



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

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

### October's Meeting is In-Person!

We're coming back live and in-person! Our Wednesday, October 11th 34th Membership Meeting will be at the [Alki Masonic Temple](#) (located in West Seattle near the Alaska/Fauntleroy Junction at 4736 40th Ave SW). We'll open doors at 6 PM for socializing, have our pre-meeting program at 6:30 PM, and start our meeting at 7 PM.

We will be joined by our [endorsed candidates](#), [Chris Reykdal](#), State Superintendent, and [Nick Brown](#), who is a 34th member and Attorney General candidate.

**Please sign-up here to bring a potluck item: [34th Meeting October Potluck - Google Sheets](#)**

### Chair's Message

I'm truly proud that the 34th has endorsed a diverse slate of candidates. These individuals, once they take office, will bring a wide range of life experiences to local leadership. **Having this diversity at the table is crucial.** It means that future local policies and laws are crafted more inclusively, reflecting the needs of everyone in our neighborhoods. It will help ensure that decisions are made equitably, without disproportionately affecting any one community. Most importantly, it sets an inspiring example for future generations, showing them that they, too, have every right to a seat at the table when they're ready to step into the world of politics.

Growing up, I didn't see many openly gay politicians, and it was a time when there was a lot of hostility towards the LGBTQ community. Despite my own early involvement in politics, I couldn't picture someone like me in an elected position. Thankfully, times have changed. Organizations like the [Victory Fund](#) have played a vital role, and today, over 1,000 openly LGBTQ individuals hold elected office at various levels of government. While there's still work to be done, more LGBTQ individuals now have that seat at the table, advocating for their community's needs and shaping

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### Membership Meeting Notice

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

at the **Alki Masonic Temple - 4736 40th Ave SW**

Doors open at **6:00 PM** for social time. There will be a pre-meeting program at **6:30 PM**.

**Call to Order and Chair Announcements - 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Business - 7:02 PM**

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes
- Budget Report (Julie Whitaker)

**Opening Ceremonies - 7:07 PM**

- Land Acknowledgement (Rachel Glass)
- VIP Acknowledgements and Announcements
- Canvassing Events (Carla Rogers)

**[SEIU 1199NW](#) Update on Potential Kaiser Strike**

**With Chris Lampkin - 7:20**

**Presentation and Q&A with**

**[State Superintendent Chris Reykdal](#) - 7:30 PM**

*Superintendent Reykdal will share a brief update on the state of our schools and upcoming elections. There will be time for questions.*

**Candidate Spotlight and Q&A with [Nick Brown](#),**

**[WA State Attorney General Candidate](#) - 7:50 PM**

*Nick will briefly provide an update about his candidacy and take questions.*

**Rally with Our 34th Endorsed Candidates - 8:05**

*Get energized by our endorsed candidates right before ballots drop!*

[Teresa Mosqueda](#), King County Council District 8

[Gina Topp](#), Seattle School Board District 6

[Stephanie Tildholm](#), Highline School Board District 1

[Carlos Ruiz](#), Highline School Board District 4

[Rob Saka](#), Seattle City Council District 1

[Patricia Hudson](#), Burien City Council Position 4

[Krystal Marx](#), Burien City Council Position 6

**Good of the Order - 8:30 PM**

**Adjournment - By 8:35 PM**

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# Executive Board 2023-2024

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important policies. And these trailblazers have opened doors for the generations that follow, showing them a path to elected office.

This year, our PCO literature will feature pictures of our endorsed candidates, showcasing the incredible diversity in our neighborhoods. **It's heartening to know that voters will have the opportunity to choose leaders who truly represent the richness of our 34<sup>th</sup> community.**

But remember, endorsements alone won't create the diverse and inclusive policies we need. We must also get out the vote. **Unfortunately, voter turnout for our August election was lower than usual.** As we all know, the most effective way to encourage people to return their ballots is by canvassing and asking voters directly to return their ballots. So, I hope you'll join us in October for our upcoming canvassing events, where we'll work together to get out the vote for our outstanding candidates. **You can sign up here: [2023 GOTV Canvass Sign Up \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)**

See you in October!  
**Graham**

## The Issues Facing Our Diverse Neighborhoods Demand Effective and Diverse Leadership!



Here are a few of our 11-person unit in the South Park Fiestas Patrias Parade on September 16th. Heather and Ted Barker stand near Seattle Council candidate Rob Saka and aide. Les Erb, Chair Graham Murphy and Chris Weiss are also pictured.



## Get Out and Support our Endorsed Candidates!

The 34th will host multi-campaign canvass events on October 7th and 21st to help get great Democrats elected. **Data shows that the most effective method to get voters to turn those ballots in is 'direct voter contact'.** This can be through a variety of methods - door knocking, phone banking, text banking and postcard writing. We urge all

of our members and anyone who wants to be sure that we get Democrats elected to sign up and step up to support these efforts. You can do this by working directly with an individual candidate or participate in our 2 canvass events!

We are partnering with our endorsed candidates to hold a general election canvassing event in both West Seattle and Burien this fall. These events will begin at 10am with a rally and speeches from candidates. There will be training on Minivan for those who need help and we'll get you on your way to knock 25-30 doors. Your shift will be about 2 hours. Coffee and pastries will be provided to get your energy going. Please mark your calendars:

**Saturday, October 7** - 10am, Burien Press (423 SW 152nd Street)

**Saturday, October 21** - 10am, C&P Coffee (5612 California Ave SW)

Please signal your intent to attend by emailing **Carla Rogers** at [digcomm@34dems.org](mailto:digcomm@34dems.org).

**Fired Up! Ready to Go! [Sign Up Here](#) to Join us!**



### Call for Nominations for the 34th District Democrats Annual Awards

It is that time of year again to recognize members who have gone above and beyond. Please take a few moments to [fill out the quick nomination form](#). **All nominations are due by October 31st.**

Contact Awards Chair Chris Porter at [kcdccm@34dems.org](mailto:kcdccm@34dems.org).

### October Pop-Up Social!

Join us on **Friday, October 27th**, starting at 5:30pm at:

#### Whisky West

6451 California Ave

Take a break from canvassing to meet for a beverage at Whiskey West (+21). Ballots will be in mailboxes...Come by and make your predictions for the November 7th election!



### Board Meeting Announcement

Our next 34th Executive Board meeting is Wednesday, **October 18th** at 7 PM via Zoom.

Contact [chair@34dems.org](mailto:chair@34dems.org) if you'd like more information

## Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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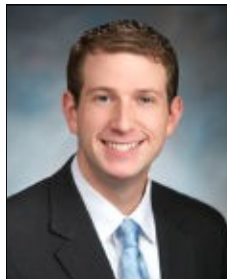


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## Letters and Submitted Articles

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](mailto:newsletter@34dems.org)



## 2023 ENDORSEMENTS



## Our Endorsed Candidates for the November 7th Election

King County Council, D8

**Teresa Mosqueda**

King County Assessor

**John Wilson**

Port of Seattle

**Sam Cho, Position 2**

**Fred Felleman, Position 5**

Seattle City Council, District 1

**Rob Saka**

Seattle School Board

**Debbie Carlsen, District 1**

**Gina Topp, District 6**

Burien City Council

**Patricia Hudson, Position 4**

**Krystal Marx, Position 6**

Highline School Board

**Stephanie Tidholm, District 1**

**Carlos Ruiz, District 4**

Vashon School Board

**Juniper Rogneby, Position 5**

Seattle Housing Levy Renewal

**Approve**



## An Opportunity to Watch The 2023 We Are In Homelessness Debates

This debate is presented by **We Are In** and **KNKX Public Radio** and will bring Seattle City Council and King County Council candidates together to address housing and homelessness challenges in our region, encompassing everything from affordable housing to the impact of mental health on homelessness.

**This is a free event to our neighbors in Seattle and King County, but you do need to reserve your seat before they run out.**

By coming together to discuss homelessness solutions, we help candidates see the bigger picture – the real impacts of policy decisions and the lives they touch. It's our way of securing a future where all of our King County neighbors have a place to call home.

WE ARE IN AND KNKX PUBLIC RADIO PRESENT   OCTOBER 10-11, 2023 SEATTLE UNIVERSITY PIGOTT AUDITORIUM BOTH NIGHTS START AT 5:30PM MODERATED BY SCOTT GREENSTONE 

**2023 HOMELESSNESS DEBATES**

 TAMMY MORALES — COUNCIL DISTRICT 2	 TANYA WOO — COUNCIL DISTRICT 2	 JOY HOLLINGSWORTH — COUNCIL DISTRICT 3	 ALEX HUDSON — COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
 MARITZA RIVERA — COUNCIL DISTRICT 4	 RON DAVIS — COUNCIL DISTRICT 4	 DAN STRAUSS — COUNCIL DISTRICT 6	 PETE HANNING — COUNCIL DISTRICT 6
 ANDREW LEWIS — COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	 BOB KETTLE — COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	 SOFIA ARAGON — COUNCIL DISTRICT 8	 TERESA MOSQUEDA — COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

**Can't attend in-person?** Join for one or both nights remotely by livestream.

[RSVP for Night 1 of the livestream](#)

[RSVP for Night 2 of the livestream](#)

**Join in-person starting at 5:30 pm for Night 1, October 10, to watch the debates for candidates running for Seattle City Council Districts 2, 6, and 7:**

**Night 1** will include candidates from Seattle City Council Districts 2, 6, and 7:

- Seattle City Council D2: Tammy Morales vs. Tanya Woo
- Seattle City Council D6: Dan Strauss vs. Pete Hanning
- Seattle City Council D7: Andrew Lewis vs. Bob Kettle

[RSVP To Attend In-Person on Night 1](#)

**Join in-person starting at 5:30 pm for Night 2, October 11, to watch the debates for candidates running for Seattle City Council Districts 3 and 4, and King County District 8:**

**Night 2** will include candidates from Seattle City Council Districts 3, 4, and King County Council District 8:

- Seattle City Council D3: Joy Hollingsworth vs. Alex Hudson
- Seattle City Council D4: Ron Davis vs. Maritza Rivera
- King Co. Council D8: Teresa Mosqueda vs. Sofia Aragon

[RSVP To Attend In-Person on Night 2](#)



### 34th and 33rd LD Democrats Gather at the September Pop Up

We had a wonderful joint Pop Up Social with the 33rd on Friday, September 29th at the Elliott Bay Brewery in Burien.

We were joined by our endorsed candidates: Krystal Marx, Carlos Ruiz, and Stephanie Tidholm - as well as 33rd Rep Tina Orwall.



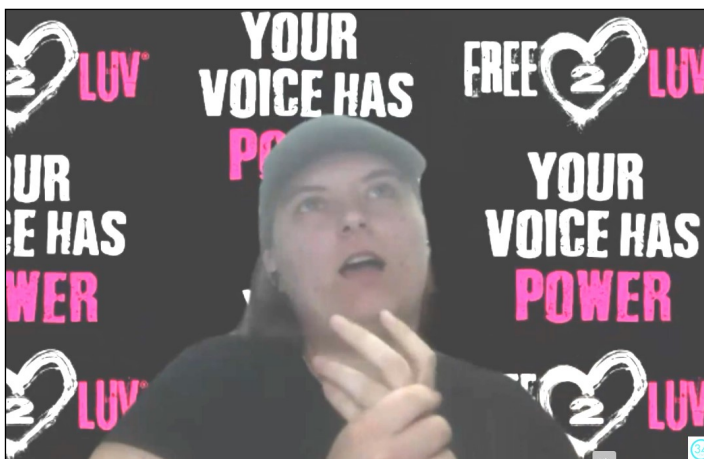
## In Case You Missed it: A Recap of Our September Meeting

### Pre-Meeting Program

First Vice Chair **Rachel Glass** arranged for another interesting pre-meeting program before the start of the September business meeting. A presentation about the youth non-profit organization **Free 2 Luv** was given by **Araya Sandis**, a representative from the group and a resident in the 34th LD.

Free 2 Luv is a national organization serving approximately 20,000 under-resourced youth. They partner with 250 other organizations across the country. They use techniques such as Art-based therapy to help kids cope with mental health problems which can arise as they come to grips with such issues as gender identity, isolation, and other problems youth may encounter as they mature.

See the presentation [HERE](#)



Araya Sandis from Free 2 Luv.

**Chair Graham Murphy** began the meeting with a rundown of a few of the events over the past summer. The 34th held a candidate forum on June 10th for the District 1 Seattle Council race and for the King County Council District 8 contest. In July we held a successful fundraiser and participated a couple of parades. Graham called out individuals to thank them for their efforts in organizing those events...including the picnic that was held on the previous Saturday. Graham expressed pleasure with how our endorsement process was conducted and with our diverse slate of endorsees.

In advance of canvassing for the General Election Chair Murphy directed PCOs to a survey that asked whether they would need materials to use for doorbelling.

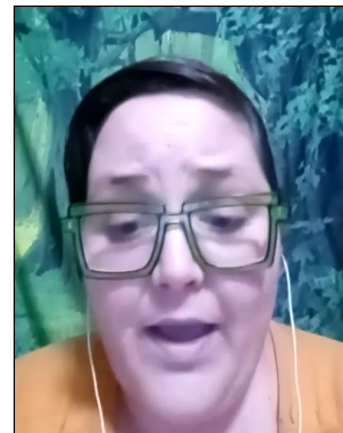
The Chair also announced that a review and update of our bylaws will be undertaken. He asked for suggestions for

changes are to be submitted to Bylaws and Rules Committee **Chair Jordan Crawley**, who will present them to for approval at a meeting sometime in the first quarter of 2024.

KCDCC Committee Alternate **Preston Anderson** gave the Land Acknowledgement. Continuing the district's effort to make these mentions more real than rote, Preston suggested that we could further show support for Indigenous peoples in our area by giving a donation to the Seattle Urban Native Nonprofits organization: <https://seattleurbannatives.org>

### Burien City Councilperson

**Cydney Moore** joined us to give an update on the homeless encampment situation in Burien. The City Council was poised to ban anyone from living unsheltered in the city. She urged members to contact council members with comments regarding this issue, and to attend the upcoming council meeting. People would be able to attend in person or online, and have the ability to comment at the proceeding either way.



Burien Councilmember  
Cydney Moore.

### Upcoming Canvassing Events for the General Election

**Carla Rogers** announced a couple of opportunities to get involved in the General Election. The fight to regain a progressive Burien City Council looms large this year. To that end, Carla has set up a canvassing event Saturday October 7th at 10 AM. Those interested are asked to meet at the Burien Press Coffee Shop....A second event later in the month will be on October 21 in West Seattle at C&P Coffee where PCOs and others can pick up walk lists and doorhangers.

Sign up [HERE](#) for these events

Carla is involved in the campaigns of several candidates across the LD, and she can arrange members to get involved canvassing opportunities are happening in the 34th. Please contact her to help...[digcomm@34dems.org](mailto:digcomm@34dems.org)

### Endorsement for Seattle School Board Director, District 1.

Although Director District 1 is not located in the 34th LD, the school board races will be city-wide in the November Election



Seattle School Board Candidate Debbie Carlsen.

following district-only contests in the August Primary. School Board District 1 occupies the north end of the city. Two candidates came forward for consideration: Incumbent Liza Rankin and challenger Debbie Carlsen. Following speeches, Carlsen was endorsed by 70% of those voting via a Zoom Poll.

### Port of Seattle Update

**Commissioner Ryan Calkins** gave a review of activities at both the seaport and at the SeaTac Airport. He answered questions following his report. He said that the Port's push for environmental justice and equity is beginning to be a model for ports around the world. Sustainability measures include shore power for all ships, electrification of cargo handling. They are also currently planning for remediation of 2 Superfund sites.

In contrast, as the water port is actively seeking business, the airport side of the port is at full capacity. Still, it has received the highest rating for customer service for the past 2 years. SeaTac has one of the smallest footprints of any North American airport. Given that the future will see increasing demand, another regional airport will soon be required.

The future will see an expansion of Maritime shipping, as it is the most efficient and greenest means of transportation. In addition, he predicts the use of the ocean to produce renewable energy through means as marine hydrokinetics

(energy generation via wave action) and offshore wind turbines. The port is "part of the conversation" that would bring these generation methods to Washington State, and is working with regional stakeholders that include coastal communities and tribal governments. Goals for future air transportation include a switch to sustainable aviation fuels, and potentially to electric power/battery hybrid aircraft power.

### A resolution: In Support of Ranked Choice Voting in Presidential Primaries.

The resolution was submitted by **Ann Martin**. It was forwarded to the body after debate by the Executive Board for consideration without a recommendation. After a healthy round of pro and con debate, the vote was taken, and the resolution passed with 61.9%. Read it here:

<https://34dems.org/rank-choice-voting-resolution/>

### Campaign Contributions.

The organization had \$825 remaining in the contribution budget from the August round of campaign donation allocation. The Executive Board recommended that \$500 go to Burien School Board Candidate Carlos Ruiz, and \$325 to go to Seattle Prop. 1 – "Yes for Homes" Housing Levy Renewal. These new contributions were approved via a voice vote.

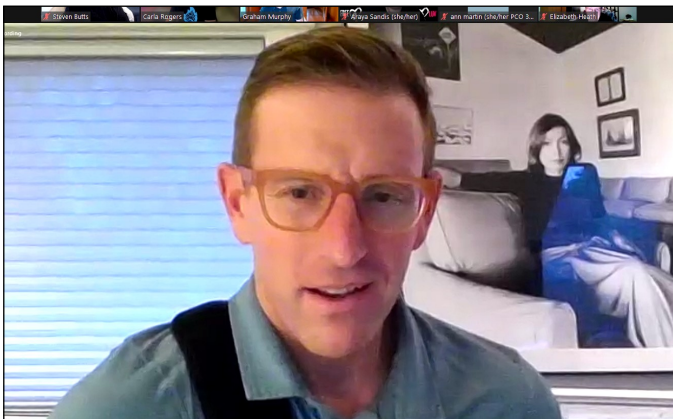
### Executive Board Changes

Chair Murphy announced that **Dorothy Gesick** has stepped down from chairing the Precinct Leadership Committee and thanked her for her work during the Primary. **Rebecca Rego** was put forth and approved to be Chair of the Young Democrats Committee...to get to know Rebecca, see Page 8.

### Good of the Order.

**Ted Barker** rose during Good of the Order to inform us that the West Seattle Food Bank is holding its "Taste of West Seattle" fundraiser after the pandemic hiatus. It was to be on September 28th at the Hall at Fauntleroy.

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



Port of Seattle Commissioner Ryan Calkins.



New Young Democrats Chair Rebecca Rego.

# Committee Updates

## **Communications and Technology Committee**

Another busy month for the communications team! Steve Butts created another outstanding newsletter which provided the call-to-meeting on Sept 13th. Emails were delivered each week chock full of information about the work of the 34th. We completed our final endorsements meeting and shared the results in our various channels. We continue to share information on our slack channel. [Sign up](#) and contribute your voice! We supported the awards committee work by updating the nominations form. Our meeting and pre-meeting program were both uploaded to our YouTube channel so that members could review the meeting if they missed it. We continue to use our Facebook page to publish content and announcements - join the conversation at <https://www.facebook.com/34dems>.

## **Membership and Hospitality Committee**

This was the first month that Hannah took ownership of the Membership (and Hospitality) email account, and took over some of the many tasks that Carla Rogers does. Thank you Carla for filling in for so long and keeping our membership records up to date!! Ever wondered how you can update your membership information mid-year? We've got a tool for you! Our [self-service portal](#) (located at the bottom of the 'Contribute' page of our website) is the place to go. When you enter the email address linked to your contribution, a secure, single-use link is emailed to you. Using that link, you can update your contact information or even the card/bank account that you've set up recurring contributions with.

Speaking of checking up on your membership, if you want to make sure you have signed up for 2023, click the image at the bottom of the newsletter!

Additionally, this last month we supported the picnic at Lincoln Park, and we helped Graham scout and select a location for our upcoming October Membership Meeting. Come meet with us in-person!

If you would like to join the committee, or have ideas for how we can better serve you, reach out! Email: [membership@34dems.org](mailto:membership@34dems.org) or call/text Hannah Cameron: 206-290-4076

## **Outreach Committee**

Outreach organized a 34th District Democrats presence in the South Park Fiestas Patrias Parade on September 16th. 11 members marched with Seattle Council D1 endorsee Rob Saka. This was the first time since 2019 that the event was held due to the pandemic, and also the first time since South Park became part of our LD.

On the following Saturday the 23rd, we shared a booth with the 33rd LD Democrats at the B-Town Fiesta in Burien. Our

endorsed Burien Council candidates Patricia Hudson and Krystal Marx joined us, as did our picks for the Highline School Board Carlos Ruiz and Stephanie Tidholm. Unfortunately the rain throughout the day hindered the usual public traffic, limiting our usual business.

On Saturday, September 30 5 of us assembled for a work party to pick up trash along 16th Ave. SW as part of our commitment in the Seattle Adopt-A-Street program.

To join the Outreach Committee and find out more, email: [outreach@34dems.org](mailto:outreach@34dems.org)

## **Resolutions and Endorsements Committee**

The Endorsements and Resolutions Committee wrapped up the endorsements part of its tasks for the general election at the regular meeting of the district membership. Thank you to the work of the committee and the board in this regard. Also this month, a resolution in support of legislation to authorize the use of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in the 2028 presidential primary was passed by the membership. The resolution was then forwarded to our legislators and the state party to ask for their support and promotion.

The committee may consider a resolution forwarded to it by a member that opposes the logging of Department of Natural Resources land in the Elwha River watershed.

To join the committee and find out more, email: [endorse-reso@34dems.org](mailto:endorse-reso@34dems.org)

## **Young Democrats Committee**

Introducing Rebecca Rego: Young Democrat Committee Chair

Rebecca is thrilled and grateful for the opportunity to join the 34th board as the Young Democrats Committee Chair. Rebecca moved to Seattle from Boston in 2022 with her husband (who's from Portland, OR) with the hope that the West Coast truly is the best coast (confirmed, it is). By day, Rebecca works alongside Governor Christine Gregoire at Challenge Seattle, where she focuses on sustainability, economic, housing, and education issues and projects. In her personal time, she's a volunteer at the West Seattle Senior Center, an over-eager dog mom, and supporter of the arts. Being part of the 34th Board is a chance for Rebecca to invest in the causes she cares about in her personal capacity, and welcomes all ideas and suggestions for how, on what, and where the Young Democrats Committee focuses.

To join the committee and find out more, email: [34yd@34dems.org](mailto:34yd@34dems.org)



# Notes From the September 2023 Meeting of the KC Democrats

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Chair Carrie Barnes. She welcomed attendees and expressed appreciation for all efforts made by members to elect Democrats in the August primary election, and she encouraged continued efforts to make sure our endorsed candidates are elected in the November general election. The Land Acknowledgement was offered by Hunter Brown, the agenda was adopted as amended, and the minutes of the July KCDCC meeting were approved as written. (There was no August KCDCC meeting).

Chair Barnes informed attendees of the death of the mother of Attorney General, and Gubernatorial candidate, Bob Ferguson. She said that now is the time to "get noisy" on behalf of our endorsed candidates, noting that the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened problems like income inequality and lack of housing affordability. She pointed out that our vote is sacred, and that we must use it to elect those who will develop policy solutions to these and other social problems, and convince others to do the same.

PCO Chair Alex Erickson highlighted 18 canvassing events scheduled across multiple Legislative Districts between this weekend and the November 7th general election, and urged participation by all. He noted that the main purpose of these is voter turnout, as high turnout favors the election of Democrats. State Chair, Shasti Conrad, will attend some of these, and Erickson will email information specifics to LD chairs, along with event sign-up links.

Martin Chaney delivered the Endorsement Committee report, and presented a slate of 3 multi-jurisdictional office recommendations, to replace earlier endorsements for candidates who did not advance from the primary to the general election, below:

- Carlos Ruiz - Highline School District, Dist. 4
- Evan Briggs - Seattle School District, Dist. 3
- Hazim Ghanim - Shoreline School District Dist. 4

At the request of Shep Salusky, Evan Briggs was pulled from the slate for discussion. The remaining candidates, Ruiz and Ghanim, were endorsed unanimously.

There was discussion of the Briggs recommendation, with speakers for and against, from members whose LDs had endorsed her and members whose LD had endorsed her opponent, Ben Gitelstein. At the conclusion of discussion, Briggs received over 2/3 of the vote, and received the KCDCC endorsement.

Chaney then presented a slate of 3 single-jurisdiction candidates who had received the endorsement of their LDs and sought KCDCC endorsement, as follows:

- Juniper Rogneby - Vashon School District, Pos. 5
- Christina Martinez Mercer Island School District, Pos. 1
- Mandeep Kaur Walia - Snoqualmie City Council, Pos. 5

The slate was endorsed unanimously.

Chaney pointed out that the 2024 elections will have a majority of single-jurisdiction races. While KCDCC rarely makes early endorsements, LDs may wish to do so. To accommodate this, the Endorsement Committee will soon begin working on the questionnaires for the 2024 races, and hopes to have them ready for the full KCDCC Board approval in January. He urged all LDs to participate in the development of these questionnaires.



Endorsement nominations were made from the floor for the following:

- Ben Gitenstein for co-endorsement with Evan Briggs for Seattle School District, Dist. 3
- ChrisTiana ObeySumner for Seattle City Council, Dist. 5 (prior KCDCC endorsed candidate, Nilu Jenks, failed to advance from primary)
- Alex Hudson for Seattle City Council, Dist. 3
- Debbie Carlsen for co-endorsement with Liza Rankin for Seattle School District, Dist. 1

Following speakers for and against these motions to endorse, on a vote of 32-0, ObeySumner and Hudson received the endorsement of KCDCC

On a vote of 25-8, the motion to endorse Gitenstein failed, as did the motion to endorse Carlsen, which failed 20-8.

Candidate ObeySumner thanked the attendees for their support.

During Good of the Order, Hanna Floss encouraged folks to get election observer training, noting that the Republicans currently have many more trained observers than Democrats. Melissa Taylor pointed out that a millionaire is pushing to get numerous initiatives on next year's ballot, which would benefit the 1% at the expense of the neediest. She urged us to ramp up the "Decline to Sign" movement to prevent these odious initiatives from making it to the ballot. Chris Porter gave information about the Burien Schools race and provided a link to donate to Carlos Ruiz, who is running against a Moms for Liberty candidate.

*Submitted by Bunny Hatcher, KCDCC Committeeperson*



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join at online [www.34dems.org/contribute/](http://www.34dems.org/contribute/)

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If you use a P.O. Box, do you live in the 34th District? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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