jurisdiction Endorsed by Relevant LD

Black Diamond City Council Pos. #6	Nathan Jones*	Dieringer School District Pos. #5	Paul Gilmartin
Black Diamond City Council Pos. #6	Pravat_Sripranaratanakul*	Duvall City Council Pos. #7	Carol Kufeldt
Snoqualmie City Council Pos. #4	Louis Ray Washington, Jr.	Federal Way City Council Pos. #4	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Carnation City Council Pos. #5	Jessica Merizen	Newcastle City Council Pos. #4	Chris Villasenor

* LD 5 dual-endorsed, requiring KCDCC to recommend both or neither

Multi Jurisdiction Candidates

Highline School District Pos. #4	Joey Martinez	Renton Mayor	Kim Monroe
K.C. Fire Protection District 40 Pos. 1	Linda Sartnurak	Sammamish City Council Pos. #3	Sid Gupta
Renton City Council Pos. #4	Ryan McIrvine	Si View Metro Park District Pos. #1	Tim Noonan

All of the above recommended levies and candidates were endorsed unanimously on a vote of 31-0.

Endorsements from the floor followed. Holly Hill of the 11th LD moved for a dual endorsement for Renton City Council Position #3 for Erica Conway. After discussion Erica Conway received an endorsement with Valerie O'Halloran on a vote of 24-11. Lisa Weber moved for a dual endorsement of Janel Schermerhorn for Lake Washington School Board Pos. #5. After discussion Schermerhorn received a dual endorsement along with Lindsey Yocum on a vote of 17-8.

Alex Erickson presented the PCO Committee report, highlighting recent events held in Seattle and Bothell, and additional ones planned for Burien and SeaTac. Plans are also in the works for a major GOTV event before the November election, which will involve numerous elected officials, and an additional regional events across the county with a focus on the closest races.

During Good of the Order, Carrie Barnes reminded us to call friends and neighbors to urge them to mail their ballots now. She cited low turnout rates for off-year primaries and encouraged efforts to reverse that trend. Lisa Weber, Jen Carter and Chris Porter highlighted recent or upcoming events in their LDs. Porter also spoke against O'Halloran, saying we should not endorse candidates who support Republicans. Carrie Barnes urged members to look into serving on the various KCDCC committees. Melissa Taylor pointed out that August 4th is the last day for candidates to update their candidate statements for the general election voter information pamphlet. She also noted that August 4th is the special filing deadline for seats which have no candidates running. She further stated that there will be a "Bounce Party" on August 4th at Northwest Peaks, and possibly an additional one in the northern part of the county.

Submitted by Bunny Hatcher, KCDCC Committee person



Mark Mullet is running for Governor



PCO Hannah Cameron (right) with her family



Peter Newbould and Sen. Nguyen



"Parade Marshal" Chris Porter chats with Ted and Heather Barker.

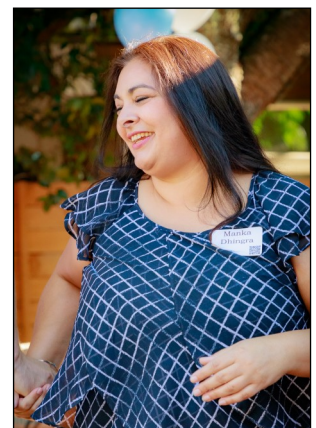


A selfie with the Chair.

Photos by
Jon Shields
from our July
22nd "Keep on
Marching"
Fundraiser at
C&P Coffee.



Attendees stated their reasons to "Keep on Marching".



Attorney General Candidate
Manka Dhingra.



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