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Hey 34th Dems:

We are T-30 days until Election Day! Drop boxes will be open in less than two weeks and everyone is ready to go. As we progress through the next several weeks, there will be ample opportunity to get involved engaging, educating, and activating voters in and out of our district — so don't miss out!

November is fast approaching, and our endorsed candidates are as busy as ever talking with voters, fundraising, and doing debates. October is our month to really lean into voter registration and getting out the vote. It's critical that each of us make sure we and everyone we know are registered, have a plan to vote, and actually submit their ballots.

This month's General Meeting is our last business meeting of the year, but it's really just the start of a nearly three-week sprint through November 3 when we plan to earn progressive victories up and down the ballot, and all over the country. Take a look at the rest of this email to see what's in store for October, and I'll hope to see you around!

In Solidarity,

Jordan Crawley
Chair, 34th District Democrats
chair@34dems.org

Lead Your Local Party

We are looking for the next group of people who will **lead the 34th District Democrats** as we head into another packed year of local elections in 2027, and the Presidential election in 2028! Over the last two years we've developed a broad and strong coalition of community organizations and positioned ourselves as a leading organization in the local Democratic Party. **By joining our Board, you become part of a long line of progressive champions who have led our region for decades.**

For information about officer positions, check out our Bylaws HERE.

For information about committee chair positions, check out this webpage HERE.

If you would like to run for an officer or committee chair position for the 2027-2028 term, please email Jordan at chair@34dems.org so he can keep you in the loop as we get further into the year.

October 14, 2026
Membership Meeting
On Zoom

Registration Required...**Click HERE.**

We will begin at 6:00 PM with a conversation on what **"reorganization"** looks like for Democratic Party organizations in Washington. Joining us for this will be **leaders from the Washington State and King County Democratic Central Committees.**

The business segment of our meeting will start at 7:00 PM where we'll go over our typically monthly updates, talk with **Kari Bull** from **FairVote Washington** about the **implementation plan for Ranked-Choice Voting in Seattle** next year, and take some time to dive into the leadership positions in the organization so folks are informed as we head into reorganization season.

Also, please remember that if **you would like to run for an officer or committee chair position for the 2027-2028 term, please email Jordan at chair@34dems.org** so he can keep you in the loop as we get further into the year. Feel free to also email me with any questions about anticipated vacancies, the responsibilities of the officer positions, or the reorganization process.

Our agenda for the evening's business will include:

- Call to Order (7:00 PM)
- Land Acknowledgment
- Consent Agenda: Minutes and Agenda Consideration
- Treasurer's Report: September 2026
- Elected Official Acknowledgments
- Consideration of Resolutions: Supporting Paid Family and Medical Leave
- Gearing Up for the General Election
- Chair's Announcements
- Upcoming Events
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2025 - 2026

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Flip the 25th!

Earlier this year we discussed offering support to districts with flippable seats in the State Legislature. As we prepare for the General Election, our friends down in LD25 want our help! On Saturday, October 17, we will head down to Puyallup's Pioneer Park (300 S Meridian, 98371). Democrats running for the two State Representative seats had a strong showing in the Primary, showing that these offices are within reach!

If you'd like to join me for this joint canvassing event, please complete the form linked below. As we get closer I will try to coordinate some carpools to make

Sign up to join us HERE

West Seattle GOTV

There are many West Seattle neighborhoods without a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO). Because of this, we are partnering with **West Seattle Indivisible** to ensure neighbors have all the info and motivation they need to vote on November 3. Join us on **Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 PM on Zoom** for an information session where you'll hear more about it and how to get involved.

This will be our launch point for building a strong cadre of PCOs for the 2027 and 2028 elections. PCOs are on the front lines of winning elections up and down the ballot – from the School Board to the Senate. Let's work together to **Get Out the Vote!**

Register HERE to Canvass Our Neighbors

34th Adopt-A-Street Work Party

Join with other 34th District Democrats as we help clean up the street...We take care of 16th Ave SW, from Roxbury to Elmgrove

ADOPT A STREET

Oct. 10 | 1 to 3 PM

Meet at the **Triangle Park at 16th SW and SW Roxbury**
Tools, gloves, and safety vests provided.

Sign up HERE

Annual Awards Nominations

Every year during our Holiday Party, we take the time to recognize local civic leaders for their contributions to our organization and community. The 34th District Democrats is a member- and volunteer-driven organization, so it's our members and volunteers who make us strong. Running an organization like ours takes thousands of volunteer hours and it's important we recognize the people who make it happen.

Beginning in September of each year, we form an **ad hoc Awards Committee** led by two Executive Board members and invite members to participate. This committee receives nominations from members and selects the winners from the list of nominees ahead of the Holiday Party. **If you would like to serve on the Awards Committee, please email the Chair at chair@34dems.org.**

If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please CLICK HERE.

RCV House Party

FairVote Washington is holding house parties all over Seattle to ramp up to the 2027 elections in Seattle. **Next year is the first time ranked-choice voting will be used in Seattle**, and will decide which candidates head to the General Election. On **Thursday, October 22, from 5:00-6:30 PM**, FairVote is bringing the party to **West Seattle!** Bring your friends to learn about ranked choice voting, practice using it, and learn what to expect when it comes to Seattle's Primary Elections in 2027! **Address is provided upon RSVP.**

Register HERE

2026 Holiday Party

This year's holiday party will be on Wednesday, November 11, from 6:00-9:00 PM at Youngstown Cultural Arts Center. We hold this event to commemorate the end of our year together and, this year, the end of the 2025-2026 term for our Board and Precinct Committee Officers. Feel free to bring your family and friends as we enjoy a full holiday-style buffet and homemade desserts, and hand out our 2026 Annual Awards. Please note that this is not a potluck — you are not expected to bring anything, as all food and drinks will be provided. Vegan and gluten-free options will be available.

Board Meeting Announcement
Our next 34th Executive Board Meeting is
Wednesday, October 21 at 7 PM,
in person and via Zoom.
Contact
chair@34dems.org for more information

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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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 November 2026 newsletter will be Thursday, October 29th.

Contact Steve Butts,
newsletter@34dems.org

In Case You Missed it...

September Meeting Recap

What was one of our shortest meetings ever was brought to order by Chair **Jordan Crawley**.

Bunny Hatcher, KCDCC Committeeperson, then recited the Land Acknowledgement.

Bunny chose to acknowledge the group Indigenous Creatives Collective as a Native non-profit deserving of our support. As stated in their mission statement it is an "urban, Native, women-led arts nonprofit rematriating 2 acres of land (in Seattle's Rainier Beach neighborhood) and amplifying Indigenous creativity across Coast Salish territories, in the Pacific Northwest. We tend the land, invest in our artists, and cultivate creative sovereignty so that Indigenous community members, families, and future generations have a place to belong, create, and experience joy together."

Find out more at https://www.indigenouscreatives.org/

VIP Recognition

School Board Director and 34th LD PCO **Gina Topp** rose to say she was pleased that school started on time after coming to terms with the Seattle Education Association and avoiding a strike.

Superintendent and school board director's community engagement session on October 27th at 6:30 on at Robert Eagle Staff Middle School.

2026 Seattle Transit Measure

Campaign leader for the measure, **Bailey White**, gave the particulars for this November ballot measure. If approved it will be the renewal of a current sales tax that would go from 0.15% to 0.3%. It would last for 10 years, and raise about $1.38 billion. Most of the tax would go to fund bus and street car service, with some funds going to support Sound Transit 3 delivery and transit infrastructure.

Bailey White runs the 2026 Seattle Transit Measure campaign.

Harry Steinmetz is running for a spot on the SW KC District Court.

The measure would provide 280K bus trips per year, an increase of more than 100K over the current number, and would also expand current free ORCA Card distribution for a wide variety of people.

Endorsements

Chair Crawley explained the process, candidate requirements, and member eligibility. He presented a Board Block approved at the August Executive Board meeting, it included only the eligible candidates in a particular race who have sought our endorsement and ballot measures that align with our platform.

- **Jaime Hawk** for State Supreme Court Pos. 3
- **Theo Angelis** for State Supreme Court Pos. 5
- **Rob Foxcurran** for KIng County Assessor
- **Yes** on the Seattle Transit Measure Renewal
- **Yes** on the Highline School District Bond and Technology Levy
- **No** on I-645 to Repeal the Millionaires Tax

The threshold for the Block Endorsement was 50%, rather than the 60% for a single endorsement. The Block was approved without objection.

One additional endorsement went to **Harry Steinmetz**, who is running for a judicial seat on the King County District Court, SW Position 4. As this contest featured two candidates who sought our endorsement, it required a 60% vote, which was assured as he was endorsed without objection.

Annual Awards Nominations

Our annual Holiday Party will take place on November 11th, during which we will look back on the year and celebrate our successes. Chair Crawley put out a call to members to propose nominations for our annual awards to honor those of our members who were especially generous with their time and leadership in 2026.

Those categories are:

- Rising Star of the Year
- Jackie Dupras Award for Member of the Year
- Precinct Leader of the Year
- Committee or Caucus of the Year
- Executive Board Member of the Year
- Elected Official of the Year
- Cherisse Luxa Award for Lifetime Achievement

Jordan asked for volunteers to help with the review of the submittals and to choose the awardees. The deadline for submission would be October 21.

Please submit your nominations here:

Remaining 4 Months into 2027

Chair Jordan laid out a plan of 34th LD activities for the rest of the year. Included within was a call for volunteers to help with a canvass in the 25th LD on October 17th to flip a couple of seats in the legislature down in Puyallup.

Sign up for the canvass:

And as we begin to think about reorganization for the 2027/2028 term, Jordan laid out the officer positions for anyone considering joining the leadership of the 34th District Democrats. All offices are open...but these positions in particular are known to be vacant at the end of the year:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications and Technology Chair
- Caucus and Elections Chair
- Fundraising and Events Chair
- Platform and Legislative Action Chair
- Outreach and Visibility Chair
- Precinct Leadership Chair

Please contact Jordan if you are interested in becoming an officer or committee chair.

Good of the Order

Roxanne Thayer informed us that County Councilperson Teresa Mosqueda was to host a fundraiser on Vashon Island on September 23rd.

Ann Martin said that the West Seattle Democratic Women would meet on September 24. Andrew Villeneuve was to speak about the 2026 ballot initiatives, and a person from King County Elections.

Steve Butts said that he would post links to the signup sheets to the Fiestas Patrias Parade, the B-Town Fiesta, and the Adopt-A-Street events on the Slack channel.

Ted Barker rose to say that the West Seattle Food Bank would host the Taste of West Seattle on September 24.

Remembering Allan Munro | April 19, 1937 – August 18, 2026

Allan Weldon Munro, attorney and lifelong resident of Seattle, was born on April 19, 1937 to Virginia and Ed Munro.

His history includes serving as member and chairperson of numerous civic, political and charitable boards, commissions, committees, conventions and councils.

He coordinated the Forward Thrust campaign in 1970, chaired the Seattle Civil Service Commission and chaired the state of Washington's Developmental Disabilities Planning Commission. He served as counsel to the Washington state Senate Judiciary Committee and the state legislature's Forest Taxation Interim Committee and as a member of the King County Charter Review Commission of 2008.

Allan was a devoted Democrat who participated in numerous local, state and national campaigns for political candidates and issues. He was long-time member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle and the 34th District Democrats.

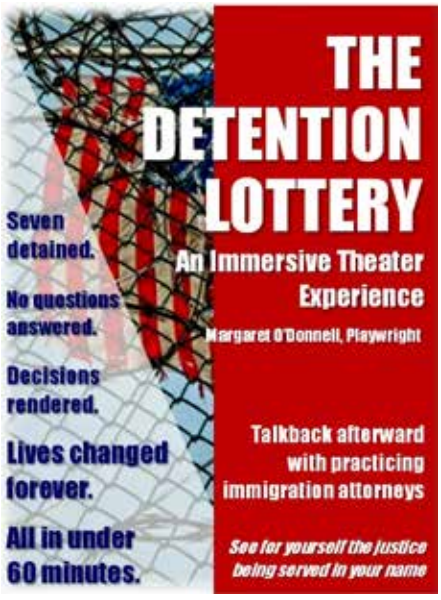
He served on the boards of and as chairperson of the Seattle YMCA Camping Services Board, Northwest Center Board and Seattle Mental Health (now Sound) Board. The family suggests remembrances to these organizations.

Allan attended Highline High School. He earned his BA in Economics from Wesleyan University and his JD from the University of Washington School of Law.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor and his children Elisabeth (Donald), Andrew and Gregory. Also by his grandchildren Katharyn, Anne and Charles (Kate), stepchildren Riley and Dana, and step-grandchildren Danielle (Morgan), AndiMarie (Jacob), Gavin and Natalie.

Friends and associates are invited to join the family in remembering him at Salty's on Alki October 18, 3-5 pm.

"The Detention Lottery" Immerses You Immigration Detention Center Courtroom



PSARA (Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action) is sponsoring a production of the play, "The Detention Lottery". Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice and AFT WASHINGTON are co-sponsoring this production. All funds raised will be donated to Riverton Park United Methodist Church. The play is a 60-minute immersive experience that takes the audience directly into the immigration courtroom. We bear witness to the proceedings where lives are changed forever in mere minutes and experience firsthand how decisions are rendered and "justice is served" in our name.

Sunday, November 8, 2026 at **3:30 PM**

Keystone Congregational Church,
5019 Keystone Place N., Seattle

$20 suggested donation

See More At: https://odonnellplaywright.com/the-detention-lottery/#about

Bend It Like Booker 2026...
25 Hours of Inspiring Stories of Life and Special Works

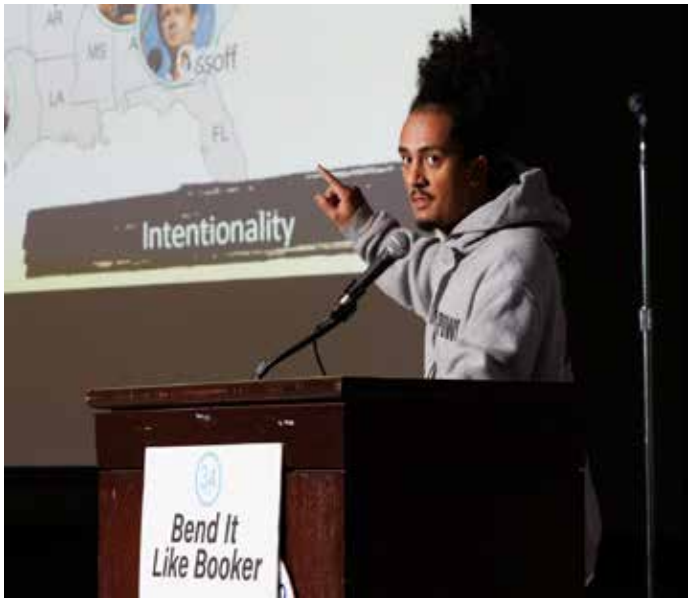
With Bend It Like Booker 2026, Rachel Glass pulled together another, even more impressive 25-hour marathon of speakers and performances September 12th and 13th, They appeared live at the Machinists Hall in South Park and online.

Rachel brought in people from all walks of life, in person, and with special video recordings from local and national dignitaries...including Governor Bob Ferguson, Travel Guide Rick Steves, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal...and of course, the event's namesake, US Senator Cory Booker.

They told the stories of their lives and brought to us their varied interests and the work they perform.

Photos by Jon Shields and Steve Butts

Rachel Glass kicks off the event.



Matthew Oudkirk, an organizer with Common Power.

Poet Jeanne Moore

Part of the drumming group Yume Daiko.

Immigration Lawyer Vicente Omar Barraza.

Richard Bartlett sets up the audio gear.

Videographer Terry Williams gives pointers on documenting protest activities.

Videographer Jerome Rhett filmed and engineered the livestream for the entire 25 hours of Bend It Like Booker.

Washington State Democratic Central Committee September Meeting

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee met September 26, with Chair Shasti Conrad presiding. The meeting included Tribal and legislative welcomes, committee reports, adoption of resolutions, election updates, and discussion of organizing priorities heading into the November election.

Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon gave a strong speech on the accomplishments of the Democratic legislative majority and discussed several statewide initiatives and competitive legislative races. DNC members reported on proposed changes to the presidential primary calendar, cybersecurity and AI, voter protection, Hispanic voter outreach, and preparations for future delegate-selection work. They warned us of issues on cybersecurity and the fact that many state Democratic Party members are receiving emails noting that their monthly payment to the Party is not going through. Please ignore these!

Chair Conrad highlighted volunteer assistance needed for communities affected by Eastern Washington fires, voting rights, state-party social media outreach, and the final 45 days before the election.

Resolutions

The majority of resolutions were passed as a group, including the one on Pentagon spending from our 34th LD. Following are those that were pulled for separate consideration and debate, these were the results:

- Resolution 1097, opposing age verification requirements for social-media platforms, passed overwhelmingly.
- Resolution 1099, concerning a legislative vote affecting transgender youth, passed 65–57.
- Resolution 1100, opposing public funds for nuclear reactors and for publicly funded energy sources benefit the people rather than Amazon's Eastern Oregon data centers. Also, recommending geothermal energy as a renewable resource instead of nuclear, which is not renewable. This resolution was passed in the 34th and 40th LDs, the San Juan County Democrats, and the Progressive Caucus. Passed 81–35.
- The committee adopted a "No" position on Initiative 645, the initiative looking to stop the millionaire tax.

The Advocacy Committee's report recommending opposition to all three initiatives under consideration was approved unanimously.

Organizing Across Washington

The Affirmative Action Committee discussed increasing the party's use of minority media and reviewing diversity data from local party organizations. Members also raised concerns about candidates of color being targeted by white-supremacist groups and will work to bring seen concerns to the attention of the Chair.

The Elections Committee reported on its Campaign in a Box program to assist candidates and its continuing effort to gather candidate feedback and improve campaign support. The Rural Engagement Committee discussed the challenges facing Democrats in heavily Republican areas and highlighted its summer summit in Wenatchee and the Rural/Urban Bridge initiative.

Submitted by Roxanne Thayer and Ted Barker, WSDCC Committeepersons

Report from the King County Democrats September 22nd Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by KCDCC Vice-Chair Josh Vaughn. Members adopted the Agenda and approved the corrected August 2026 Minutes by acclamation.

Vaughn introduced several guest candidates who are running to flip seats from red to blue. Tamara Stramel is hoping to unseat Phil Fortunato as the State Senator from the 31st LD, and Stacy Willoughby is running against MAGA Republican Brian Burnett to become a State Representative from the 12th LD. Both of these LDs are only partially within King County, and have been solidly Republican, but the candidates believe that voters are ready for a change.

John Duresky is a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives from the 4th Congressional District, which covers parts of central and eastern Washington. Although the 4th CD does not include King County, he is seeking support from Democratic organizations across the state.

Elizabeth Parent, Regional Field Director for the Coordinated Campaign spoke briefly about efforts across the 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, and 9th CDs.

Endorsement Committee Vice-Chair Dean Rodenbough reported that the Committee is currently preparing the written candidate questionnaires for 6 of the 2027 races, and urged members to contribute to the process, Committee Chair Kat Pipkin introduced several requests for endorsements. After presentations and discussion, the following received KCDCC endorsements:

- Yes on Auburn School District Prop 1
- Yes on Kent School District Prop 1
- Yes on Kent School District Prop 2
- No on I-001
- No on I-638
- No on I-645

All of the above were endorsed without opposition. Members also supported Defend Washington, and were reminded that KCDCC has already supported No Hate in Washington State. In addition, it was noted that the 46th LD has endorsed Gerry Pollet for reelection as State Representative for that LD.

State Committee member Lisa Rivera reported on the recent State Democratic Central Committee recent quarterly meeting, and stated that the next meeting will be January 23-25, and it will likely be in Olympia or Tacoma. Fellow State Committee member Drew Estep reported on some Charter and By-Laws changes, and on budget items, including hiring year-round organizing staff and a political director.

Vaughn reminded members that the November KCDCC meeting will be on November 17th instead of the 24th, in order to accommodate Thanksgiving week. He added that the Reorganization will be held on Sunday, December 13th. The time will be determined by the schedule of King County Executive Girmay Zahilay.

Good of the order included reminders that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and that U/S. Rep. Jayapal will hold a Resistance Lab on Sunday September 27th. A member noted that the King County Council has so far failed to release their report on algorithmic rental price fixing, and another pointed out that the Seattle City Council had just banned algorithmic grocery pricing. Finally, all members were urged to get trained and become election observers, and to urge voters to use secure ballot boxes instead of U.S. mail whenever possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by Bunny Hatcher, KCDCC Committeeperson

Join the Washington State Institute for a Democratic Future

WAIDF Connection Night is a great opportunity for interested applicants to learn about the program directly from WAIDF staff, board members, and alumni. Come enjoy light refreshments and great company while networking and learning how WAIDF can be part of your plan to reach professional goals and leave your mark on democratic progress in Washington State!

RSVP: Purchase your ticket below or reach out to Emily at emily@democraticfuture.org

Click for Tickets HERE

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