



# 34th District Democrats

**West Seattle, Burien , White Center, Vashon and Maury Islands**

## Message from the Chair

We will never have a perfect President to lead this country. Democrats push candidates as far to the left as possible during the election but they always seem to gravitate toward the center once they're in the White House. I recognize that governing requires the art of compromise. But I still react grim-faced when an elected official I've supported makes a move that is 100% opposite of what I value. It can be crazy-making and dispiriting.

Then this morning the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act again. The ACA has made a huge difference in my family. Without it, a family member would be truly without hope, lost and ill. I'd be thousands of dollars in debt and grief-stricken. So I'm not happy about TPP, drilling in the Arctic, or Charter Schools, but knowing that one of my loved ones, and millions of others like her, are thriving because of what one politician had the fortitude to do, is better than finally getting a pony any day. So yes, we did the right thing, and yes, we need to do this again in 2016. Because who sits on the U.S. Supreme Court is by far the most important reason to work for, vote for and elect a Democrat to the White House. I want to win. We need to win. We can do it together or we can flail at each other from our respective issue silos and lose. Let's win!

At our July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, Reps. Eileen Cody and Joe Fitzgibbon, Senator Sharon Nelson will give us their legislative wrap-up and I imagine some choice words about what was passed and what wasn't. I am assured that there is hope that the 2<sup>nd</sup> session will adjourn in time for our July meeting so there will be something to report. Many thanks to our Olympia delegation!

Our program at the meeting will focus on diversity in the 34th. Matias Valenzuela from the King County Office on Equity and Social Justice will help us get to know our communities better and inspire us in our outreach efforts. The program is being organized by Lois Schipper, our Diversity Chair. Thanks, Lois!

It's parade and festival season! Check out the website and the Bulletin Board, Page 5 of the newsletter for further details.

Remember Drinking Liberally West Seattle is on July 7th, 6:30 p.m. at Pizzeria 22 (Admiral District)!

*Marcee Stone, Chair*

## July 8

## Meeting Notice

6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting  
The Hall at Fauntleroy  
9131 California Ave SW  
Across from the YMCA

### 6:30 PCO Training

### Legislative wrap-Up

with Senator Sharon Nelson  
Representatives Eileen Cody  
and Joe Fitzgibbon

### Program

### Diversity in the 34th District.

Guest speaker is Valenzuela from the King County Office on Equity and Social Justice

Program organized by  
Lois Schipper, Diversity Chair

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## 34th District Democrats Annual Picnic

**Lincoln Park Shelter 3, on the beach,  
Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m.**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, corn and soft drinks (alcohol is not allowed in city parks) are provided by the 34th District Democrats. Please bring a salad, dessert, or anything else that would go nicely with our picnic. The picnic is just for fun: so no speeches. Of course, talking politics is fun and encouraged. And we're Democrats and that's what we do.



## City Council District 1 Candidate Forum:

### Rapid Development in West Seattle -

### How do high density urban centers affect you?

Sustainable West Seattle, The West Seattle Herald, and the 34th District Democrats will be hosting a candidates forum on the above subject on the GreenLife Stage at West Seattle SummerFest on Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m.

High Density has been the topic of many a conversation in West Seattle and this is your chance, maybe your final chance, to hear what the candidates have to say about this subject before the primary election. If you can't make it to the forum, you can post your question or comment to

<http://www.sustainablewestseattle.org/2015/06/participate-in-local-democracy/#comment-4703>

## Update on I-122 Honest Elections Seattle

Honest Elections Seattle has turned in an estimated 32,000 valid signatures for initiative 122. Because the campaign has already checked the signatures, we are confident the initiative will make the ballot this November.

By voting yes on I-122, you can help reduce the oversized role of big money in our local campaigns by limiting regular contributions. Even more, this measure provides an innovative way to attack special interest spending, called Democracy Vouchers.

Democracy vouchers are part of how the measure will create an opt in public funding system for mayor, city council and city attorney races. This is similar to the proposal put forward in 2013 that just barely missed approval.

**Les Treall and Chris Weiss registering voters and supporting our candidates at the Morgan Junction Festival. The saying on Chris's shirt, is "I don't believe in the private ownership of public officials."**



# 34th District Bulletin Board

## **34th District Democrats Meetings**

All meetings of the 34th District Democrats are open to any of our members.

### **Executive Board**

Wednesday, July 15, a little later this month: 7:15 p.m.  
Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House 7020 - 18th Ave SW

### **Other Meetings and Events**

#### **Drinking Liberally in Seattle**

Tuesday, July 7, 6:00 p.m. and  
Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 p.m.  
Pizzeria 22, 4213 College St

#### **Drinking Liberally in Burien**

Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m.  
Mark Restaurant and Bar,  
918 SW 152nd in Old Burien

#### **Evergreen Democratic Club**

Tuesday, July 14, 11:30 a.m.  
to 1:30 p.m., 601 SW 153rd

#### **Second Thursday Democrats**

Thursday, July 9, 1130 a.m.  
Daystar, across from Westwood Village on Barton St.

#### **West Seattle Democratic Women**

Thursday, July 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
West Seattle Golf Course

#### **Metropolitan Democratic Club**

12 noon to 1:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
Plaza 600 Bldg., 6th and Stewart, Site 208

#### **King County Democrats**

Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N

#### **Our Volunteer Day at the White Center Food Bank**

Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.  
Contact Aileen Sisson at 206-747-0802 if you can help.

## **Outreach Events**

July is always a busy month for the Outreach Committee: parades, community events, and we are there for almost all of them. People are needed for tabling at festivals and marching in parades. Contact Steve Butts for more information or to volunteer: 206-935-0798, or 206-228-7745 Cell, or [swbutts@comcast.net](mailto:swbutts@comcast.net)

Listed below are the outreach events through August 8:

**Burien 4th of July Parade**, Saturday, July 4, 3:00 p.m., assemble at 2:00 p.m. at 6th Ave SW & SW 151st

#### **West Seattle Summer Fest,**

Friday, July 10, and Saturday, July 11: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
West Seattle Junction

#### **White Center Jubilee Days,**

Saturday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
17th Ave SW between 98th and 102nd

#### **West Seattle Grand Parade**

Saturday, July 18, 11:00 a.m., Assemble at 10:00 a.m.  
at California and Lander

**White Center Jubilee Days Parade, Sunday, July 19, 11:00 Assemble at 10:00 a.m. at 16th SW and SW 112th**

**Fiestas Patrias Parade and Fair, TBA**

## **West Seattle Meaningful Movies**

There will be no movie for July; the next movie is "Heist Who Stole the American Dream" which will be shown on Saturday, August 1.

*Heist Who Stole the American Dream?* reveals how American corporations orchestrated the dismantling of middle-class prosperity through rampant deregulation, the outsourcing of jobs, and tax policies favoring businesses and the wealthy. The collapse of the U.S. economy is the result of conscious choices made over thirty-five years by a small group: leaders of corporations and their elected allies, and the biggest lobbying interest in Washington, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. To these individuals, the collapse is not a catastrophe, but rather the planned outcome of their long, patient work. For the rest of the country, it is merely the biggest heist in American history.

# Celebrate Our 20th Annual Garden Party and Auction

Join the  
**34th District Democrats**  
For our 20th Annual  
**Garden Party and Auction**

**The Roaring Twenties**  
Prize for best costume

**Friday, August 21,**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Taff Bethaday Center**  
**605 SW 108th St**  
**White Center**



**Membership Donation/Admission**  
Includes great food, refreshments,  
A Costume Contest, and Surprises!

**Pre-Auction:**  
\$45 individual, \$80 couple

**At the Gate:**  
\$50 individual, \$90 couple

To donate an item,  
contact Procurement Chair:  
Tamsen Spengler 206 -261-3586  
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To volunteer or if you have questions,  
contact: Karen Chilcutt  
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## Prize for Best Costume

Our theme this year is The Roaring Twenties, the era of flappers, clubmen and sheiks, of bathtub gin and speakeasies. And fabulous costumes. What could be more fun than wearing a costume from that era! A costume is not required, but think of how much fun it is to wear one. and you do want to win that prize, you know you do.



**Contact Information and  
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for Our Legislators**

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**Candidates for August 4 Primary Election  
Endorsed by the 34th District Democrats**

**Seattle City Council**

District 1: Shannon Braddock and Lisa Herbold

District 8: Tim Burgess and Jonathan Grant

District 9: Bill Bradburd and Lorena Gonzalez

**King County**

District 8: Joe McDermott

Assessor: Lloyd Hara

Director of Elections:

Zach Hudgins and Christopher Roberts

**Seattle School Board of Directors**

Position 6: Leslie Harris

**Port of Seattle**

Position 5: Ken Rogers and Norman Sigler

**Burien City Council**

Position 6: Austin Bell

**Southwest Suburban Sewer District**

Position 3: Susan Genzale

**Treasurer's Report for July, 2015**

Balance as of May 29, 2015 .....	\$13,710.86
Add Revenues .....	870.00
Less Expenses .....	613.47
Balance as of June 26, 2015 .....	\$13,967.39

**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 August newsletter is Friday, July 31. Mail to Jackie Dupras, 1920 46th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116 or jdupras@quidnunc.net. Phone: 935-9683.



## **Resolution Concerning Protection of Pollinators from Misapplication of Herbicides**

Whereas: Pollinators, both native and managed, are an important part of the King County ecosystem;

Whereas: Recently, pollinators have been adversely affected by poorly timed application of both herbicides and pesticides, specifically while plants are in bloom and being actively worked by pollinators;

Whereas: Although pesticide applications have by and large been carefully adjusted to minimize impact, the same cannot be said for herbicide applications;

Whereas: Said herbicide applications have resulted in many colony die-offs as reported by beekeepers throughout King County;

Whereas: Although managed honeybee colonies can be counted, and impacts are easy to gauge, native pollinators have no such method for accounting, but are affected in a like manner;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That the 34th District Democrats vote to urge King County and the City of Seattle to adopt pollinator-friendly methods to control unwanted vegetation, including mechanical removal wherever practical.

Be it further resolved that:

If herbicides must be used, agencies should adopt policies that exclude chemical application of herbicides and pesticides to flowering plants and while said plants are actively being foraged by pollinators.

Be it further resolved that:

Upon adoption of this resolution, the 34th District Democrats will direct the secretary to forward copies of it to: Dow Constantine, King County Executive <kcexec@kingcounty.gov>; Steven Burke, Noxious Weeds Knotweed Control <Steven-J.Burke@kingcounty.gov>; Council member Rod Dembowski, Chair of the Transportation, Economy, and Environmental Committee <rod.dembowski@kingcounty.gov>; Council member Joe McDermott [joe.mcdermott@kingcounty.gov](mailto:joe.mcdermott@kingcounty.gov); the King County Democrats; and the Washington State Democrats; expressing the will of the membership of the 34th District Democrats.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Bob Combs \_\_\_\_\_

Ivan Weiss

Marcee Stone-Vekich, Chair, 34<sup>th</sup> Dems

## **Notes from the June 23 meeting of the King County Democratic Central Committee**

Chair Rich Erwin began the 2-3/4 hour meeting with a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting at the Emanuel AME church in Charleston, SC. 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair Caesar Robinson urged us to carry forward the messages coming out of the African American community as we seek their votes. Caesar said that we need to make our candidates address Black male unemployment, and to encourage more African Americans to join our LD organizations.

Tim Burns, chair of the 30<sup>th</sup> LD announced the opening of a campaign office for the 11 candidates running in that district, notably Carol Gregory. Maria Leninger from Adam Smith's office told us of his votes against fast track approval for the TPP, and his support of the assistance package for displaced US workers resulting from this trade agreement. She noted that the funding for this aid has been changed, and will not be taken from Medicare. Linda Isenson, Chair of the Pierce County Democrats informed us that there will be a booth at the Puyallup Fair. Volunteers will get free admission and parking for the day for working a 4-hour shift.

The Chair's report focused on the June 28<sup>th</sup> Pride Parade, and an upcoming KC Democrat day of doorbelling for Carol Gregory on July 25<sup>th</sup>. A resolution was passed commending the Seattle City Council for recognizing the Freedom Flag that is held dear by the Vietnamese community.

The main portion of the meeting involved the endorsement of candidates in 37 races across King County. Eight races were pulled from the slate of candidates recommended by the Endorsements Committee, most were races in Seattle. The results of those were as follows:

Port of Seattle, Pos. 5 - Fred Felleman  
Seattle City Council Dist. 1- Lisa Herbold and Brianna Thomas  
Seattle City Council Dist. 4 - Tony Provine  
Seattle City Council Dist. 8 - John Roderick and Jon Grant  
Seattle City Council Dist. 9 - Lorena Gonzalez and Bill Bradburd  
Seattle School Board Pos.6 -Leslie Harris

The remainder of the endorsements can be found at the King County Democrats Website: <https://www.kcdems.org/endorsements/>

Due to the meeting length, several of the committees did not report. However, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Omaha Sternberg did report to us that the Finance Committee will be seeking to call upon past high-end donors for donations, and that problems with the KC Democrats online donation site have been fixed.

*Steve Butts and Martha Koester  
King County Committeepersons*

# In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 by First Vice Chair Ted Barker, who filled in for Chair Marcee Stone who was out of town.

Treasurer Karen Chilcutt reported that we collected \$798 in revenue, including \$615 in membership dues. Expenses were \$1,704, including a \$1,034 donation to the King County Democrats (KCDCC). The ending balance was \$13,749.

Lois Schipper reported that we netted about \$1,200 from the South King County Spaghetti Feed fundraiser.

We then moved on to the candidate forum, followed by endorsements.

For position 5, the following candidates were nominated: Darrell Bryan, Fred Felleman, Mark Hennon, Ken Rogers, and Norman Sigler, and Marion Yoshino. No candidate drew 60%, so the top two vote getters, Ken Rogers with 30% and Norman Sigler with 28% moved on to a second ballot. Neither candidate received 60%, so a vote on dual endorsement was taken, which passed easily.

Joe McDermott spoke about the Best Starts for Kids levy. Cost would be 14 cents per \$1,000 of assessed home value over 6 years, costing the average homeowner approximately \$56. per year for the average homeowner.

Two candidates were nominated for King County Elections Director: Zach Hudgins and Christopher Roberts. Neither candidate received 60% so the body moved to a dual endorsement which passed unanimously.

Jon Scherer, candidate for Burien City Council Position 4 was not present, so no endorsement was made for that position.

Austin Bell was endorsed for Burien City Council Position 6 by acclamation.

A resolution urging recognition of the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag was proposed. Ann Martin moved to support the resolution, and Linh Chai spoke about the importance of passing this resolution. The motion passed unanimously. A summary of the resolution is printed on the next column

There were no PCO appointments.

Martha Koester nominated Susan Genzale for Southwest Suburban Sewer District Position 3. She was endorsed easily.

## Good of the Order

Leslie Harris spoke about her candidacy for Seattle School Board Position 6 and invited members to her Camp Long kickoff on June 17.

Representatives from two presidential campaigns spoke: Martin O'Malley's and Bernie Sanders' campaigns.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

## Summary of a Resolution passed by the membership Urging Recognition of the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag

Over two million Vietnamese people seeking a new life left Vietnam, and approximately 48,000 Vietnamese-Americans and others of Vietnamese descent settled in King County. These Vietnamese-Americans have a long history of contributing to the business, economic development, and culture of King County. They own and operate approximately 3,000 businesses with gross sales and receipts of \$446 million annually, while paying \$56 million in taxes per year and employing many Washingtonians.

Vietnamese-Americans have excelled in engineering, government, architecture, education, medicine, acting, music, sculpture and writing, greatly enhancing the quality of life in Seattle.

The vast majority of Vietnamese-Americans embrace the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag as a symbol of their heritage and promotion of freedom in their country of origin. Recognition of the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag is a recognition of the more than 58,000 American service men and women who lost their lives in defense of liberty, and of the many thousands of living Vietnam War veterans who likewise deserve our thanks and respect.

The mayors of three King County cities, including Seattle, have issued proclamations recognizing the valuable contributions of their respective Vietnamese-American communities, and recognize the flag that serves as their symbol.

In this 40th anniversary year of the end of U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, it is fitting that more formal recognition be granted to the continuing contributions of our Vietnamese-American communities.

Therefore, be it resolved that we urge the Seattle City Council to recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Vietnamese-American community and support its display at community events and appropriate locations in Seattle; and

Be it Further Resolved that we encourage other cities and counties to similarly recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom flag as the symbol of our nation's Vietnamese-American community.

The Seattle City Council passed this resolution on June 23 with only one "no" vote from Kshama Sawant.





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