

KING COUNTY DEMS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Fellow Democrats,

Welcome to the final quarter of 2014 and the beginning of the final push for victory.

As we all return from our summer adventures, we must now return to reaffirm our dedication to the hard work ahead. The hard work includes returning to school, returning to work, returning to watch the World Champion Seattle Seahawks and a return to focusing on King County Democrats victory throughout our neighborhoods, strengthening the Washington State House and retaking the Washington State Senate.

In this season of new beginnings we would like to congratulate 43rd District Chair, Scott Forbes on his graduation from the University of Washington School of Law and passage of the bar.

We also would like to give another very special congratulations to 46th District Chair, Sabrina Hill and her husband Vincent on their newborn son, born this month.

Like our two Democratic leaders, we all look forward to new beginning that the Fall season brings. As we begin our final push to the elections, let's all remember that reaching our goals take hard work. This includes supporting those candidates that reflect the Democratic Party values inherent in our local communities.

Let's all remember our main objective this year: **Take Back the Senate.**

Please put on your calendar a special Pancake breakfast hosted by Congresswoman Suzan Delbene for 45th District Senate Candidate Matt Isenhauer September 27th. And a very special notice to support your time and efforts for Shari Song for State Senate and Greg Baruso for State Representative in the 30th Legislative District.

The push begins now!

Let's **build**

Let's **grow**

Let's **win!!!**

—Karl de Jong, KCDCC Chair

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SEPTEMBER AGENDA

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6:30 p.m.	Social	
7:00 p.m.	Call to Order	Karl de Jong
7:02 p.m.	Flag Salute	
7:05 p.m.	Chair's Welcome	Karl de Jong
7:10 p.m.	Approval of the Agenda	
	Approval of the July Minutes	Jen Minich
7:15 p.m.	Legislative District Reports	Legislative District Chairs / Representatives
	Candidate Reports	
7:30 p.m.		
	Program: Universal Pre-K in Seattle	Representatives from 1A and 1B
7:35 p.m.		
8:05 p.m.	Endorsements	Michael Maddux
8:20 p.m.	Legislative Action	Joanne Cisneros & Bob Rosenberger
8:25 p.m.	Treasurer + Finance & Development	Dave Fish & Christina Lewis
8:40 p.m.	Platform, Resolutions, & Bylaws	Dean Fournier & Joel Ware
8:50 p.m.	State Committee	Ann Martin & Javier Valdez
8:55 p.m.	Voter Outreach	Devon Abdallah & Mohamed Mohamud
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

NOTICE ITEMS

1. Motions to endorse will be in order at this meeting (see Endorsements Committee Report, pp 9-10).
2. There will be two (2) resolutions up for a vote (see Platform, Resolutions, & Bylaws Committee Report, p. 10).

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

Carpenters' Hall 231 Burnett Ave N Renton, WA 98057

July 22, 2014 7:05 – 8:50 pm

Call to Order, Flag Salute, Chair's Welcome

- KCDCC 2nd Vice Chair Ken Taylor served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- Chair of the 37th Legislative District (LD) Michael Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The KCDCC Acting Chair gave an introductory welcome speech which is found in the Program. The Acting Chair recognized Al Garman who was warmly greeted and welcomed back.
- The Acting Chair reported on the results of a 7-hour emergency meeting convened by the Leadership Council to plan and implement positive changes for the remainder of 2014.

Approval of the Agenda

- A motion was made by the 37th LD Chair, seconded by the Co-chair of the Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Committee Dean Fournier, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.

Approval of the June Minutes

- A motion was made, which was seconded by the 37th LD Chair, and passed unanimously to approve the June minutes.

Legislative District and Young Democrats Reports

- Delegate Jeff Sandys (32nd LD) announced an Election Night Watch Party. He also announced that on Saturday, August 30th from 7-11 pm, there will be a Take Back the Senate event.
- Chair of the 37th LD Michael Wolfe reported on Get out the Vote, 16,000 sample ballots, a picnic on Sunday, August 24 from 3-7pm at Judkins Park 1119 23rd Ave S, Seattle.
- Delegate Michael Arnold (34th LD) announced that there is going to be a Luau at the Lake Garden Party on Friday, August 15th at 6pm with an auction and dinner for \$40. It's at the Bethaday Community Learning Space/Lakewood Park 605 SW 108th St Seattle, WA 98146. The picnic is scheduled for July 30 at 6pm at Lincoln Park Shelter 3. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- Chair of the 33rd LD Omaha Sternberg reported on Get Out the Vote in the 33rd for Representatives Orwall and Gregerson as well as Senator Keiser. Members are doorbelling for candidates Jason Ritchie and Shari Song as well. The picnic is on August 16th at Paula Joneli's home.
- Delegate Linda Clifton (43rd LD) reported on efforts to contact PCOs and doorbelling. The Socialists showed up at the LD meeting to endorse Speaker Frank Chopp, and his opponent is a Socialist. The BBQ is on Sunday in Lower Woodland Park from 11am-2pm.
- Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) reported that they printed 11,000 voter guides for Get Out the Vote.
- Richard Champion (30th LD) reported on doorbelling for Representative Greg Baruso and Shari Song for State Representative. The picnic is on August 16th.

Candidate Support Committee Report

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- Chair of the Candidate Support Committee Marvin Rosete reported that candidate support is critical in taking back the Senate.
- The following was discussed at the Leadership Retreat:
 - What it means to be coordinated with 17 LD's and the campaigns.
 - The 3-legged stool of Endorsements, Candidate Support, and Legislative Action.
 - Coordinated calendaring.
 - Social Media on Facebook.
- KCDCC Events are currently being listed on Facebook. Current events include a phone bank with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), Shari Song and Matt Isenhower
- Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) reported that the 46th LD adopted both the Song and Isenhower races.
- The Chair of the 33rd LD asked why KCDCC is not using Twitter or Tumblr. Delegate Linda Clifton (43rd LD) reported that not everyone is on Facebook. The Candidate Support Chair responded that KCDCC is using email, Facebook, and Twitter in that order. The chair offered his contact information to the membership.
- The Candidate Support Chair reported on organizingforwashington.org, which is not affiliated with Organizing for America or with any federal races, per the response to the Vice Chair of the 43rd LD James Apa's questions. They are dedicated to increasing voter turnout for state and local races and are hosting two phone banks and canvasses per week in their Redmond office. They are targeting ten races, which were listed in response to a question raised by Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD). Please contact them directly at info@organizingforwashington.org for more information.

Political Director Reports

- Political Director for Congressman Smith Rebecca Bryant introduced Field Organizer Nishi.
 - She also spoke about Congressman Smith's efforts with the Federal Detention Center, unaccompanied minors, and the legal system. Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) asked if the Congressman can look into doing something similar to what is being done in Massachusetts, and Alternate Delegate Nancy Rising (48th LD) mentioned that there is a lot of discussion about some of the children coming to Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM).
 - Rebecca Bryant announced that there will be a booth to register voters at Renton River Days July 25-27 in Liberty Park as well as an office open house and a doorbell event this Saturday.
 - The Congressman is building important partnerships, including with NARAL and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility.
- Political Director for Congressman McDermott Dayna Lurie introduced Intern Daniel. They have an office in the State Democratic Party office. There will be a Happy Hour Event in South Lake Union coming up.
- Campaign Manager for Charles Jensen for State Representative in the 39th LD Germaine Kornegay spoke about his race. This is a winnable race, and he's an exceptionally well-qualified candidate. For more information, and to support his candidacy, please go to www.electcharlesjensen.com.

Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws (PRB) Committee

- Two resolutions were submitted for consideration by PRB Co-chair Dean Fournier.
- The "Resolution Opposing Implementation of the Social Security Administration's Proposed 'Vision 2025' " resolution was brought out of committee, seconded by Delegate Christina Lee (33rd LD), and passed. Martha Koester from the 34th LD answered questions from the

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Chair of the 37th LD about the resolution, providing information that the Social Security Administration's Union opposes Vision 2025.

- The Resolution "Sexual Assault: Not a Laughing Matter on Our Network" resolution was edited and brought out of committee. The Chair of the 34th LD Marcee Stone-Vekich made a motion that this resolution be passed by acclamation, which the Chair of the 37th LD seconded. Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) asked a question about other hosts. The answer provided was that is unknown. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer David Fish reported a balance of \$2,177 on August 1st. He reported that KCDCC is under budget on income.
- The Chair of the 33rd LD requested and received clarification on which emails were good and which were sent in error. The Treasurer will re-send out reports.
- Delegate Linda Clifton (43rd LD) asked about dues, and the Treasurer noted that only 1/3 of the LDs paid dues and collecting dues would go a long way.
- Delegate Tara Gallagher (43rd LD) asked for an explanation about expenses, which was answered.
- Delegate Jodi Riker (30th LD) and the Chair of the 34th LD asked about the costs and amount raised by the hired Fundraiser position, which was answered.

Finance & Development Committee

- The Chair of the 34th LD took the gavel as Acting Chair while the KCDCC 2nd Vice Chair reported that the Officers were invited to a retreat to discuss a Finance and Development Plan. He presented the following highlights and items of consensus from those who participated:
 - There will not be any paid Fundraiser positions. However, interns may raise funds.
 - On August 31, the lease for office space was cancelled. There should be a goal of having an office with hours of 9am-3pm Monday-Friday for interns.
 - There will be a Gala in November, but there won't be any seed money.
- The Vice Chairs will be visiting LDs to speak about the Finance and Development Plan.
- Delegate Toby Thaler (43rd LD) asked about voting rights for non-dues paying members and was referred to the Bylaws, which do not restrict voting. He commented about bringing value to the LDs.
- Delegate Linda Clifton (43rd LD) asked about asked about the office and was answered.
- Delegate Tara Gallagher (43rd LD) asked about the budget, and the Treasurer answered.
- Platform Resolutions and Bylaws Co-Chair Dean Fournier asked about what the draw would be to a gala. The answer was an award ceremony and Congressional candidates.
- Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) asked when this plan would be brought to this body, and was answered that an LD tour is scheduled for September.
- The Chair of the 37th LD asked about an August meeting for this and Endorsements. KCDCC 3rd Vice Chair Roger Crew brought up Endorsements Rule 8.
- Delegate Jim Langston (33rd LD) commented that hiring a paid Fundraiser should not be allowed without consent. The 2nd Vice Chair

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responded that they are proposing Bylaw changes as well as asking for a vote to bring more weight to this plan. The Treasurer added that he only writes checks that had a line item in the budget as approved by this body.

- The Chair of the 34th LD thanked the KCDCC 2nd Vice Chair for his efforts.

Multicultural/ Voter Outreach Report

- The 2nd Vice Chair thanked the Chair of the 34th LD for Acting as Chair and resumed his role.
- The Multicultural/ Voter Outreach Chair Devon Abdallah reported on a visit to the Elections Division with the proposal to translate voter registration forms into additional languages. The feedback was positive.

Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) Recruitment Report

- The Chair of the 37th LD took the gavel as Acting Chair while the PCO Recruitment Chair Ken Taylor offered his report. The picnic netted \$183.
- The KCDCC 2nd Vice Chair reported on another recommendation from the retreat, that all of the committees need membership from this body.
 - Delegate Larry Smith (46th LD) asked for better coordination with the LDs over dates for events.
 - Delegate Christina Lee (33rd LD) mentioned that not all people use social media and some people have disabilities. Delegate Mary Wirta (48th LD) suggested accommodating people without computers or with different situations that warrant special consideration, like disabilities, need mailings, and costs could be explained, if needed. The 2nd Vice Chair added calls as well. The Chair of the 37th LD explained that all LDs face the same issue, and mailings should not be a problem for those in need of that. 3rd Vice Chair Roger Crew said that he is available by phone if anyone needs special consideration. 2nd Vice Chair Ken Taylor also gave his information so that people can get what they need. The Chair of the 33rd LD, Delegate Phillippa Kassover (46th LD), the Chair of the 34th LD, and Delegate Tara Gallagher (43rd LD), and the Candidate Support Committee Chair also added to the conversation.
 - Delegate Linda Clifton (43rd LD) asked about interns and office space.
 - Secretary Jen Minich offered a reminder that Training and Workshops Committee Chair Roger Flygare has offered office space. The Chair of the 33rd LD has space that should be considered as well.
 - Candidate Support Chair Marvin Rosete reminded the body that he and others will be going to LDs to report and discuss these ideas.
 - Alternate Delegate Nancy Rising (48th LD) suggested a Bulletin Board for LD and KCDCC events.

Good of the Order

- Delegate Jim Langston (33rd LD) mentioned that the Pierce County Democrats offer King County Democrats opportunities to staff the booth at the Washington State Fair and explained how much he enjoyed it last year. Sign-up now!
- Delegate Jodi Riker (30th LD) reported that the event insurance ends before the Labor Day weekend and asked about whether it could be extended. The Treasurer reported that KCDCC offers event insurance and asked her to speak with him or send an email.

Adjourn

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Minich, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Endorsements Committee

Michael J. Maddux – Chair
Betsy Walker – Vice Chair, North
Bob Loeliger – Vice Chair, South

Members:

KCDCC – Karl de Jong
5th L.D. – Jim Baum
11th L.D. – Kathy Nyland
30th L.D. – Keith Tyler
32nd L.D. – Dean Fournier
34th L.D. – Ivan Weiss
37th L.D. – Susan Sherbina
41st L.D. – Sara Franklin
43rd L.D. – Hillary Madsen
45th L.D. – Dave Sell
46th L.D. – Larry Smith
48th L.D. – Mary Wirta
KCYD – Laura Williams
WSDCC – Rob Dolin
Stonewall Dems – Ben Crowther
Labor Caucus – Ian Jacobson
Affirmative Action Caucus
– Alec Stephens
Women’s Federation
– Nancy Rising

Following a generally successful primary season for candidates and issues recommended by the Endorsements Committee and subsequently endorsed by the King County Democrats, the Committee has held its final votes of the year for recommendations. Specifically, these recommendations are for ballot measures, as the committee opted to refrain from taking any additional action in races wherein we have already made a recommendation and the KCDCC has acted on that recommendation.



In one race, the Endorsements Committee recommended endorsing Mike Sando for State Representative in the 31st Legislative District. Following objection of Brian Gunn from the 31st, the KCDCC did not endorse Mr. Sando, with the final vote falling just shy of 60%. The Endorsements Committee is supportive of a motion to reconsider, and endorsement of Mr. Sando. The Republican in this race took just over 51% of the vote, with Mr. Sando and the “Independent Democrat” taking the rest.

The Endorsements Committee was approached to consider five ballot measures. The results of committee votes are as follows:

Transportation Benefit District Petition 1: This measure would provide funding to study the viability of a monorail from West Seattle to Ballard, using a \$3 per vehicle Vehicle License Fee (VLF). This would not fund any construction or operation of a monorail.

One committee member abstained. 25% voted to recommend a “Yes” position. 58% voted to recommend a “No” position. 17% voted to recommend that KCDCC take no position. Accordingly, there is no recommendation from the Endorsements Committee, and a 2/3 vote of the body is necessary to endorse any position.

Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1: Seattle TBD Prop. 1 is a near-exact replica of King County Prop. 1, and would implement a local VLF of \$60 per year, as well as a 0.1% sales tax increase – both expiring on 12/31/2020 – in order to “buy back” bus service for routes that have at least 80% of their stops in Seattle, some regional funding, and some funding for greater access for people with disabilities.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend KCDCC take a “Yes” position on TBD Prop. 1. A 60% vote of the body is necessary to endorse **YES on Seattle Transportation District Proposition 1**.

Seattle Proposition 1 concerns pre-K. On the first part of Proposition 1, the Endorsements Committee voted to take a YES position (75%), with 16.7% voting to take a NO position, and 8.3% voting to take no position.

Proposition 1 contains two sub-parts – if a voter chooses “YES” for Proposition 1, they then must decide between options (A) and (B). An attempted breakdown of the options:

A. 1A, also known as Initiative 107, would establish a minimum wage for childcare workers, with various phase-ins depending

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on various factors, require child-care be not cost more than 10% of a family income, and require various education, training, and certification requirements for child-care workers. 1A has no funding mechanism attached.

- B. 1B is a four-year property tax levy that would fund a near-universal pre-K option, phased in over four years, and act as a pilot project for universal pre-K, and the funding for it, in Seattle. 1B also requires various education, training, and certification requirements for pre-K teachers.

Of the voting Endorsements Committee members that voted to recommend a YES position on Proposition 1, 90% of voting members' choice was Proposition 1B. A 60% vote of the KCDCC is required to endorse **YES on Seattle Proposition 1B**.

Initiative 1351 is a class size limitation initiative that, if passed, would limit K-3rd grade classrooms to 15-17 students, and 4-12th grade classrooms to 22-25 students. The Everett Herald and the Secretary of State have estimated that, if passed, Washington would need to hire approximately 15,000 new teachers to reach this mandate. The initiative does not contain a funding mechanism to pay for these class-size reductions.

The Endorsements Committee vote was as follows:

- 46.15% in favor of the YES position
- 30.77% in favor of the NO position
- 23.08% in favor of taking no position

Accordingly, this matter would require a 2/3 vote of KCDCC in order to take any position.

The Endorsements Committee is therefore making two motions:

The Endorsements Committee moves for endorsement of the "YES" Position for Seattle Transportation Benefit District Proposition 1. No second is necessary. Pursuant to the rules, debate is limited to two speakers in favor, two against, with up to one minute each.

The Endorsements Committee moves for endorsement of the "YES" position for Seattle Proposition 1, and support for option B. For clarity, the Committee recommends supporting Proposition 1B. No second is necessary. Pursuant to the rules, debate is limited to two speakers in favor, two against, with up to one minute each.

Michael Maddux, Endorsements Committee Chair

Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Committee

This month your Platform, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee is submitting two resolutions for your action, each with a "DO PASS" recommendation. One comes to us (initially) from the 37th LD, seeking to enlist our opposition to an ill-conceived plan by the Seattle Housing Authority to inflict substantial rent increases on 4600 low-income families in Seattle. The many flawed aspects of the proposal are detailed in the text of the resolution.

Those who attended the June 21 State Democratic Convention in Spokane may have been surprised to find an "invocation" (prayer) featured early in the convention program, delivered by a fine young minister from a Spokane mainline Protestant church. Though its content may have seemed innocuous to many, our committee agreed (with the 32nd LD) that we do not expect religious guidance at our Party meetings. Indeed, some attendees—arguably, many—were offended by the very idea of such a message, and/or by its specific content. The short of it is that no political Party should be in the business of mixing its message with religious guidance, and our other recommended resolution so provides.

Other "PRB" projects under way, but not completed as of this writing, include (1) a renewed effort, supported by the County Chair, to expand participation in our committee's work, and (2) an ongoing review, pursuant to Section 9.8 of the KCDCC Bylaws, to develop proposed rules for our Legislative Districts' upcoming reorganization meetings.

Dean Fournier and Joel Ware,

Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws Committee co-Chairs

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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

General Election ballots drop on Friday, October 17th
Mail, online, and transfer registration closes on Monday, October 6th
In-person new registration closes on Monday, October 27th

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CALENDAR

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September

23rd: KCDCC Executive Board

29th: Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles (LD 36)

Mirabella, 116 Fairview Ave N,
Seattle, 5:30 - 7:30pm

October

2nd: Sen. Sharon Nelson

Champions for a Toxic-Free Future

1526 17th Ave E, Seattle,
5:30pm – 7:30pm

2nd: Matt Isenhower & Seth

Fleetwood, with Jay Inslee

1236 21st Ave E, Seattle,

5:30pm– 7:30pm (\$250/\$500/\$950)

5th: Rep. Cyrus Habib's Oktoberfest

Rhein Haus, 12th Avenue, Seattle,

2pm – 5pm (\$50/\$250/\$500)

**6th: Last Day to Transfer or
Register Online**

8th: Shari Song (LD 30), with Jay Inslee

Continental Place Condominiums,

2125 1st Ave, Seattle,

5:30pm – 7:30pm (\$100/\$250/\$500)

9th: Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles' Oktoberfest

Hale's Ales, 4301 Leary Way, Seattle,

5:30pm – 7:30pm (\$100/\$950)

12th: KCDCC Leadership

14th: Fighting for the Majority

925 4th Ave, Seattle, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

www.fightingforthemajority.com

17th: Ballots Drop

27th: Last Day to Register

28th: KCDCC Executive Board

November

4th: General Election

9th: KCDCC Leadership

25th: KCDCC Executive Board

December

6th: KCDCC Reorganization

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	118	208	56%
36	158	240	65%
37	99	172	57%
39	0	2	0%
41	108	192	55%
43	178	209	84%
45	56	165	33%
46	124	218	55%
47	21	134	15%
48	52	175	29%
Total	1204	2495	48%

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Association, Washington Conservation Voters,
Washington State Labor Council, NARAL Pro-
Choice Washington, and others.*

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RESOLUTIONS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

Resolution Opposing the Seattle Housing Authority's Plan to Raise Rents on Low-Income "Working Age" Households that Receive Vouchers or Live in Public Housing

Whereas the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) has recently announced that it is considering a plan called "Step Forward," aimed at phasing in substantial rent increases for 4600 "working age" low-income families, including those who live in SHA-owned public housing or use a Section 8 voucher to cover a portion of their rent in a privately owned unit, and

Whereas, under SHA's plan, rents could more than double for any very low-income family that includes a working-age adult and holds a voucher or remains in public housing for more than four years, and

Whereas, under SHA's plan, a household that earns \$15,000 a year (which is more than most SHA households earn) and can afford no more than \$400-\$500 a month in rent (based on the common HUD standard that no one should pay more than 30 percent of income on rent), would see their rent rise to \$1200 a month in their fifth year in SHA subsidized housing, and

Whereas, to afford such a rent increase, a household would have to increase its income from less than 30 % of median income, to about 80 % of median; i.e., c. \$45,000 a year -- equivalent to about \$21-\$22 an hour (slightly more than the hourly wage of most Seattle workers), and

Whereas, given that the average stay in SHA housing is currently about 8 years, the SHA plan would impose dramatic rent increases on about half of SHA's working-age residents (i.e., 2300 households), and

Whereas, implementation of SHA's plan could have the practical effect of raising rents on 1,000-2,000 units of SHA's housing inventory, resulting in a permanent reduction in Seattle's very-low-income housing stock that took years, and millions in levy dollars, to produce, and

Whereas, although SHA has promised -- rather dubiously -- to provide "wrap around services" to "lift" incomes of its residents so that by year five they could afford to give up their rent subsidies, that would not change the basic fact that there is a lack of good jobs and affordable privately owned rentals in and around Seattle, and

Whereas, without good jobs that would provide incomes sufficient to afford the contemplated rent increases, SHA's plan would likely force hundreds of households to pay 50%-70% of their income on rent, and/or displace many of them into a tight housing market and/or the streets, and

Whereas, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray recently stated in a letter to SHA that he cannot support its "Step Forward" plan because of its disproportionate impact on people of color and first-generation immigrant families;

Therefore, be it resolved that we strongly oppose SHA's proposed "Step Forward" plan; and that the County Chair shall forward this Resolution to SHA's Director and Board, with copies to all Seattle Councilmembers, Mayor Murray, the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Congressmen McDermott and Smith, Senators Murray and Cantwell, and the press.

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Resolution to Confine our Party's Guidance to Matters Political, not Religious

WHEREAS the United States Constitution guarantees not only freedom of religion for all, but also that there shall be no establishment of religion nor any religious test for public office in this country; and

WHEREAS our Washington State Democratic Party proudly proclaims its defense of individual liberty and its opposition to oppression, with a Charter declaring the Party's openness and welcome to all who support our values, and a Platform calling for "honoring the rich diversity of society and efforts to reflect that diversity in our Party"; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the above, the most recent convention of our Washington State Democratic Party, held in Spokane on June 21, 2014, conspicuously included in its prescribed opening a sectarian invocatory prayer delivered by an ordained minister; and

WHEREAS our Party, though not an agency of government, has a public role recognized in Washington law; and

WHEREAS the delivery of a prayer incident to opening a Party gathering – even if nominally nonsectarian in content – is likely to offend attendees of minority faiths as well as those of no religious faith at all, and/or to marginalize such attendees as persons not wholly welcome;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that publicly-led prayer has no place in plenary meetings of the Democratic Party and should hereafter be omitted therefrom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing shall not be deemed to preclude provision for a moment of respectful silence in recognition of a person or event warranting sympathy or honor; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party and the Chair of the State Democratic Chairs Organization.

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