



11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Susan Kruller

Do you realize that we are turning the corner on Winter and moving swiftly towards a lot of activity in terms of local elections?! This is the time we get our house in order and organize how we operate so things run well as we consider the political scene in Burien, Renton, Seattle, SeaTac, Tukwila and unincorporated King County. To that end, we will need good membership involvement when we next meet. Here's an example:

Our "By-laws may be amended to a two-thirds majority of those elected and appointed PCOs present and voting at any regular or special meeting, provided that the amendment was printed in the meeting notice or was presented at the previous regular meeting." At our March 17 meeting, we'll consider two by-law amendments recommended by the 11th Legislative District Executive Board. They are underscored in the excerpts below:

"... Article XI: Endorsements

Section 1: This organization may endorse candidates for any public office, ballot measures, or initiatives or referendum signature campaigns.

Section 2: To be eligible for endorsement for election to a non-judicial office, a candidate must publicly identify himself or herself to be a Democrat.

Section 3: To assist the members in the endorsement process, the Executive Committee may develop and send a questionnaire to potential candidates and otherwise investigate their records and reputations.

Section 4: Endorsements may be made at any regular or special membership meeting, provided that the intent to endorse was included in the meeting notice. Preprimary endorsement of candidates who have not been previously endorsed by this organization shall not occur prior to three months before the date of the Primary.

Section 5: Endorsement of any candidate or issue shall require a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting.

Article XII: Operations and Rules

Section 1: The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall have authority to sign checks on behalf of the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization.

Section 2: Expenditures of \$50.00 must be approved by the Executive Board and expenditures of \$50.00 or more must first be authorized by the membership, except that the Chair and Treasurer may pay routine, recurring monthly expenses without specific approval (e.g., mailing cost, copying cost).

Section 3: Campaign contributions may be made only to an endorsed candidate, ballot measure, or initiative or referendum signature campaigns. All campaign contributions must first be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 4: The membership may adopt special rules to govern any matter not in conflict with these Bylaws.

Section 5: On all matters not governed by these Bylaws or by special rules, Robert's Rules of Order (most recent edition) shall govern..."

PCOs: Please be on time to get your credentials and weigh-in on these proposed changes! Members: Be ready to vote on resolutions that will go straight to Olympia to inform our legislators on how we stand on certain issues!

Upcoming Programs

*** Be sure to attend our next meeting on **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall**. It has not escaped my attention that this upcoming General Membership Meeting will be on St. Patrick's Day (That's *Lá 'le Pádraig in Irish!*) Be sure you're wearing a bit 'o the green and we'll try to celebrate properly with Irish delights, quiz games for prizes and fun leprechaun fare! We will also be considering two by-law changes and confirming the 2009 events schedule. Any resolutions critical to the Washington State Legislative session or that need to be addressed immediately will be considered (all members in good standing vote on these).

So before you go down to the *Local*, make your way first to the Carpenter's *Labour-Unionist* hall, for a meetin' of your *Cumann*, share your *No-tions*, mix it up and cast your *Single Transferrable Vote* on the issues! I hope to see you there March 17!

GO DEMS! Susan Kruller – Chair, 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization

**Welcome to the
11th Legislative Democratic Organization**

You are Invited to attend the Monthly Meetings and engage in democracy in action!

Your dues enable you to receive the district newsletter, help us defer our meeting expenses, and support our efforts on behalf of Democratic candidates.

We provide or participate actively in fun and informative opportunities to reach out to Democrats and other voters in the 11th District.

Your volunteer efforts will further our goal of active members in all of the 11th District precincts.

We welcome you!

Visit our web site: <http://www.11thlddems.org/>

***You are invited to a PCO and Activist Training Session sponsored by the King County Democratic Central Committee **Saturday, March 7, 2009 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall.** Please join us on as we present the organizing tools that are available for PCO's and Activists working alongside the Democratic Party in King County. The King County Democrats have been hard at work developing and learning various tools for the trade of political activism, and we would like to show our PCO's and allied activists what these tools can do to help you organize the people in your neighborhoods. The session will include an online presentation with demonstration of:

- Precinct Maps - from Roger Crew in the 41st LD
- Precinct Election History - from Fred Morris in the 36th LD

Votebuilder - Our online voter file database, including a discussion of how to prepare walking lists Much more!

This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Susan Sheary, kcdcc1@gmail.com

Larry Grubb, 11th LD Dems, PCO activities

The King County Democrats' Newsletter is available at:
<http://www.kcdems.net/>

In Memoriam: Long-time Renton PCO, Bruce Hulse, passed away in November. He will be missed by us all.

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The annual Washington State Democrats PCO training day was held at St. Martin's University right before the crab feed. If you couldn't make it this year, try for next year. It's always a worthwhile experience.

2008 Governor's Race: How We Won

Kelly Steele, Kelly Wicker and Zach Silk gave a presentation on the strategy for Gregoire's 2008 campaign. Rossi had, in fact, been campaigning quasi-legally since right after the 2005 court decision against him through a shell organization that he called Forward Washington. The Gregoire campaign detailed people to follow him around and video all his appearances. YouTube made a big difference—videos of Rossi's 2004 campaign statements and of his appearances for Forward Washington demonstrated identical wording. Dino became less accessible as his campaign went on and not at all pleased about being taped. One of the Gregoire campaign video people got roughed up once, and with all the physical barriers it was sometimes hard to tell a Rossi campaign appearance from a crime scene. Gregoire made herself very accessible last year, traveling all over the state, in stark contrast to Rossi. Her campaign was able to co-opt Dino's attempt to latch on to Obama's message of change.

The Gregoire campaign successfully defined Rossi before he was able to define himself, portraying him as slick and untrustworthy rather than friendly. The campaign consensus was that the BIAW billboards in Eastern Washington reading "Don't Let Seattle Steal Another Election" didn't help Rossi and may have been harmful as pictures of it were posted all over Internet lists in the Puget Sound area.

Organizing for America Preview

Chelsea Waliser, last year's Coordinated Campaign Field Director, gave a brief description of the organization that Obama's campaign is becoming. The campaign website <http://www.barackobama.com/index.php> has been renamed Organizing for America. Making good on his promise to have a transparent administration, the White House website <http://www.whitehouse.gov/> has been revamped extensively, with an easy to find email contact form. The White House Comment line is at 202-456-1111. The new organization has been made leaner with about 10% of the staffing of the campaign organization. It is an official Democratic National Committee project which will share all the data collected during the campaign with the existing national database.

The Great Recession: Where We Are and What We Should Do

Dr. Russell Lidman of Seattle University gave a talk on the current state of the economy. He recommended the website <http://www.workforceexplorer.com/> as both a means to keep up with the economic situation in Washington State and also as a personal job search and career development tool. He predicted a much slower recovery than has been the case with more recent recessions, and recommended that Democrats strive for effective progress in the right direction in dealing with the political effects of the downturn.

The Stimulus Package Through the Eyes of a Congressman.

Congressman Adam Smith of Washington's 9th CD discussed the stimulus package. He was able to get an amendment facilitating freight mobility via railroad added. Although many of the compromises weakened the bill, he thought that the negotiations were worth it. He observed that politically "Republicans still think it's 1994."

VoteBuilder Training for PCOs

WSDCC Technology Director Patrick Mead ran through the basic process of generating a walking list and entering data after the canvassing has been done. He described current upgrades as well. The data from November 2008 should be entered by Friday the 20th, and it will boost the percentage of voters who have party ID from 37% to 57%. The feasible maximum for voter ID is generally regarded as 70%.

Also, there are big improvements to the Voter Status Data. In addition to Active and Inactive categories, we now have the categories Unregistered, Moved/Unregistered, Dropped, Applicant, Likely Move/Rereg. Several people requested the category Ineligible, which would probably be useful.

A point of information: data on who voted in February's special election for elections director will not be under Voting History, but under Activist Codes along with data about who votes in school bond elections.

Martha Koester

11th LD Democrats State Committeewoman



Minutes of the 11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting

Tuesday February 17, 2009-7:00 pm

Carpenter's Hall – 421 Burnett Avenue North
Renton, Washington 98057

The meeting was called to order followed by the flag salute. It was moved and second to approve the past minutes. The meeting agenda was approved, moved and second.

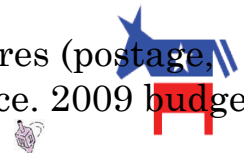
Hot Topic discussion: HB 1490 (SB 5647) Transit-Oriented Development Bill – would create incentives for dense, affordable, walk able development around mass transit hubs. Is this “Density Bill” good for 11th LD residents? John Fox represented the Seattle Displacement Coalition and Rob Johnson represented Transportation Choices Coalition. After their presentation the floor was open for a question and answer period. The 11th will not vote on this issue at this time.

Lloyd Hara, Seattle Port Commissioner provided updates of the Port's business. Mr. Hara can be reached at www.LloydHara.com or email CitizenforHara@comcast.net. A motion was given to endorse Mr. Hara, it was moved and second.

Rob Holland introduced himself as a candidate for the open seat, position 4 for the Port of Seattle. Rob's website is www.ROBforport.com.

Joseph Peha, a representative from Seattle Vote Clean provided a flyer with the kickoff information. The Vote Clean Seattle is a group dedicated to bringing clean elections to the city of Seattle. The event will be held Saturday, March 14th at 6pm at Twist 2312 1st Ave in Belltown featuring Congressman Jim McDermott. Send a RSVP to <http://anyvite.com/events/home/jtcu5aqqwc/vote-clean-seattle-kickoff>.

Treasurer report submitted: Reported January income, Expenditures (postage, hall rental, food for party, printing and awards) and Ending Balance. 2009 budget was submitted, moved, second and approved.



New Business was presented by Chair Susan Kruller, Proposed By-Law Changes Recommended by the Executive Board which can be access via the 11th LD website and the 11th LD Newsletter.

Proposed Resolutions will be postponed to the next meeting.

State Representative Zack Hudgins provided an update from Olympia with the primary focus on the current Washington State budget.

Azziem Underwood and Martha Koester provided reports from the WSDCC.

KCDCC PCO training is scheduled for March 7th 10am at Carpenter's Hall.

Good of the Order

Meeting adjourn (MSA)



Upcoming 11th District Meetings

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 17th, 2009 7:00 PM
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

Executive Board Meeting: Thursday April 2 – 7pm
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

Official Call

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
Tuesday March 17, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Carpenter's Hall – 421 Burnett Avenue North

Renton, Washington 98057

Proposed Agenda

(Endorsements will be considered)

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Flag Salute

7:05 p.m.

Approve Past Minutes/Approve Agenda

Announcements and Introductions

7:10 p.m. – Vote on Proposed By-Laws Change

7:20 p.m. – Vote on the Proposed 2009 11th LD calendar

7:30 p.m.

Program: TBD. We'll either present a speaker worthy of being featured on St. Patrick's Day or provide activity of interest regarding the same!

8:00 p.m.

Break

8:10 p.m. - Brief Officer and Committee Reports

8:30 p.m. - Old Business

8:40 p.m. - New Business

* Resolutions prepared for and submitted to the Executive Board, that is recommended to the Membership

8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes

8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order

9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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