



34th District Democrats

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Chair's Message for May - PCO Filing Week, May 16 - 20

Every two years, the elected structure of local Democratic Party dissolves and reforms itself. In December, the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) will hold a reorganization meeting and elect a new board of officers.* At our January meeting, the 34th District Democrats will hold our reorganization meeting and elect a new Chair and Executive Board. Elected PCOs and ONLY ELECTED PCOs, get to vote in these elections.

To be elected (or re-elected) as a PCO in your precinct, you MUST file for election during filing week, May 16-20. The 34th Democrats are not allowed to appoint PCOs to fill vacant precincts until after the board is elected.

The first step is to file to run for PCO with King County Elections. There is NO filing fee. When you run, you are filing to be a candidate for public office and your information is accessible by the public. If more than one person files for the same precinct, their names will be on the ballot for the August primary. If you are unopposed, you will not be on the ballot, but you will be considered elected.

The filing period for online filing is from 9:00 AM Monday May 16 until 4:00 PM Friday May 20. To file, go to King County Election's Home Page. Scroll down and on the left is a list of tasks. Click on "more tasks". An expanded list will come up. In the right column, click on "run for office." Find "online PCO filing" and complete the form and submit it.

If you don't want to file online, you can print the "PCO declaration of candidacy" from the Paper Forms section below the online filing and mail it to, or take it to, King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057 and file in person. The time line for paper filings is expanded. It starts 10 business days earlier, May 2.

ALL FILINGS MUST BE AT KING COUNTY ELECTIONS BY 4 PM MAY 20, regardless of post marks or other circumstances. Mailed Declarations of Candidacy may be submitted in advance up to ten business days (May 2) before the filing period begins, but online filing MUST occur between 9:00 AM Monday May 16, and 4:00 PM Friday, May 20. Early arrivals will be returned to the candidate and late arrivals will not be accepted, so be timely. It's best to file on the first day and verify later that you are on the list, so there are no mistakes. If you are unclear what your precinct is, you can use the "precinct finder" on KCDCC's web site, or ask Les Treall at 206.948.5423 to check for you.

PCO Filing website: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/for-candidates.aspx>

Precinct finder: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/elections/maps/find-my-districts.aspx>

*Please note many current officers will be stepping down including the current chair.

May 11, 2016 Meeting Notice

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

Program

7:00 - Call to Order

7:05 - Chair Report

7:10 - Endorsements*

Possible Slate:

Candidates

Initiatives

Then:

Other Possible Candidates Considered

Other Possible Initiatives Considered

8:30 - Further Business

Old Business

New Business

Appointment of PCOs

8:45 - Good of the Order

9:00 - Adjournment

*Endorsement Rules Found Here:

<http://www.34dems.org/laws-committee>

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Please join
**Gary Gates & Mike Beary, Noreen McCormack,
and Marcee Stone-Vekich**
in supporting

Sunday, May 15
3:00 PM — 4:30 PM

At the home of Gary Gates & Mike Beary
2100 Fairmount Ave SW, Seattle

Suggested Contribution Levels*
Benefactor \$2700 - Sponsor \$1000 - Advocate \$500
Friend \$250 - Guest \$100

**Contributions of any amount greatly appreciated!*

Please RSVP to Peter at (206) 328-2969 or events@joemcdermott.org
Contribute or RSVP online at www.JoeMcDermott.org

Note from the Chair:

Our endorsement meeting is coming up soon. Be sure to check our bylaws and endorsement rules on our website at

<http://www.34dems.org/laws-committee>.

Please note that in order to vote at our May 11, 2016 endorsement meeting, you must have become a member by the end of our last meeting on April 13th. Unless you were a member in 2015, then you can renew your membership and vote on May 11th.

This means that if you became a member the day of the Legislative District Caucus on April 17, 2016, you will not be able to vote on May 11th. By way of clarification: This rule wasn't implemented to prevent new members from participating but as a way to prevent abuse by campaigns. It prevents padding our membership at the 11th hour with campaign supporters whose sole purpose is to put their candidate or campaign issue over the top.

If you became a new member since April 17, 2016, you will have voting membership status by our June 8th meeting where more endorsements will more than likely be considered.

Thank you for your cooperation.

34th District Bulletin Board

34th District Democrats Meetings

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

Executive Board

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 18th Ave SW
Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 College St.
Tuesday, May 3
Any time after 6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
Tuesday, May 10, 11:30 a.m.

Burien Drinking Liberally

Mark Restaurant
Wednesday, May 25, 7:00

West Seattle Democratic Women

Check westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information

Metropolitan Democratic Club

Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St
2nd and 1st Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.
May 11.....Rescheduled to Thursday, May 12
May 25.....Rescheduled to Thursday, May 26

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 24
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N
Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.

PCO Committee Meeting

Uptown Espresso, California and Edmonds
Wednesday, May 4, 7:00



Dow Constantine's Annual Filing Week Luncheon

Friday, May 20, Noon
Washington State Convention Center
800 Convention Place

Join County Executive Dow Constantine for his annual filing week luncheon featuring scholar and author Margaret O'Mara who will discuss pivotal presidential elections of the past century. All guests are invited to a post-luncheon reception and signing of her new book *Pivotal Tuesdays*.

Join as a table captain or individual sponsor -
RSVP online at
DowConstantine.com or contact Sarah via email at
events@dowconstantine.com, or at 206.328.2969.

Break Free from Fossil Fuels Action Days - May 13-15

As part of a global movement to keep fossil fuels in the ground and transition to a just and 100% renewable energy future, thousands of people will be gathering in Anacortes WA to send the message that climate change is a crisis and business as usual is not acceptable. Global temperature records are being set monthly; the Arctic Ocean ice pack is at record lows, rising ocean temperatures and acidification are causing massive destruction of coral reefs, and extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and more severe.

The Break Free actions on May 13-15 are being organized by 350.org and other environmental and social justice organizations. Anacortes was chosen as a convergence site because of the Shell and Tesoro Anacortes refineries located nearby. Saturday May 14 is the big day for mass, family-friendly activities, that will include the "It's in Our Hands" Indigenous Day of Action procession and rally, a solutions fair, a traditional salmon dinner, and kayaktivism on the water. Some groups are planning non-violent civil disobedience at other times over the weekend. For information about the Break Free actions in Anacortes May 13-15, to sign up for a reserved campsite in Deception Pass State Park or to volunteer: <http://breakfreepnw.org/>. There are some excellent articles about the impacts on workers and families of transitioning from fossil fuel to renewables on the Break Free Blog: <http://breakfreepnw.org/blog/>.

Submitted by Stu Yarfitz

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Washington State Democratic Convention

Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center
1500 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402

June 17 - 19

Convention Agenda for Saturday June 18

7:00 AM Registration
7:30 AM State Party Breakfast
9:00 AM Call to Order
12:00 PM Lunch
1:15 PM Call to Order

You can find all convention-related information at
www.wa-democrats.org/convention

Thanks to all that attended and participated
at the 2016 34th Legislative District Caucus.

Congratulations to those who will progress to
the May 21 7th CD Caucuses and the State
Democratic Convention on June 18.

Delegates and Alternates for Hillary Clinton

Men

Jonathan Long
Ted Barker
Jack Sorenson
Ryan Lewis
Brett Veling

Men Alternates

1. James Soares
2. JK Jaganathan
3. Jeffrey Cacy

Women

Olivia Gobert-Hicks
Marcee Stone-Vekich
Ann Martin
Victoria Lynn Thoms Hanna
Kathy Marshall
Victoria Rozkowski

Women Alternates

1. Samuella Samanielo
2. Heather Grace Barker
3. Jane Neubauer

Delegates and Alternates for Bernie Sanders

Men

Gene Kuhns
Jacob Simons
Jacob Holt
Andrew Lum
Chris Porter
Isaac Roter
Hart Heffelfinger
Erik Waananen
Ramandeep Mann
Deyo Esquivel
Stephen Hunter
Robert Fuentes
Walter Smith

Men Alternates

1. Ilyas Sheikh-Ali
2. Mark Peloquin
3. Arturo Ortiz
4. Lawrence Yurdin
5. Eric Scheider
6. Philip Craft
7. Jonathan Agnew

Women

Deanna Chew-Freidenberg
Jaqueline Morris
Alessandra Whitford
Bunny Hatcher
Dinea Evans
Karen Sticklin
Amirah Ziada
Lauren Taubman
Lynne Cooney
Rachel Glass
Elena Justin Eiamas
Angela Kristoff
Rajaa Gharbi
Danielle Buchanan

Women Alternates

1. Susan Harmon
2. Rebekah Lasala
3. Joslin Roth
4. Nickolett Norberg
5. Jenny Chhim
6. Sarah Milicl



**Sights from the April 17, 2016
34th LD Caucus**

Photos by Richard Bartlett



**The Next Step for Delegates and Alternates
Elected on April 17th
Is the
7th Congressional District Caucus
Saturday, May 21, 2016
Registration 8:00 a.m., convenes at 9:30
At North Seattle College Campus Wellness Center Building
9600 College Way N. Seattle, WA 98103
Purpose: Election of 12 delegates to the
National Convention.**



In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .

Chair report – Marcee Stone-Vekich introduced herself and Ted Barker and welcomed the membership. She gave a brief overview of the caucuses; about 12,000 attended. In addition to the candidate forum, there were individuals speaking about Initiative 123. Announcements were made for the April 24th fundraiser for Joe McDermott, and a Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action meeting on April 28.

State Treasurer race candidate Alec Fiskin introduced himself and spoke on his behalf. Karen Porterfield and Dave Upthegrove each spoke to why they are seeking election Commissioner of Public lands. We also heard arguments for and against Initiative 123, which would replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct with an elevated park. Kate Martin spoke in favor and Carol Binder asked that we vote against it.

General Meeting Program– Candidate Forum

State Auditor – Jeff Sprung introduced himself and answered questions, such as: How will you restore confidence in the auditor’s office? Describe your vision for tax reform and fairness and do you support sun setting corporate tax subsidies?

How would you prioritize financial and performance audits for the thousands of agencies in the state? The other candidate, Patricia McCarthy, was not present.

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction – Chris Reykdahl, Erin Jones, and Larry Seaquist introduced themselves and answered questions from the chair. The other candidate, Robin Fleming, was not present. Questions include: Year round schools – do you agree and if so, how would you do it? All of the candidates supported it. What is your support of in school suspensions & how do we decrease expulsions? Who are the contributors to your campaign – charter schools, vouchers, Teach for America, Stand for Children, League of Education Voters, testing companies, groups that support privatization of public education, education reform supporters? What is your plan to even the playing field for children of color?

Lieutenant Governor – Senators Karen Fraser and Cyrus Habib introduced themselves and spoke about their candidacy. They then answered questions from the chair: How would your approach to Lieutenant Governor be different from the current Lieutenant Governor? What could be done to make the Senate more responsive to the will of the voters? Which endorsement are you most proud of receiving in this race and why? A third candidate, State Rep. James Moeller, was not present.

Treasurer’s report – Karen Chilcutt provided the treasurer’s report after the candidate forum. Our beginning balance on March 9 was \$11,113. We received \$12,353 in revenue; most as donations from the caucuses. Expenses were \$13,679, including \$12,005 for the caucuses and \$999 for organizational expenses. The ending balance on April 13 was \$9,787.

Caucus Overview – Marcee thanked the volunteers for their work on the precinct caucuses, and gave an overview on the LD Caucuses held Sunday, April 17. Marcee discussed the process and eligibility rules. Marcee explained how alternates would be seated, and the new rule that alternates can be seated in precincts not their own. Susan Harmon moved that Marcee appoint a chair and tally person for each presidential preference group. Speakers for and against the motion were invited to speak. After hearing arguments, Marcee declined to appoint the representatives in advance. Following discussion, the membership voted against the motion.

Appointment of PCOs – PCO Committee Chair Les Treall introduced new PCO nominees: Eric Thomas, 34-1446; Rachel Glass, 34-1497; Jennifer Knutson, 34-1252; and Joslin Roth, 34-1464. All were elected unanimously.

Report from KCDCC Meeting of April 26, 2016

We heard from judicial candidates Laura Gibson (KCD Court SW #3) and Lisa Paglisotti (KCD Court W #1)

We heard a report from Rep Adam Smith's office. He is opposed to TPP, and supports Initiative 1433. As a superdelegate, he will support the candidate with the most pledged delegates.

The rules for the King County Convention were modified and approved. The rule for adding new material to the platform and resolutions was modified to require 50 copies being made and approved by the signatures of 50 delegates. A flag for deletion requires the support of 50 delegates. An amendment to disallow endorsements of candidates and ballot measures was added.

The recommended slate of endorsements was approved after pulling the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mike Kriedler (Insurance Commissioner, Mark Mullet (5th LD Senate), Jason Ritchie (State Rep. LD 5 #1), Darcy Burner (State Rep. LD 5 #2), Mike Pellicciotti (State Rep. LD 30 #1), Sharry Edwards (State Rep. LD 30 #2), Roger Goodman (State Rep. LD 45 #1), Barbara Madsen (State Supreme Court #5), Charles Wiggins (State Supreme Court #6) and Mary Yu (State Supreme Court #1) were endorsed. The endorsement of Erin Jones for Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction was reaffirmed. Chris Reykdal was also nominated for endorsement for this office, but the motion failed.

1st Vice-Chair and Finance Committee Chair Omaha Sternberg has been the interim Treasurer, and the new treasurer Jayson Morris was introduced. The County Convention (May 1st at Oliver M. Hazen High School, 1101 Hoquiam Avenue NE, Renton) will be a major fundraising opportunity.

The next Legislative Action Committee meeting will be at the Shoreline Library on May 15th at 2:30pm.

New Business. Initiative 1560, a conservative attack on transgendered people, has been filed and signatures are being gathered. The body approved a motion against the bill. I 735 on campaign financing was endorsed. Kate Martin spoke on behalf of Seattle's Initiative 123 to be voted on in August for an elevated park along the waterfront. The South King County Spaghetti Dinner will be held on June 4th; tickets will be \$25.

*Submitted by Martha Koester,
King County Committeewoman*



The West Seattle Food Bank invites you to:

The 9th Annual Instruments of Change Dinner Auction Saturday May 14th,

at The Seattle Design Center
beginning at 5:30pm

Tickets are \$100/person or \$1000/table.

The evening's festivities include a hosted happy hour, activities, liquor tasting and a silent auction. Guests will then enjoy a 3-Course dinner by Tuxedo & Tennis Shoes, our famous dessert dash, with a program and live auction.

Please RSVP by May 6 to Judi Yazzolino at 206.932.9032 or judi@westseattlefoodbank.org.

Treasurer's Report for April 2016

Balance as of March 31, 2016 Newsletter	\$ 9,948.86
Plus Prior Mo. Adjustment	\$ 3,004.80
Add Revenues	\$ 7,982.00
Less Expenses	\$ 9,094.89
Balance as of April 28, 2016	\$ 11,84.77



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