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Hi, 34th Dems:

Sixty hours. That's all that lies between us and the first election results dropping here in Washington. At 3:00 PM our time polls will close in Indiana and Kentucky, and at 9:00 PM they'll close in Alaska and Hawaii. In this six hour window we will start to understand what Congress will look like through 2028, whether voters are willing to stand up against the three far-right initiatives, which seats we are likely to hold and flip in our own State Legislature, and who will represent us at the County for the next four years.

Every poll seems to show that this will be a momentum-shifting election, but we **cannot afford to get complacent**. Each of you, and everyone you know, needs to get out and vote.

Over the last week we continued our get-out-the-vote efforts both in and out of the district. Precinct leaders hit the doors in their neighborhoods, volunteers from our friends at West Seattle Indivisible covered vacant precincts, we canvassed alongside No Hate, the State Party, and Congresswoman Jayapal right here in West Seattle, and volunteers made their way to the 3rd Congressional District to help Marie Gluesenkamp Perez beat MAGA Republican John Braun.

We're in the home stretch — so let's lean in as we cross that finish line!

In Solidarity,
Jordan Crawley, Chair

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November 11, 2026
Holiday Party
6 - 8 PM
At the **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.

We are also collecting non-perishable food donations for the West Seattle Food Bank, so please bring your contributions with you so we can gather and deliver them!

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2025 - 2026

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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 term, please email Jordan at chair@34dems.org so he can keep you in the loop as we get further into the year.

Make plans to attend our Reorganization Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 13 @ TBD (Virtual - Zoom)

Board Meeting Announcement
Our next 34th Executive Board Meeting is
Wednesday, November 18 at 7 PM,
in person and via Zoom.
Contact chair@34dems.org for more information

See you soon at a 34th Pop-Up Social!

Our Pop Up Socials are casual, no business, low-effort gatherings at a local bar/restaurant. Each month we choose a different bar or brewery in the district. The goal is to provide a venue to visit with neighbors and discuss politics or issues of the moment

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Nov. 20th

Skylark Cafe

3803 Delridge Wy SW

skylarkcafe.com

Dec. 11th

Mission Cantina

2325 California Ave SW,

missioncantinaseattle.com

Election Day Morning Sign Waving!

Gina Topp invites you to getting out bright and early to wave signs and make one final push before the polls close

Tuesday, November 3
7:30 AM
Fauntleroy Way & 35th Ave SW
Meet at Taco Time!

She will have No Hate campaign signs opposing Initiatives 26-001 and 26-638, or bring your favorite 34th District Democrats-endorsed candidate or campaign sign!

Come for a few minutes or stay for the morning. Let's make some noise, spread some positivity, and remind our neighbors to vote!

Vote, Vote, Vote!

We are just 2 days away from Election Day! Make sure you and everyone you know get your ballots in as early as possible. **If you or anyone you know have not received, or have misplaced, a ballot, please visit this website** to view your available options. They include requesting a replacement ballot, printing your own, or visiting a Vote Center. If this is you and you haven't taken one of these steps, please do not wait any longer!

If a drop box is accessible to you, **please also remember that drop boxes are the preferred method of returning your ballot. They need to be placed in a box before 8:00 PM on November 3rd, or post-marked by November 3rd.**

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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 December 2026 newsletter will be Wednesday, November 24th.

Contact Steve Butts,
newsletter@34dems.org

In Case You Missed it...

October Meeting Recap

Kat Pipkin from the King County Democrats

2027 Reorganization: "Leading Your Party"

Every two years the Democratic Party is reformed from the ground up. **Chair Jordan Crawley** described the make up of the party and this biennial reorganization process that includes the election of PCOs, the election of party officers at the legislative district, county, and state levels. He spoke of the roles and duties of the officer positions and those of the chairs of our various committees.

Isabella Maftei from the WA State Democrats

Kat Pipkin from the King County Democrats and **Isabella Maffei**, Party Affairs Director for the Washington State Democrats, were also on hand to speak about the roles those organizations will have as we start a new two-year cycle in January.

Our reorganization will take place during our regularly-scheduled January 13th meeting. The King County Democrats will be holding their reorganization the month prior on December 13th, at which PCOs elected in the August Primary will select leadership for that body. The State Party meets to reform on January 23/24.

See the program on YouTube ***HERE***

General Membership Meeting

Bunny Hatcher recited the Land Acknowledgment.

As part of our effort to support Seattle area Indigenous people, Bunny highlighted **Mother Nation** as a Native non-profit deserving of our recognition and donations.

As stated in their mission statement it is a "*Native-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit offering culturally-informed healing services, advocacy, mentorship, and homelessness prevention across Washington State*". They support *"Native*

Seattle School Director Gina Topp gives an update on activies around the school district.

and Indigenous women during times of transition—from chronic homelessness and gender-based violence to stable housing—by providing counseling, connection to social services, sisterhood, community, and spiritual support."

*Find out more at **mothernation.org***

VIP Recognition

School Board Director and 34th LD PCO **Gina Topp** joined us to say she was excited about the upcoming election and as a PCO, to knock on the doors of her precinct. She reported that the school board was working on closing the current deficit and lobbying the state for increased funding to maintain current programs. The district is also working to move students away from screen-time, and looking at how best to utilize AI in the curriculum. The board is also searching for ways to increase literacy rates among multilingual students and those from low income families.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Rebecca Rego** gave her report while on the road delivering doorbelling packets to PCOs. September saw an influx of income from the "Bend It Like Booker" Marathon. It was a slow month for outgoing money. However, "Bend It Like Booker" expenses and the candidate donations will be on the October report.

Resolution: *Supporting Paid Family and Medical Leave in the State of Washington*

Ann Martin described the resolution, which was sponsored by **Roxanne Thayer.**

The resolution asks the legislature and governor to maintain the program and its solvency as was passed in 2017, then expanded in 2025. Funding may be under threat from Republicans. 36th Representative Liz Berry will be working on the issue in the next session. Our State Legislative delegation supported the program as it expanded in 2025. Members passed the resolution without objection.

Winning in November and How to Get Involved

Chair Jordan shared a few outcomes from the August Primary, with comparisons to 2022.

Turnout in the 34th LD was 1.4 points lower than in 2022. Jordan noted that the turnout in the 34th LD was higher than King County as a whole, which was 3.5 points lower than 2022.

Turnout varied widely in areas across the district and age groups and was similar to 2022. Voters west of California were more likely to return their ballot. Those who live east of Delridge, South Park, and Burien were less likely to vote. Some of the lowest turnout was in precincts near the Junction drop box. Vashon Island had a lower than usual turnout in some areas in the north.

The ballot return frequency by day during the election period was in line with past elections, with the bulk coming in near election day. Our aim for the General Election is to prod people to vote sooner.

Vote share for our endorsed candidates was collectively 67.4%, it is hoped to improve those results in the General.

In addition to getting voters to return ballots earlier, goals for GOTV for the General Election are to increase the vote share of our endorsed candidates and initiative recommendations, and keep a Democratic majority on the State Supreme Court.

PCOs, along with others, were asked to canvass with the 34th or with other groups, such as unions.

The 34th would also partner with West Seattle Indivisible, and to facilitate that, a meeting was scheduled for October 15 to strategize. A rally was to happen on October 25 at West Seattle High School to march to the ballot box. 34th members were also planning to travel to Puyallup to canvass in the 25th LD on October 17th.

Generally, the theme was to vote early and ask others to do so as well.

Roxanne Thayer rose to say that she was handing out our walk piece in places like grocery stores. **Bunny Hatcher** noted that she had success canvassing on the ferry. Hannah Cameron suggested we consider printing voter guides in languages other than English. **Carla Rogers** noted that we did print literature with Spanish in 2022 to distribute in our Burien precincts.

Ranked Choice Voting Coming to Seattle

Kari Bull, Organizing Director from FairVote Washington joined us to present a program on this new voting method. Ranked Choice voting will be utilized to elect Seattle City Officials in Seattle Municipal Primaries starting in 2027. To begin with, RCV will be used for City Council seats next year. Then in 2029, the Mayor and City Attorney candidate elections will be included in this process as well.

RVC was voted into place in 2022 in a two-part vote, as Question 1B on the ballot that year. It was approved by 76% of the electorate.

For Seattle Primary Municipal Elections only, instead of bubbles to fill in to pick a candidate, there will be a grid with

Kari Bull from FairVote WA describes Ranked Choice Voting coming to Seattle City Elections in 2027.

candidates down the side, with rankings across the top. The other elections would remain the same. The top 2 candidates emerging from the Primary will go to the General Election.

It is expected that there will be more and diverse candidates, and that coalitions will form around issues, with less "mudslinging". It is hoped that the Primary turnouts will rise from about 30% currently to around 40%, with greater use of Seattle's Democracy Vouchers.

FairVote is asking the city to commit funds through the Department of Neighborhoods to inform voters, and they will have a presence at community events and festivals to inform voters on the new system, and an effort to train PCOs and others.

A question from **Peter Newbould** as to ballot format brought forth the answer that King County Elections is consulting with other jurisdictions for best practices for designing a ballot layout.

Michael Parker asked if our endorsement process would need to change. Kari said that she will be working with Chair Crawley and others to devise the best method to endorse for a RCV election.

Learn more at rcvforseattle.org

Get Ready for the Reorg: Lead Your Local Party

Jordan continued the conversation from the pre-meeting program of the reorganization that will take place at our January 2027.

At the time of the meeting, there was a candidate to run for each officer position next year, with the exception of 2nd Vice Chair. 7 of the 10 Standing Committee Chairs have not had anyone step forward to fill.

Even if there is already a candidate for an office, anyone who is interested can also put themselves forward as a candidate in that office. Those interested can contact Jordan, the current officeholder, or check our website for more information on duties.

Anyone interested is free to attend the November Executive Board meeting to see how those meetings function.

Upcoming Events

Jordan put out a call for nominations for annual achievement awards to be given out at our Holiday Party which will be November 11 at 6 PM at the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center. It will not be a potluck this year, Jordan's family will be providing the food. Friends and family are also invited.

West Seattle Indivisible was to have a meeting on October 15th to discuss GOTV efforts on Zoom.

King County ballot drop boxes were to be open on Friday the 16th as the election began.

On October 22 there was to be a RCV House Party to learn about the new Ranked Choice Voting system in Seattle.

The October 30th Pop-Up was to be at Talarico's Pizzeria in the Alaska Junction.

Good of the Order

Ann Martin announced that the West Seattle Democratic Women would have their October 22nd. It was to feature a discussion on the effects of Trump policies. After dinner, Tracy Record from the West Seattle Blog would talk of her 50 years in journalism.

Seattle Municipal Court Judge Candidate **Gabe Rothstein** thanked members for their endorsement and gave updates on his campaign.

Carla Rogers said that she had 2 seats in her car to drive to the 3rd CD to canvass for Marie Glusenkamp Perez at a date at the end of the month.

Roxanne Thayer said that the fundraiser for Teresa Mosqueda on Vashon went well. She also noted that a resolution on "Nuclear Development on Tribal Treaty and Public Lands" that we passed was also passed by the Washington State Democrats at their September 30th meeting as well as several other organizations.

Joseph Szwaja rose to speak about an upcoming election in Israel and Palestine. A group he belongs to is supporting a GOTV effort of a group made up of half Israelis and half Palestinians targeting marginalized groups in the country.

Municipal Court Judge candidate Gabe Rothstein gives a campaign update.

Report from the King County Democrats October 27th Meeting

KCDCC Chair Beth Bazley called the meeting to order at 6:33PM. The Agenda was adopted by acclamation. The September 2026 meeting Minutes were approved as corrected by acclamation.

Endorsement Committee Chairs, Kat Pipkin and Dean Rodenbough reported on the progress of the development of written candidate questionnaires for 2027 races, and noted that all members are invited to input sessions on 11/5/26 at 6:00 PM and 11/8/26 at 4:30 PM. They presented the completed King Conservation District questionnaire for review, and discussed the mechanics of that particular election. The questionnaire was approved by acclamation.

Kellen Hoard presented an update of the progress of the King County Advocacy Working Group. They are attempting to influence County policy by working on ordinances related to the Children and Families Sales Tax, behavioral health, climate, and funding priority issues. Hoard cited cuts to health services while budgeting $19 million for Return to Office mandate as an issue of concern.

Outreach Committee Chair Andrew Ashiofu described a successful No Kings event coordinated with Indivisible, as well as work centered on election integrity and voter safety issues, along with GOTV activities, and efforts with No Hate in Washington State.

Hunter Brown asked for information on the selection and amount of funding directed to Native Vote Washington, and that discussion will be scheduled for the next KCDCC meeting.

Amy Hamrick, PCO Chair, reminded members that PCO terms end on December 1, 2026 for current PCOs, and new terms start for those elected earlier this year. She also informed all of upcoming phonebank opportunities in order to hold a blue seat in the 5th LD and flip seats in the 12th and 31st.

Communications Committee Chair Kris Katz warned us not to allow positive polls lull us into complacency. We must double down on our GOTV efforts, because every vote counts and democracy is on the line! He called for every knuckle to knock on doors and every ear to phone voters between now and election day.

For the Elections Committee, Jenny Miller reported that the 101 ballot boxes are checked at least once per day, that 7 voter assistance centers will be open to assist voters who need help voting, and that 87 trained election observers will be working during ballot processing. She gave a shout out to Hanna Floss and Kat Pipkin for their work in urging Democrats to get the necessary observer training.

Keller Hoard brought forth an emergency resolution calling for raising the minimum wage across cities in King County, After consideration, the resolution was adopted without objection.

Chair Bazely reminded members of the upcoming December 13, 2026 Reorganization, urged people to run for KCDCC officer positions, and highlighted dates for training on 12/8 and 12/12, and candidate forum on 12/10. She also noted the need for LDs to schedule their own Reorganization meetings, and decide who will chair those meetings.

Elizabeth Parent, the CD-7 Field Organizer for the WA Dems Coordinated Campaign invited people to participate in numerous door-knocking events this weekend, and encourage everyone to wear Halloween costumes.

During Good of the Order, Rachael Snell cited her participation in informational videos. One is about the duties of Municipal Court Judges, while the other was about Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), done in concert with Fair Vote Washington. She reminded members that next year, some Seattle races will utilize RCV, and it is important that voters understand the process. Tim Burns invited everyone to a "restaurant takeover" at 8:00 AM on Saturday, 10/31, at Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse, 34902 Pacific Highway S. in Federal Way. Hunter Brown urged members to avail themselves of Indigenous anti-racism training.

Submitted by Bunny Hatcher, KCDCC Committeeperson

DeLancey Lane, Jordan Crawley, with Adidi and Trent Grohe at our October Pop-Up Social at Talarico's Pizzeria in the Junction.

The 34th District Democrats

have endorsed the following candidates and measures:

Federal

Pramila Jayapal
Congressional District 7

State

Emily Alvarado
LD34 Senator

Brianna Thomas
LD34 Representative 1

Joe Fitzgibbon
LD34 Representative 2

County

Leesa Manion
King County Prosecutor

Ron Foxcurran
King County Assessor

Julie Wise
King County Elections

Teresa Mosqueda
King County Council District 8

State Supreme Court

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WA Supreme Court Pos. 1

Jaime Hawk
WA Supreme Court,Pos. 3

Ian Birk
WA Supreme Court Pos. 4

Theo Angelis
WA Supreme Court Pos. 5

Debra Stephens
WA Supreme Court Pos. 7

King County Court

Nyjat Rose-Akins
KC District Court, W-1

Harry Steinmetz
KC District Court, SW-4

Renee Walls
KC District Court, SW-5

Seattle Municipal Court

Catherine McDowall
Seattle Municipal Court Pos. 1

Katharine Edwards
Seattle Municipal Court Pos. 2

Pooja Vaddadi
Seattle Municipal Court Pos. 3

Gabe Rothstein
Seattle Municipal Court Pos. 5

Shantrice Anderson
Seattle Municipal Court Pos. 6

Ballot Measures

Vote NO
IL-001, IL-638, IL-645

Vote YES
Seattle Transit Measure Renewal

Highline School District Bond and Technology Levy

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