



34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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Chair's Message

Happy New Year!

Elections in 2024 will determine who runs the State House and leads critical statewide offices, including State Superintendent, Public Lands Commissioner, State Attorney General, and Governor. The absence of incumbency in the statewide races makes winning these upcoming elections even more challenging. Adding to the intensity, [Republicans are actively pushing initiatives](#) that threaten essential Democratic policies crucial for battling climate change, curbing income inequality, and increasing education funding.

We in the 34th Legislative District hold substantial power in shaping these elections. Every vote matters, and by rallying the 34th LD community to support Democrats across the board, we can keep making progress for labor, affordable housing, education, and reproductive rights. Our collective effort to boost voter turnout in King County can tip the scales in critical statewide races. Here is what we need to do to win:

- Endorse good Democratic candidates - *which we'll start doing at our January meeting.*
- Raise funds to support Democrats in must win races.
- Use our voices as members of the 34th to ensure our community knows what's at stake.
- Recruit and [appoint more PCOs](#) to help get out the vote - *If you're not a PCO, we need you to become one!*

I hope you will [renew your membership today](#), so that we continue to be a strong ready-to-win force heading into November. Let's all do our part to ensure Blue Victories up and down the ballot.

— Graham

[Click to Join Or Renew!](#)



Membership Meeting Notice

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

On ZOOM - Click [HERE](#) to Register

There will be a pre-meeting program at 6:30 PM

Call to Order and Chair Announcements - 7:30 PM

Meeting Business - 7:32 PM

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes
- Budget Reports for November & December (Julie Whitaker)

Opening Ceremonies - 7:35 PM

- Land Acknowledgement (Rachel Glass)
- VIP Acknowledgements and Announcements
- RVC Lobby Day

2024: The Year Ahead for the 34th - 7:45 PM

- High-level Overview of 2024
- PCO Recruitment
- Membership Renewal Reminder

Endorsements Consideration: King Conservation District Position 1 - 7:55 PM

Minimum Wage in the 34th Update with Riders Transit Union - 8:10 PM

Endorsement Consideration: Washington's 7th Congressional District - 8:25 PM

Endorsement Consideration: Washington's United States Senate Seat - 8:35 PM

Good of the Order - 8:45 PM

Adjournment - By 8:50 PM

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King Conservation District Election Voting Starts January 23rd

King Conservation District is holding an election for Seat #1 on the Board of Supervisors. King Conservation District includes all registered voters in King County (excluding the cities of Enumclaw, Federal Way, Milton, Pacific, and Skykomish). Voting begins on Jan. 23rd and ends on Feb. 13th.

You will be able to access your ballot through the online portal [here starting January 23, 2024](#) at 8:00 am.

The following individuals are running for Position #1 and each has a link to their candidate statement. One or more of the candidates will be present at our January meeting.

- [Brittney Bush Bollay](#)
- [Aaron Ellig](#)
- [Erik Goheen](#)

The King Conservation District election relies primarily on [electronic ballot access](#), in partnership with [Democracy Live](#), with alternative options for requesting physical ballots. Be sure to cast your vote in January!



From King County Democrats:

Presidential Primary Kickoff Announcement

Join us for our countywide event to kick off the Presidential Primary and Delegate Selection. The event will feature action stations (canvass sign up, MiniVan training, postcards for new voters, delegate pledge cards, etc.) as well as opportunities to meet our statewide Democratic candidates for office.



KCD Presidential Primary and Delegate Selection Kickoff

Sunday, Feb 11th, 1:00-3:00pm

Machinist's Hall: 9125 15th PI S, Seattle, WA 98108

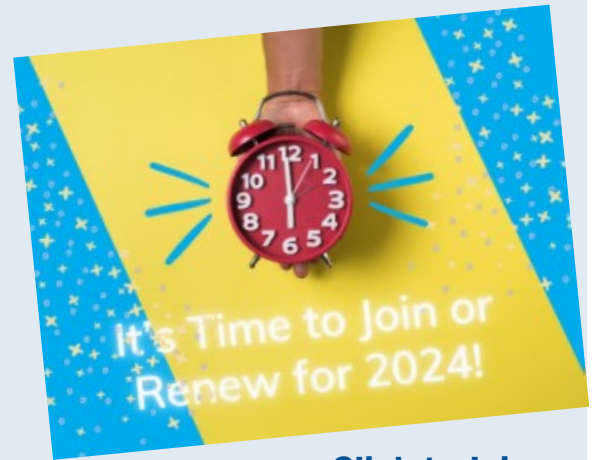
2024 is a huge election year -- turnout should be through the roof, Trump will likely be on the ballot, and half of the state Senate and the entire state House are up for re-election. There's a coordinated effort by a Republican megadonor that will most likely end up with six initiatives that stand to roll back progress our legislature has made on climate, progressive income, public safety, and LGBTQIA+ rights. We need to hit the ground running.

Please plan to join us for this event that is designed to help recruit, equip, and inspire the volunteers that every LD will depend on to make sure that we're as effective as we can be this year. We'll try to have a little fun too. We'll be back in touch soon with more details.

Renew Your Membership for 2024!

Your membership with the 34th Democrats is good for one calendar year. That means that it's time to renew, or join for your first time. As a member, you have the ability to vote on official business such as our policy proposals, resolutions, budgets and endorsements. This year we will be supporting the following races:

- President
- US Senate (Cantwell)
- US House Seats
- State House
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- State Auditor
- State Treasurer
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Public Lands Commissioner
- Insurance Commissioner
- Various Judicial races
- King Conservation District



[Click to Join Or Renew!](#)

In order to participate in the endorsement votes, you need to sign up or renew your membership well in advance of the vote — **but if you become a 2024 member today, you won't have to worry about missing any of those deadlines!** And you can start the year off with the spirit of charity knowing that your monthly-sustaining or one-time membership dues will go towards paying for the tools our PCOs and volunteers use to GOTV.

Please be advised that anyone can be a member of the 34th District Democrats by signing up, but you must live in the 34th District to be eligible for endorsement votes.

[Join us today](#) and support our organization. We need your energy, engagement and membership in 2024!

Lobby for Ranked Choice Voting in Washington

Join FairVote WA in Olympia on January 17th for our first ever Lobby Day!

Together, we will show our legislators that Washingtonians are not just ready for ranked-choice voting – we're demanding it Now!

Throughout the day, we will meet with legislators, join together for actions on the Capitol Steps, and learn more about ranked-choice voting in breakout sessions.

Before lobby day, you can expect to be trained on: 1. Talking points for our bill 2. How to have an effective meeting with your legislator 3. Logistics, carpooling opportunities, and community building.

We're so grateful we're on a team together, and look forward to showering our Capitol with excitement for RCV!

Here is the [event page](#) to sign up!

FairVote
WASHINGTON



January Pop-Up Social

Join us on
Friday, January 19th,
starting at 5:30pm at:

[Locust Cider](#)

[At Alki Beach](#)

2820 Alki Ave SW

Board Meeting Announcement

Our next 34th Executive Board meeting is

Wednesday, January 17th
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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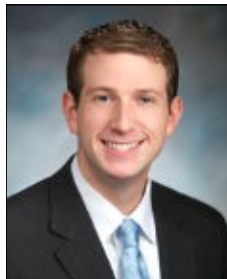


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Letters and Submitted Articles

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 February 2024 newsletter will be Thursday, February 1.

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

Washington State Democrats December Meeting

Note, this Zoom meeting on December 9th was the continuation of the meeting that was held in Spokane, WA on September 30th. That meeting was adjourned early to allow committee members to canvas for Spokane area candidates. The intention was to have Committee Reports section of the meeting at a later date, this was that meeting.

Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 12:33 by Chairwomen Shasti Conrad.

Rules – although not on the agenda Drew Estep gave a quick run through on the rules for this meeting. Low key, no voting was anticipated.

Land Acknowledgment – Julie Johnson didn't so much as give a land acknowledgment as much as she talked about constructive ways to conduct one. She said they could be meaningless with opportunities for action. I think she would be quite happy with the 34th's.

Roll Call – This was not done in a traditional sense, just a credentials report with numbers in attendance.

Chairs Report – Shasti Conrad covered successes around the state in the last elections. The next WSDCC meeting is January 26th – 28th in Bellingham, WA. The main business item for the weekend will be the election of DNC members.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee

The committee has had six meeting this year. Items they are promoting are:

- Climate action
- Universal Health Care
- Affordable Housing
- Amending the State constitution to enshrine reproductive rights.

There were conversations on the committee about how topics were chosen if approval was needed from the Central Committee. There is disagreement on the committee about whether a vote is required or not. Nothing was really resolved at this meeting regarding this, but Andrew Villeneuve seems to think the Central

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Committee used to vote to approve topics and feels it still should.

Affirmative Action Committee

It has worked to get LPOs to diversify their representatives the Committee and also worked on a program to help with the Delegate Selection plan.

Elections Committee – Anne Udaly

Work has been done on Shasti's idea of a "Campaign in a Box" type package for new candidates that are running for office the first time that includes How to's, suggestions, materials, etc.

The committee is also creating a directory of all offices on upcoming  WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATS ballot. They tried to do this for the November, 2023 ballot but couldn't pull it together in time. Will do so for 2024.

In addition the committee is working on tools to help local LPO recruit new candidates.

They feel odd year elections are important. These are the races a lot of newbies run for and need party help.

Finance Committee

The previous administration of the State Party had set aside \$50K in funds to issue as grants to Local Party Organizations to help local activities. The money was for Rural Outreach and Party Building activities. A report was given showing where the money was granted. The committee received about \$76K in requests so they had to select who would receive. I will get a report showing who received grants and how they used the fund and will forward on when I get it.

Technology Committee

They are working on how to help LPO in their technology challenges and the problem small orgs are likely cover. Topics are:

- Continuity of volunteers with knowledge/skills.
- Social media how-to's: What to post, when, how much, etc.
- Website tweaking to improve ease of use for new visitors.

- Financial help, (potential).
- Website language translation.
- Technology to run hybrid meetings.

Good of the Order

Sharon Abreu – Talked about an upcoming Ranked Choice Voting Lobby Day in Olympia. More info to come.

Ray Shjerven – He's from the 26th LD, they had their endorsed candidates win 11 out of 12 races!

Carin Chase – Spoke about how today is the 75th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights at the United Nations.

Tim Noonan – Would like to see a liberal radio presence in Eastern Washington to counter the Right Wing nut-o-sphere that dominates the airwaves now. He mentioned podcasts as a possibility.

Jazmine Smith – Gave a plug for the Youth Lobby Day being held on MLK day. Being put on by the Washington Bus.

Andrew Villeneuve – spoke about the barrage of right wing initiatives being launched in Washington this year.

Vicki Savage – 42nd LD (Bellingham) wanted all committee members to know that Mt. Baker is a great ski area (I can vouch for that!) if you want to ski while up for the next meeting to let her know. She can arrange lift tickets and transportation.

Walt Bowen – 22nd LD wanted us to know that there is big construction going on in Olympia. The building that houses the Republican Senators has been demolished, plus transit is short drivers so expect lobby day to have logistical challenges.

Diane Young – Spoke in support of the state efforts to make land acknowledgments an "action item".

Julie Andrzejewski – Would like state help in funding a both at the Washington State Fair to compete with GOP booth.

Shasti Conrad – Gave plug for Holiday Party. The address is in Belltown, I'm familiar with the spot. What I didn't know was that the location is the new State Party headquarters.

Alma Chacan – would like to add more Spanish Language components to our outreach.

Submitted By Ted Barker, WSDCC Committeeperson

In Case You Missed it: A Recap of Our November Meeting

Our last meeting of the year was in person at the Alki Masonic Center...and was also live-streamed on YouTube. It was a catered affair, and we enjoyed food by [Bakers Dozen Catering](#) as we closed out 2023. We honored three of our elected officials who were stepping down and presented awards to members who made special contributions during the year.

Chair **Graham Murphy** opened the meeting with a few remarks. First he thanked the PCOs and volunteers who helped with the Get Out the Vote effort for the election the previous day. While the results of those contests had yet to be finalized, he went on to note a few of the successes here and across the country:

- The Seattle Housing Levy renewal passed.
- **Gina Topp** was on top of her race for a Seattle School Board seat with a commanding lead.
- Democrat Andy Beshear won reelection as Governor in the red state of Kentucky.
- Ohio voted to ensure women's reproductive rights, and to legalize marijuana
- Virginia Democrats won control of both the House and Senate.

Graham also made an appeal to members to renew their membership in January to gear up for the many races up for grabs in 2024, reminding us that "As goes Seattle and King County, so goes the state". After Graham gave the monthly financial report, **Chris Porter** rose to make us aware of how lucky the 3th LD is in comparison to other LDs in the state in terms of our financial strength.



Our three retiring elected officials: Lisa Herbold, Joe McDermott, and Leslie Harris

VIP Recognition

Leslie Harris gave a brief review of where the district stands at present as she finishes her two terms, and asked us to get behind Gina Topp as she assumes office and faces a \$105 Million deficit.

Lisa Herbold also decided not to run for re-election. She was happy that D1 priorities have been focused on, and that the wages of Human Services contractors have been raised. She spoke of an 8% wage discrepancy human service workers face compared to other fields. She was also happy about the new CARE Team co-response efforts with the police to handle emergencies that do not require an armed officer.

Joe McDermott was also acknowledged by the Chair.

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Anne Burklund, Michelle Allison and Shannon Braddock swap stories about working with Joe McDermott.



Chris Porter shares a laugh with Leslie Harris as we thank her for her two terms on the Seattle School Board.

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1st Vice Chair **Rachel Glass** recited the Land Acknowledgement, then suggested that an additional means of honoring local indigenous peoples could be done through a donation to [Seattle Indian Health Board](#).

Rachel then described the December Service Project she was coordinating. We would be working with [Stephanie's Lifeline](#), a locally based non-profit operating in White Center and West Seattle that is "dedicated to serving less fortunate individuals and families in order to improve the quality of life of those most in need."

The event would be at the Blu Grouse in White Center on Saturday December 16 to benefit local charity [Childhaven](#) involving a Holiday meal, a visit with Santa and/or Grinch for the children, with gifts and clothing for them.

An online sign-up page was to be set up for volunteers to sign



Carla Rogers is our Member of the Year for 2023.



Karin Engstrom speaks in praise for the Debt Collective, and the work they do to lower student debt.

up to help at the event, to commit to providing specific items, and to contribute money to help purchase clothing.

Resolution to Raise the Minimum Wage in Unincorporated King County

The resolution was presented to the membership by Rebecca Rego, with an Executive Board recommendation of Do-Pass. This resolution addresses the fact that while wages have been raised in several cities in King County, unincorporated areas of the county remain at the lower Washington State level. Rebecca spoke in favor, and it was adopted via a show of credentials.

See the Resolution online: <https://34dems.org/unincorporated-king-county-minimum-wage-resolution/>

2023 Awards

Chris Porter led a team to sift through the nominations from members for the annual achievement awards. We also recognized the hard work done over the years by our three retiring elected officials. In addition to the glass ornaments from Avalon Glass that have become our traditional award prizes, this year awardees were given a choice of apple butter, or honey from the hives of Chris Porter instead.

Awards Recognizing Retiring Elected Officials

- **Leslie Harris**, Seattle School Director for District 6.
- **Lisa Herbold**, Seattle Councilperson for District 1.
- **Joe McDermott**, King County Councilperson for District 8.

Member Awards

- **Hannah Cameron** – Rising Star.
- **Carla Rogers** and **Steve Butts** – Committee of the Year – Communications and Technology,
- **Nick Bonazza** – PCO of the Year.
- **Carla Rogers** – Jackie Dupras Member of the Year.
- **Graham Murphy** – Board Member of the Year.

Good of the Order

Ann Martin rose with information about a newly published book "[Salmon Cedar Rock and Rain](#)", which features photos of the Olympic Peninsula, written by Tim McNulty...**Karin Engstrom** spoke of the [Debt Collective](#), which works to reduce student loans and other types of onerous obligations..., **Chris Porter** relayed a story of the ups and downs we sometimes face when doorbelling. He told us of an unpleasant run-in with a man while doorbelling, an experience that was mollified soon after with a favorable discussion at his next stop.

A recording of the meeting can be seen [HERE](#)

*All photos November meeting photos by **Jon Shields**.*

The 34th's 3rd Annual December Service Project - The Most Successful Yet!

In case you missed the last couple of Sunday emails, I want to give a BIG shout-out to all the wonderful members of the 34th District Democrats who gave of their time, talents, and treasure to help make the 2023 Service Project a huge success!! This year's project was our most ambitious one yet, and it was simply amazing to witness the overwhelming generosity, kindness and enthusiasm given willingly by so many of you and I can't thank you enough!

Four organizations –The 34th District Democrats, Stephanie's Lifeline, Childhaven, and the Blu Grouse– partnered together to make this event come to life on Saturday, December 16th.

The beneficiaries of the Project were the approximately 55 children and their families who were referred to us by Childhaven; The Blu Grouse donated their restaurant as the venue for the Project; Stephanie's Lifeline served as the organizing liaison between The Blu Grouse, The 34th Dems, and Childhaven, and Stephanie also provided music at the event, as well as organizing a photo area for the children and families to take pictures with Santa and The Grinch.

The 34th Dems prepared and served a full-scale hot meal complete with all the fixings (ham, turkey, potatoes, yams, vegetables, cranberries, cornbread, pies, brownies, cookies, and drinks) for the families. Our members also provided the warm winter gear for the children, which was purchased and donated either directly by our members or from members' cash donations which was used for winter gear purchases.

We had 14 enthusiastic volunteers who attended the event and helped to set up and serve food and also to help distribute the winter gear! These folks helped before and during the event, spent many hours cooking the food for the meal, helped me with the purchase of 24 large boxes of winter gear (lookin' at you, Carla!) and/or offered their homes as a Drop-Off site for the winter gear.

Many thanks to:

Rocco DeVito	Kate McMullen and Family
Preston Anderson	Carla Rogers
Rachel Glass	Steve Butts
David Quicksall	Hannah Cameron
Bunny Hatcher	Graham Murphy
Maria Ramirez	Stephanie Tidholm and Family
Cam Winter	

We had an amazing outpouring of generosity from our membership this year, with dollar donations totaling just under



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\$2,525.00!! Some of our members also purchased and/or donated brand new or lightly-used winter gear for the children.

From the bottom of my heart, I send sincere thanks to these following donors:

Bunny Hatcher	Preston Anderson
Cam Winter	Joey Shyloski
Heather Engel	Janet Drago
Ann Martin	Richard Bartlett
Eileen Cody	Leslie Harris
Roxanne Thayer	Susan Murphy
Steve Butts	Rebecca Rego
Emily Alvarado	Gina Topp
Nick Bonazza	Ted Barker
Dorothy Gesick	Melissa Johnsen
Ed Dupras	Christopher Weiss
Teresa Mosqueda	Joe Fitzgibbon
Graham Murphy	Dennis Williams, Jr.
Sharon Huling	Lisa Herbold
Helen Halpern	

Because of your compassion and goodwill, we were able to purchase a warm coat (in addition to other winter gear) for every single one of the 55 children who needed them! The rewarding feeling of seeing the looks on the children's faces as they tried on a brand new winter coat or on the parents' faces because they knew that their child would be a little warmer this winter was absolutely priceless!

You truly are the heart of this organization! This year's Service Project could not have succeeded without all of you!

We hope you had a peaceful, warm, and bright season as 2023 came to a close-- we look forward to seeing you all in 2024 as we gear up for a busy year ahead!

Cheers,

Rachel Glass

34th LD Democrats, 1st Vice Chair
Programs & Community Partnerships Chair
Service Project Committee Chair



Committee Updates

Communications and Technology Committee

While November and December are usually fairly quiet in the communications and technology space, I did spend time on a few initiatives. The 2024 awards were given in November and I supported the nomination process with an updated form in Google. I was pleased to support the 3rd Annual Holiday Service Project, led by Vice Chair Rachel Glass. The promotional messaging, emails, forms and sign up sheets were all created in early November to be sure that we tapped into the community's generosity. The project was an overwhelming success. I also supported the membership chair's work in December to update all of the existing membership forms for 2024 while disabling the 2023 forms. The membership drive began on December 27th so sign up to renew or join today! I also created new graphics for the website and social as well as the pop up social. The next pop up social will be held on January 19th at Locust Cider on Alki Beach - hope to see you there!

To find out more about the Communications Committee, email: digcomm@34dems.org

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee had no activities for the months of November or December this year. However we did receive an "Adopt a Street Dashboard" report from Seattle's Adopt a Street program. Since June of 2021, 30 volunteers from the 34th have donated 67 hours of their time to fill 14 bags of trash from our one-mile stretch of 16th Ave SW. Thanks to all of you!

2024 will be one of the most important elections in our lifetime, in the US, and here in Washington State. Please consider joining us at our events as we serve our community, promote our candidates, and support our progressive values.

To join the Outreach Committee or to find out more, email: outreach@34dems.org

Programs and Community Partnerships Committee

The committee put together a 3rd annual service project in

conjunction with Stephanie's Lifeline and Childhaven. A further report on this event starts on Page 8.

Committee Chair Rachel Glass can be reached at vicechair1@34dems.org

Resolutions and Endorsements Committee

No action on resolutions or endorsements in December. This might, however, be a good time to give members who want to draft a resolution information about what the state has handed down as guidelines for drafting resolutions. If the district receives resolutions meeting state requirements, it will be much easier for us to get them into shape for submission to the state.

First a reminder, where a platform is a series of beliefs that do not change over time, a resolution is an action-directed statement that may have a more limited window of application. Resolutions should not conflict or interfere with other party documents. A resolution should be "reasonable and attainable." For example, we cannot order the governor or congress to do something.

The purpose of a resolution is advocacy and action; it's a tool. Resolutions submitted to the state are limited as follows:

- Maximum of two pages in length
- A clear title
- Two to five whereas clauses
- Citations
- Prescribe actions to be taken

If a resolution is passed by the district membership and it is appropriate for statewide consideration, the Resolutions and Endorsements Committee will revise the document as needed to make it read as a state document before it is submitted to the state party.

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

Scenes from the November Pop-Up at Good Society Brewing



Nancy Kick from the 33rd LD.



Les Erb from the 33rd and Karen Butts.



Ann Martin and Rachel Glass along with a couple from the 34th.

Report from the November KCDCC Meeting

State Party Chair, Shasti Conrad, reported on the recent General Election, and noted the large gap in voter turnout between odd year and even year elections, with the former having only half as much voter participation as the later. She explained that even year elections, featuring races for national offices, receive greater media attention, and addressed concerns that moving all races to even years would result in ballots so long that they discouraged voters from completing them.

She highlighted Statewide successes, including electing Democrats to Mayor and City Council offices in Spokane, electing Latino candidates in Sunnyside, and defeating 87% of the Moms for Liberty candidates for various School Board positions, the shedding of Snohomish County's MAGA Sheriff and replacing him with an excellent candidate, and several other victories.

She said that now we must shift attention to goals for the 2024 election cycle, such as keeping the 3rd Congressional District Democratic and flipping a few State Senate and House seats.

Conrad then covered the Washington State Democratic Party Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan. This was a lengthy presentation, covering delegate allocation to the State Convention as well as important dates.

In a nutshell, the 34th LD will receive 25 delegate and 10 alternate positions, with an opportunity to receive more if our Affirmative Action goals are met.

All the information contained in the 90 page document can be found by visiting the State party website, clicking on the "Party Documents" page under "About the Party" on the main menu. Or [CLICK HERE](#) for a direct link to the plan.

Legislative Districts will select their delegates on April 6, 2024. Selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention take place at the Congressional District level on May 18, 2024. Our 7th CD receives a 10 delegate allocation. In all instances, the delegates are, as much as possible, to be evenly split between males and females, with consideration for non-binary individuals.

The WADCC meeting in Bellevue in January will include training for LD Chairs on running the selection process.

Lizzie Boyle, Political Director for Rep. Kim Schrier, and Chirag Vedulaipalli, Field Representative for Rep. Adam Smith attended and took questions from members present and thanked KCDCC for its work.

KCDCC GOTV recap was provided by Alex Erickson who reported on activities in numerous LDs around King County, and cited success in electing so many of our endorsed candidates. He pointed to the 34th LD as one with lots of activity and engagement.

Melissa Taylor reviewed a long list of 2024 Key dates and deadlines.

Chris Porter promoted the resolution to raise the minimum wage in unincorporated King County, and answered questions about it. Moving to Good of the Order, Porter also reported on his Election Observer experience, noting that Republican volunteers now outnumber Democratic ones, and that they are working to sow discord and suspicion around the reliability of election results. Melissa Taylor also reported on her experience. Several members reported on holiday activities upcoming in their LDs and Mary Scanlon, 37th LD, cited Tet Festival as an opportunity to do outreach in the Vietnamese community.

Submitted By Bunny Hatcher, KCDCC Committeeperson



Gina Topp celebrates her victory in the Seattle School Board race for D6 on Election Night 2023. (Photo by Jon Shields)



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