

KING COUNTY DEMS

JULY 22, 2014

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Fellow Democrats,

I am so honored to have the opportunity to be speaking to you in the stead of our chair.

If we have ever spent any amount of time together chances are I have spoken to you about my nephew.

Just this week he called me and asked me what it meant to be a Democrat. As as long as I have worked for democratic candidates and causes I've never been asked the question. Immediately the first things that came to my mind where the standard responses. "We are the property of the people. We fight for those who can't fight for themselves." His response was astounding. In a manner that only a four-year-old can he replied with a simple yet profound question that I now ask you, "what does that mean? "

So many times we do this work and it becomes almost automatic. We forget exactly why we do what we do and what it means not only to us but to the lives of those we serve. My answer to him after some thought was simple. It means we are the party that believed that the government has no right to dictate to a woman what she can and cannot do with her body. It means that we are the party that believes that diversity serves as a tremendous asset to any organization and our country and never serves as a detriment to it. It means that we are the party that believes our country works best when we put people not profit, greed or corporations first. That's what it means to be a democrat. But what it also means is that if we fail so Does the fabric of our country. We have a responsibility not only to ourselves but to our mission to ensure that we are in the best possible position to put fulfill that mission. This is why on last week I, along with other members of the executive Council, assembled ourselves together in an emergency retreat. Currently we are not in a position to fulfill our mission.

This is something that must be immediately addressed.

In the coming days and weeks you will begin to see the recommendations from our retreat brought to you. These recommendations come after careful deliberation by the officers. I am proud to say that each recommendation that will be brought to you will come with the unanimous consent of each of the participants of the retreat.

My mom used to always tell me that before you can fix a problem you must understand and acknowledge that there is one. We have done so and we are confident that after we implement these changes we will be in a strong position to fulfill our mission and produce positive change for our organization.

In a world where our values are consistently under attack we must rely on our mission, who we are and what it means to be a Democrat to produce the passion that is required to fulfill our mission. We must do everything within our power to ensure that the state of our organization is strong because our mission is truly too big to fail.

—Ken Taylor, KCDCC 2nd Vice Chair

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JULY AGENDA

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6:30 p.m.	Social	
7:00 p.m.	Call to Order	Ken Taylor (for Karl de Jong)
7:02 p.m.	Flag Salute	
7:05 p.m.	Chair's Welcome	Ken Taylor (for Karl de Jong)
7:10 p.m.	Approval of the Agenda	
	Approval of the June Minutes	Jen Minich
7:15 p.m.	Legislative District Reports	Legislative District Chairs / Representatives
	Program: TBA	
7:30 p.m.		
8:00 p.m.	Platform, Resolutions, & Bylaws	Dean Fournier & Joel Ware
8:20 p.m.	Treasurer Report	Dave Fish
8:30 p.m.	Committee Reports	
8:55 p.m.	Good of the Order	
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

NOTICE ITEMS

1. There will be three (3) resolutions up for a vote.
2. There will be two contribution requests for consideration (see email).

**THERE WILL BE
NO KCDCC EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING IN AUGUST.**

**Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, September 23**

Next Leadership Council meeting will be
September 7

King County Democrats

Primary Watch Party

Tuesday, August 5th

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Berliner Pub

**221 Main Ave S
Renton, WA 98057**

Suggested donation: \$10.00

We cordially invite you to watch the primary results with your King County Democrats! The Berliner Pub is proud to host our event and candidates and campaigns are welcomed to attend!

If you have any questions or you're curious about logistics, please contact your First Vice Chair, Christina Lewis, at christinal.youmatter@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!

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JUNE 24, 2014

King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Carpenters' Hall 231 Burnett Ave N Renton, WA 98057

June 24, 2014 7:00 – 9:20 pm

Call to Order, Flag Salute, Chair's Welcome

- KCDCC Chair Karl de Jong called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- Pierce County Democratic Chair Jeannine Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The KCDCC Chair gave an introductory welcome speech which is found in the Program. The KCDCC Chair recognized teachers, the Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Committee, and people who attended the State Convention.
- The Chair of the Candidate Support Committee Michael Martin moved, and it was seconded, and passed for Marvin Rosete to be appointed to the Candidate Support Committee.
- Chair of the 37th Legislative District (LD) Michael Wolfe and the KCDCC Chair thanked the members who provided food in the back of the hall.

Approval of the May Minutes

- The Chair of the 37th LD made a motion, which was seconded by Elections Committee Chair Noel Renggli, and passed to approve the May minutes by acclamation. The motion passed.

Approval of the Agenda

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the agenda by consensus to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Legislative District and Young Democrats Reports

- Chair of the 37th LD Michael Wolfe reported that summer is Get out the Vote, and they are hosting a picnic on Sunday, August 24 from 3 -7pm at Judkins Park 1119 23rd Ave S, Seattle.
- Bob Loeliger (33rd LD) reported that the 33rd LD endorsed three Democrats in the 33rd, Representatives Owall, Gregerson, and Senator Keiser.
- Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) reported that they had an endorsements meeting, followed by a Forum on education. Their picnic is on July 12th at Maple Leaf Park.
- Chair of the 47th LD Tyler Page announced their support of Representative Pat Sullivan, Chris Barringer for House, and Carol Barber for Senate.
- KCDCC Intern Tony Buhr announced that he is looking for donations of ice coolers, grills, and other items for the picnic. There will be a DJ, too. The event is from 3:30pm-8:30pm on July 12.
- Chair of the 34th LD Marcee Stone-Vekich announced that the South Park Bridge is re-opening Monday. There will be a dedication on Sunday at 3pm, and the party begins at noon. They purchased Empower Engine and are drilling down to find unregistered voters for their voter registration drive. There is going to be a Luau at the Lake Garden Party on Friday, August 15th at 6pm with an auction and dinner. It's at the Bethaday Community Learning Space/Lakewood Park 605 SW 108th St Seattle, WA 98146. The picnic is scheduled for July 30

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at 6pm at Lincoln Park Shelter 3.

- King County Young Democratic Chair Betsy Walker reported that the Young Democrats are doorbelling for Representative Tami Green on Saturday. On Sunday, at the Pride Brunch, they will have \$20 t-shirts.
- Delegate Jeff Sandys (32nd LD) announced that their picnic will be on July 12 from 11-4 at Lynndale Park, 18927 72 Ave W Lynnwood, WA, and the cost is \$25 for a family.
- Political Director for Congressman Smith Rebecca Bryant introduced Field Organizer Nishi (nishi—at- electadamsmith.com). She also spoke about Congressman Smith's efforts with Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act.
- Political Director for Congresswoman DelBene Erin Chevront introduced Field Organizers Amanda and Connor. She said they are offering a High School program for high-schoolers to get involved in politics.
- The KCDCC Chair recognized the electeds present in the room.
- The KCDCC Chair honored Al Garman, who is not here tonight, who is recovering from surgery.
- Pierce County Democratic Chair Jeannine Mitchell mentioned that the cost of a booth at the Washington State Fair is \$3,000. The Washington State Democrats donated \$1600. Volunteer shifts are open from September 5-21, and donations are welcome. Your volunteer shift comes with a free ticket to the fair.

Program on King County Transit Funding

- A panel consisting of King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, Andrew Glass-Hastings from Seattle Mayor Ed Murray's Office, and Chris Arkills from King County Executive Dow Constantine's Office provided an educational forum on the topic of King County transit funding. They answered fourteen questions.
- The KCDCC Chair thanked the panelists for educating the KCDCC about transit funding in King County.
- A motion was made, seconded by the Chair of the 34th LD Marcee Stone Vekich to table indefinitely recommending either proposal. This was a non-debatable motion, and it passed.

Commemoration

- Delegate Janet Way (34th LD) was recognized for a moment of personal privilege to commemorate that one year ago Wendy Davis was not yielding for women's rights in Texas.

Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws (PRB) Committee

- Two resolutions were submitted for consideration related to the King County Metro budget. A motion was made, then seconded by the Chair of the 34th LD to table indefinitely recommending either resolution. This was a non-debatable motion, and it passed.
- The "Protecting Apostates from Hate Crimes" resolution was brought out of committee, considered and passed. Delegate Christina Lee (33rd LD) had a question, which was answered.
- The "Need for Timely Transparency in Growth Management Decisions" resolution was brought out of committee, was considered and passed.
- The "Resolution in Support of Culvert Replacement" was brought out of committee, was considered and passed. Delegate Brian Gunn (31st LD) asked a question, and the answer was that this resolution was adopted at the State Democratic level.
- Delegate Christina Lee (33rd LD) and Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) asked about the status of the resolution "Resolution for Reform of Vacancy Appointment Procedures" and specifically why it was not considered at the State Convention. Secretary Jennifer Minich read an

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excerpt of the minutes from the end of the King County Convention meeting in which a motion was made to send the submitted resolutions to the PBR committee for review, which passed with 37 votes. Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Co-Chair Dean Fournier added that there was a misunderstanding, but that it is being submitted to the State Committee. The KCDCC Chair and KCDCC State Committeewoman Ann Martin each spoke. A current status report of all of the resolutions submitted at the County Convention was presented by the Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Co-Chair Dean Fournier.

Finance & Development Committee

- Vice Chair Christina Lewis announced that she has been outreaching with local businesses.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer David Fish reported a balance of \$3,432.42 on June 9th.
- The 46th LD Executive Board requests a list of promised campaign donations and what has been sent.
- Thank you, Legislative Action Chair Bob Rosenberger, for your donation.
- Delegate Linda Clifton (43rd LD) and the Chair of the 34th LD thanked the Treasurer for a copy of the budget and asked for an electronic copy.
- The Pride Parade is Sunday, June 29.
- State Senator Maralyn Chase is in a contested race. The Chair of the 37th LD made a motion, which was seconded by Elections Committee Chair Noel Renggli, and passed to donate \$500 to Senator Chase's campaign. Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) spoke in favor. The motion passed.
- Delegate Christina Lee made a motion, which was seconded, to issue payment to the Pierce County Democrats for \$300 to participate in the Washington State Fair, formerly known as the Puyallup Fair. Delegate Linda Clifton (43rd LD) asked if this motion requires suspension of the rules, and the response was that the funds are identified in the budget and pre-approved in the budget, so no suspension is needed. KCDCC 3rd Vice Chair Roger Crew brought attention to Bylaw Section 10.4. Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) added that it is in order because it is a political committee. The Chair of the 34th LD added that it is not a campaign contribution. The KCDCC Chair added that this is acceptable per PDC rules. The motion passed.

PCO/Membership Committee

- The KCDCC Picnic will be held on July 12th in Downtown Bellevue Park at 3pm and donations of grills, propane, coolers, etc. are being accepted by Intern Tony Buhr.
- New interns are being recruited. Welcome Rachel who is hoping to become an intern.

Adjourn

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Minich

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Finance and Development

The King County Democratic Central Committee (“KCDCC”) has reintroduced advertisement space in their monthly newsletter and on their website. This opportunity is available to Democratic candidates and businesses throughout Washington State. For inquiries or to submit an advertisement, please contact, First Vice Chair, Christina Lewis, at christinal.youmatter@gmail.com.

F A Q on Ads

Who can participate? Democratic candidates and businesses throughout Washington State can submit advertisements for our newsletter and website.

Can non-endorsed candidates apply? Absolutely! Non-endorsed candidates can purchase ad space. Ad space is available on a first come, first served basis; however, candidates endorsed by KCDCC are given priority should space be limited.

How many words can I submit? Please do not exceed 300 characters or two paragraphs with or without an image.

Does the content matter? Your ad will be rejected if you submit “attack ads” directed at fellow Democratic candidates or outside political parties. We also reserve the right to reject ads in certain other circumstances (see below for a partial list)

What are your rates? The following rates currently apply for the options listed below:

- \$75 for quarter page **text only**
- \$100 for quarter page with **image**
- \$125 for half page **text only**
- \$150 for half page with **image**
- \$200 for full page with **image**

What are your deadlines? Advertisements must be submitted, approved and paid for no later than five business days prior to our monthly scheduled executive board meeting. Our monthly meeting is scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

How do I pay? You can make payment via KCDCC’s website (<http://www.kcdems.org/>) by entering the amount due under our donation tool. Advertisements must be paid in full before they are published.

KCDCC reserves the right to reject or discontinue any advertisement(s)

- if the candidate or campaign has been censured by our organization.
- if a business is under an investigation under the city, county, or state.
- if a business has proven that it is not aligned with fundamental Democratic values, and therefore is not a Democratic friendly establishment.
- should negative comments or statements be made publicly about KCDCC board, officers and/or its affiliates.

No Refunds: Once an ad has been approved for publication a refund will not be issued under any circumstances.

Christina Lewis, First Vice Chair and Chair of Finance and Development

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KCDCC Endorsements for the 2014 Election Season

- Initiative 594 (Background Checks on Gun Sales) – YES
- Initiative 591 (Preventing Background Checks on Gun Sales) – NO
- Seattle Proposition 1 (Parks) – YES

- U.S. House of Representatives, District 1 – Suzan DelBene
- U.S. House of Representatives, District 7 – Jim McDermott
- U.S. House of Representatives, District 8 – Jason Ritchie
- U.S. House of Representatives, District 9 – Adam Smith
- State Supreme Court, Pos. 1 – Mary Yu
- State Supreme Court, Pos. 3 – Mary Fairhurst
- State Supreme Court, Pos. 4 – Charles Johnson
- State Supreme Court, Pos. 7 – Debra Stephens
- Court of Appeals, Div. 1, Dist. 1, Pos. 1 – Michael Trickey
- King County District Court, SE Pos. 6 – Matt Williams
- King County District Court, SE Pos. 2 – David Meyer
- King County District Court, NE Pos. 1 – Janet Garrow
- King County District Court, NE Pos. 2 – Ketu Shah
- King County District Court, NE Pos. 3
– Lisa O’Toole, Rick Leo, and Marcus Naylor
- King County District Court, NE Pos. 6 – Michael Finkle
- King County District Court, NE Pos. 7 – Donna Tucker
- King County District Court, Shoreline Pos. 2 – Marcine Anderson
- King County District Court, West Pos. 1 – Johanna Bender
- King County District Court, West Pos. 2 – Mark Chow
- King County District Court, West Pos. 5 – Anne Harper
- Seattle Municipal Court, Pos. 1 – Ed McKenna
- Seattle Municipal Court, Pos. 2 – Kimi Kondo
- Seattle Municipal Court, Pos. 4 – Judith Hightower
- Seattle Municipal Court, Pos. 5 – Willie Gregory
- Seattle Municipal Court, Pos. 6 – Karen Donohue
- Seattle Municipal Court, Pos. 7 – Damon Shadid & Fred Bonner
- State House, LD 1, Pos. 1 – Derek Stanford
- State House, LD 1, Pos. 2 – Luis Moscoso
- State House, LD 5, Pos. 1 – Essie Hicks
- State House, LD 11, Pos. 1 – Zack Hudgins

- State House, LD 11, Pos. 2 – Steve Bergquist
- State Senate, LD 30 – Shari Song
- State House, LD 30, Pos. 1 – Greg Baruso
- State House, LD 30, Pos. 2 – Roger Freeman
- State Senate, LD 32 – Maralyn Chase
- State House, LD 32, Pos. 1 – Cindy Ryu
- State House, LD 32, Pos. 2 – Ruth Kagi
- State Senate, LD 33 – Karen Keiser
- State House, LD 33, Pos. 1 – Tina Orwall
- State House, LD 33, Pos. 2 – Mia Gregerson
- State Senate, LD 34 – Sharon Nelson
- State House, LD 34, Pos. 1 – Eileen Cody
- State House, LD 34, Pos. 2 – Joe Fitzgibbon
- State Senate, LD 36 – Jeanne Kohl-Welles
- State House, LD 36, Pos. 1 – Reuven Carlyle
- State House, LD 36, Pos. 2 – Gael Tarleton
- State Senate, LD 37 – Pramila Jayapal
- State House, LD 37, Pos. 2 – Eric Pettigrew
- State House, LD 39, Pos. 2 – Charles Jensen
- State House, LD 41, Pos. 1 – Tana Senn
- State House, LD 41, Pos. 2 – Judy Clibborn
- State Senate, LD 43 – Jamie Pedersen
- State House, LD 43, Pos. 1 – Brady Walkinshaw
- State House, LD 43, Pos. 2 – Speaker Frank Chopp
- State Senate, LD 45 – Matt Isenhower
- State House, LD 45, Pos. 1 – Roger Goodman
- State House, LD 45, Pos. 2 – Larry Springer
- State Senate, LD 46 – David Frockt
- State House, LD 46, Pos. 1 – Gerry Pollet
- State House, LD 46, Pos. 2 – Jessyn Farrell
- State Senate, LD 47 – Carol Barber
- State House, LD 47, Pos. 1 – Chris Barringer
- State Senate, LD 48 – Cyrus Habib
- State House, LD 48, Pos. 1 – Ross Hunter
- State House, LD 48, Pos. 2 – Joan McBride

Primary Election Ballots dropped on July 18th

In-person registration for the Primary closes on July 28th

Officers & Committees

Chair & Vice-Chairs

Karl de Jong
Christina Lewis
Ken Taylor
Roger Crew
Devon Abdallah

Secretary

Jennifer Minich

Treasurer

David Fish

State Committee

Ann Martin
Javier Valdez

Affirmative Action

OPEN

Candidate Support

Michael Martin

Communications

Ivan Weiss, Sylvia Rolle
& Justin Chan

Digital Media

OPEN

Elections

Noel Renggli

Endorsements

Michael Maddux

Finance & Development

Christina Lewis

Legislative Action

Bob Rosenberger
Joanne Cisneros

PCO Recruitment

Ken Taylor

Platform, Resolutions & Bylaws

Dean Fournier & Joel Ware

Sergeant-at-Arms

Ivan Weiss

Technology

Roger Crew

Training & Workshops

Roger Flygare

Voter Outreach/ Multicultural Networking

Devon Abdallah
Mohamed Mohamud

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Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws

We are recommending adoption of two resolutions this month, one recently adopted by the 34th District and the other by the 48th. The latter was among those submitted at our convention back in April, but required substantial research and consequential drafting to get it into a suitably convincing shape.

We have also begun consideration of how our committee will, in the coming months, carry out its duty (under Section 13.1 of the KCDCC Bylaws) to draft rules, for KCDCC adoption, to govern our Legislative Districts' coming round of biennial reorganization meetings. Your early suggestions/inputs will be most welcome.

*Dean Fournier and Joel Ware,
PRB Committee Co-chairs.*

PCO Stats

LD	# PCOs	# Pre-cincts	% Filled
1	16	44	34%
5	28	162	17%
11	43	141	30%
30	52	138	37%
31	6	52	11%
32	53	106	50%
33	92	137	66%
34	116	208	55%
36	158	240	65%
37	99	172	57%
39	0	2	0%
41	105	192	54%
43	179	209	85%
45	56	165	33%
46	124	218	55%
47	21	134	15%
48	52	175	29%
Total	1200	2495	47%

Calendar of Events

July

22th: KCDCC Executive Board

August

5th: **Primary Election**

Primary Watch Party, Berliner Pub
221 Main Ave S, Renton, 6-9pm

There is NO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING in August.

September

7th: KCDCC Leadership
23th: KCDCC Executive Board

Website

KCDems.org

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KingCountyDemocrats



RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution Opposing Implementation of the Social Security Administration's Proposed "Vision 2025"

WHEREAS the Social Security Administration (SSA) published, on March 10, 2014, a proposed "Vision 2025" plan for making online self-service its primary method of serving its clientele, eliminating direct service to clients except in very limited circumstances, and farming out much of its workload to outside organizations while eliminating its traditional full-service field offices; and

WHEREAS outside organizations serving SSA clients would be allowed to charge for services which those clients have already paid for through their FICA taxes; and

WHEREAS SSA field offices served a record 43 million visitors in 2013, and call volume to SSA's 800 number created unprecedented delays in contacting an agent; and

WHEREAS "Vision 2025" would force most U.S. workers, their families and their survivors to fend for themselves in trying to obtain benefits they have worked for all their lives; and

WHEREAS, given that SSA field office employees get 17 weeks of training and only become fully proficient in three to four years, it is patently unrealistic to expect SSA clients (who have no such training at all) to be able to navigate the system in just a few minutes online; and

WHEREAS a mandate of online enrollment essentially requires use of a computer, thus stripping SSA access and benefits away from seniors and other vulnerable populations, including people for whom English is not a first language, people who do not have and do not know how to use computers, and people with such disabilities as early-onset Alzheimer's;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge our federal lawmakers to decisively reject "Vision 2025," and instead to mandate increased funding for SSA field workers and traditional full-service field offices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to our U.S. Senators and Congressmembers, together with a request for a response as to the specific actions they will take to implement its intent, and how soon such actions may be expected to occur.

Adopted _____ by _____

Previously adopted by 34th Legislative District Democrats on June 9, 2014

Originated by Martha Koester, fomalhaut2003@yahoo.com

RESOLUTIONS

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Sexual Assault: Not a Laughing Matter on Our Network

WHEREAS sexual harassment in the military, frequently accompanied or followed by sexual assault, has become a serious and persistent problem, damaging to troop cohesion and morale; and

WHEREAS, according to [Defense Department statistics](#), sexual assaults rose more than 30% in a recently completed two-year period, from a shocking 19,300 in 2010 to an appalling 26,000 in 2012; and

WHEREAS the American Forces Radio network broadcasts news and commentary, including “The Rush Limbaugh Show,” to our military personnel in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS the Rush Limbaugh Show not only consistently exhibits tolerance for sexual harassment, it treats it as sport and encourages it – as exemplified by Mr. Limbaugh’s broadcast correlations of breast size and IQ, his suggestions that women enjoy sexual harassment and that men could more effectively harass women by asking them to have their breasts “stop staring at my eyes”; and

WHEREAS Mr. Limbaugh, in his demonstrably misogynistic program, has swung between celebrating sexual harassment and denying its existence, and gone so far as to joke about rape itself; and

WHEREAS it is irresponsible for taxpayer dollars to be used to fund the broadcast to our troops of radio programs that advocate, make light of, or express tolerance for sexual harassment and rape;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call on the U.S. Department of Defense to remove the Rush Limbaugh Show from our taxpayer-funded American Forces Radio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and to our two U.S. Senators, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell.

Adopted _____ by _____

Originated by Stacey Dunne, dunn.stacey@gmail.com,
and previously adopted by the 48th LD
Substantially edited by KCDCC Resolutions Committee