



The 11th District Journal



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“It was natural and perhaps human that the privileged princes of these new economic dynasties, thirsting for power, reached out for control over government itself. They created a new despotism and wrapped it in the robes of legal sanction. In its service new mercenaries sought to regiment the people, their labor, and their property. And as a result the average man once more confronts the problem that faced the Minute Man.” [Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#) 1936 Nomination Acceptance Speech

11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

I hope you are enjoying this great summer season – a time for festivals, parades, picnics, events and activities! The 11th District Democrats is well into the thick of our community outreach efforts. June 22-24, Don Bennett led the way by organizing a booth for our district at the Burien Strawberry Festival for two days. Kudos to volunteers Emily Willoughby, George Summers, Larry Grubb and Jeanette Kelly who were on hand, rain or shine, to make this a success! 33rd Chair Tina Shamseldin, along with 34th Chair Ivan Weiss and a couple of his members also came out to participate in promoting the Party and talking local politics with Burien citizens. Senator Margarita Prentice was there both days and we had Burien City Council Candidates Stephen Lamphear and Kathy Keene on hand as well. We love to showcase our elected officials and endorsed candidates, so this was a perfect opportunity to do so!

By the time you read this, we will have marched with our 11th Districts Democrats banner in the Burien Fourth of July Parade, together with the 33rd and 34th District Democrats. Although this literally was an idea hatched between newsletters and meetings, we managed to get enough people to be well represented. Perfect weather and lots of enthusiasm! Then we had great offer to gather at a lakefront place nearby that Rep. Dave Updegrave offered for a big barbeque with our fellow Democrats! Too fun! Hope your July 4th was great as well!

We also participated in the Tukwila Days Festival July 14, with Emily Willoughby taking the lead on booth organizing and preparation. Once again, a great turnout from our electeds and endorsed candidates to visit with the public. This time, our actual booth was better and larger, because Jeanette Kelly was inspired to improve our accommodations with a new, bigger canopy, boasting attachable side walls and front flap. Gives our volunteers peace of mind to work from an all-weather resistant enclosure! Thanks, Jeannette!

If any of this stirs your interest in getting involved in our community outreach efforts, there’s still time to do so! Chuck Laney will head up our Renton River Days activities (both a booth and participating in the parade) on July 28-29, not to mention he could use some help to set up for a couple hours on the Friday night July 27, before it all begins. Give him a call to find out more about the details at (425) 260-5824.

Precinct Committee Officer Activity

PCO Activities Chair Larry Grubb did it again! He arranged to have an area of Mick Kelly’s Irish Pub in Burien reserved for the 11th District Saturday evening on June 22 and managed to get a lot of us out to discuss politics, talk about PCO issues and, in general, have a great time together. Bob Hasegawa, Dow Constantine and Burien City Council Candidate Kathy Keene all joined in the fun. Add to that some food and raffle prizes to fundraise, and this was a hit!

The primaries are just around the corner. PCOs will receive their online accounts from Vote Builder (the walking list database) in the next two weeks. The KCDCC has already updated its PCO training guide online with information about Vote Builder at <http://www.kcdems.net/documents/pcotraining.pdf> Might be good to review that material for inspiration and ideas on how to work through your precinct.

Chair’s message continues, see **July Program** page 7

**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!

The newsletter is also available online in PDF format at the [11th LD website](#) and via email. The digital format is in color with active links. You can change the text size to fit your preference.

There are some great new features at the 11th LD web site. Join the Discussion Group and be heard by the entire membership. You will find it at <http://www.11thliddems.org>

Some members of the 11th LD Dems are receiving the monthly newsletter via email as a PDF file. If you would like to also receive the electronic version, in color with active links, send me a [email message](#) with: Newsletter in the subject and you will be added to the emailing list. james.flynn@comcast.net

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11th Legislative District Democratic Organization**Minutes**

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
June 19, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North

7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by District Chair Susan Kruller
Flag Salute; MSA Previous meeting minutes; MSA Proposed Agenda

Introductions

-**Joe Ware**, KCDCC Vice Chair: Join the KCDCC in the Pride Festival Parade June 24.
-**Elena Perez** – UCFW Local 21 contract update “*National campaign heating up*”
-**Sandeep Kaushik** –King County Parks Levy Proposition 1 & 2; Prop 1 existing, essential that it passed, Prop 2 –
Open space acquisition levy

MSA Yes Endorse Prop 1 & Prop 2 – (Y-29, N-3)

PROGRAM – Julia Patterson – Transportation Plan for the Region – handouts re. Ballot Proposal, “largest request of taxpayers in the region,” Washington not keeping pace with population in highways and transit system due to years of under-investment. Key Projects: 167 to I-405 interchange; HOT LANE proposal, Light Rail expansion, fix South Park Bridge; Mercer Mess; Hwy 509/518 connection; I-5 to Hwy 18 connection

Delays cost additional \$1 billion per year; Up to 100,000 new jobs will be created; average cost will be \$80 for \$10,000 vehicle. Democrats please support this. “*Ask opponents to explain their proposal.*”

Q&A: Hot Lanes; Population density in Petrovitsky Rd area in unincorporated KC; Alaska Way Viaduct; Ballot proposal funding

Introductions: 11th LD Legislators Rep. Zack Hudgins, Rep. Bob Hasegawa and Senator Margarita Prentice.

BREAK

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS – No Reports (Approved Agenda)

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT SESSION:

2/3 Vote Required To Endorse – At credential count, need minimum 24 votes in favor.
(number key on vote counts = for-against-abstain)

King County Prosecutor:

Keith Scully, Bill Sherman - Dual Endorsement 28-7-0

Port of Seattle:

Port Commissioner Position 2 - Jack Block 18-13-4
Port Commissioner Position 2 - **Gael Tarleton - Endorsed 24-5-6**

City of Seattle:

City Council Position 1 - **Jean Godden - Endorsed 34-1-1**
City Council Position 3 - **Bruce Harrell - Sole Endorsement 24-8-5**
City Council Position 3 - Al Runte - No Motion
City Council Position 3 - Venus Velazquez 10-11-14
City Council Position 7 - Tim Burgess 13-18-4
City Council Position 7 - David Della -23-9-3

Seattle School Board:

District 2 – Sherry Carr M/No Second

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City of Burien:City Council Position 4 - **Sephen Lamphear - Endorsed** 31-0-3City Council Position 6 - **Kathy Keene - Endorsed** 34-0-0**City of Renton:**

Mayor – Kathy Koelker 20-8-7

City Council Position 3 - **Shirley Gaunt Smith - Endorsed** 27-3-3

City Council Position 4 - Terry Persson 12-16 -6

City of Tukwila:Mayor – **Pam Carter - Endorsed** 31-0-1City Council Position 6 - **Joan Hernandez - Endorsed** 25-1-4

City Council Position 2 - Brian Kennedy MSA Table To Next Meeting 29-2-0

Note: A question has been raised about the by-laws in regards to endorsements. The Executive Board is looking into it. We will present the determination and related information to the July General Membership.

NEW BUSINESS

State Representative Bob Hasegawa spoke in opposition to the State HB 4215 – a bill recently passed by the Legislature amending the state constitution to allow investment of the Washington State Permanent Education Trust Fund into private securities (stock market). Rep Hasegawa explained why this was such a terrible idea. Including, “*With the volatility in the stock market, how would we finance education if there is a long downturn in the economy?*”

MSA to endorse Opposition to HB 4215

OLD BUSINESS

No activity

Good of the OrderDon Bennett – 11th LD Dems Booth-Burien Strawberry Festival - Saturday 06-23-2007, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Larry Grubb – PCO Activity/Dinner at Mike Kelly’s in Burien - Saturday 06-23-2007, 5:00 p.m.

Raffle**ADJOURN**Submitted, James Flynn, Secretary, 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization**SECRETARY**

Jim Flynn

Candidates seeking endorsement from the 11th LD Democratic Organization are asked to submit answers to a short questionnaire. One of the questions requires them to demonstrate working class American values by acknowledging their view of the [Davis Bacon Act](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Davis-Bacon_Act).
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The Act, passed in 1931 with primary sponsors Rep. Robert Bacon and Senator James Davis, was intended to provide stability to the construction industry and protect the Government from second rate contractors performing poorly on Federal projects. There was a contingent benefit to hourly workers with the prevailing wage provisions of the Act. It applies only to workers involved in construction, not administrative or support employees. Some janitorial workers are covered.

Low bid requirements on Federal construction projects exacerbate the danger of contractors bidding and winning contracts based on substandard wages by importing low-wage workers rather than use the local labor force, without the provisions of the Act.

The Davis Bacon Act is especially beneficial to non-union construction workers, ensuring that they are paid the same hourly wages as their union brothers and sisters while competing for work on Federal construction projects with a contract based on prevailing wages. Typically, the prevailing wage in an area is the same as the average hourly rate for workers under a collective bargaining agreement in the same area. Government authorities are reluctant to enforce existing immigration laws and upscale non-union contractors tweak the provisions facially making the Act significant to protecting family wage jobs.

After hearing demands by his constituents, **Jim McDermott** (D) 7th Congressional District, cosponsors [House Resolution 333](#), sponsored by Rep Dennis Kucinich **calling for the impeachment of Dick Cheney**. Here is the text of his speech:

The Vice President Should Resign or Face Impeachment
House of Representatives - June 28, 2007

"Madam Speaker, it is time for a new exit strategy, one that removes the Vice President of the United States from office, voluntarily, if he chooses, but by impeachment if he stonewalls.

The time has come for the Vice President to go. Our Nation and our national security interests at home and abroad cannot afford to have this Vice President one heartbeat away from the Presidency. As it stands now, the Vice President's damage to U.S. interests, security, system of government and our position at home and abroad will take years to overcome.

As my constituents in the State of Washington's Seventh Congressional District know, I have struggled mightily with this matter for a long time. In grave matters facing our Nation, I believe conscience and a deep respect for our system of government should guide our actions and words.

I didn't hesitate to speak the truth to power before the invasion of Iraq, despite the bitter partisan acts that I knew would follow. I have no doubt that I will be targeted for a new round of shelling after these remarks.

The intent of this administration and this Vice President has been to silence all dissent, and it always happens the same way; relentless attacks until people ask themselves, do I want to subject myself to that kind of hell if I speak out? Fear is what kept this administration in office in 2004, and fear is the only public discourse this administration understands and practices. Why debate, when you can dictate? Why follow the law, when you can act like you are above the law?

For months, I believed that impeachment was a dire course of action. Over these same months, I have seen the haven't repeatedly drive our Nation into increasingly dire situations in Iraq, Iran and within our country as he tramples on the Constitution like it was a doormat.

For months I have considered if America would best be served by bringing forth articles of impeachment against the Vice President. I kept asking myself, is the Vice President's conduct that dire, because impeachment is the closest thing there is to internment on political death row.

The Founders intended impeachment to be used when those running the government forgot that they worked for the people, and the Founders intended impeachment to be used when toughs running the government acted as though they were above the law.

When you look at the record, you have to conclude that the Vice President has placed himself above the law. He holds himself accountable only to special interests, who meet with him in secret with no record kept of who was there, what was discussed or what promises the Vice President made.

For the last 4 years, the Vice President has refused to allow routine office inspections by a Federal agency regarding the safe handling of America's secrets. The Vice President defies the Information Security Oversight Agency, claiming he is not part of the executive branch of government. When a sitting Vice President claims that he is not part of the executive branch of government to which he was elected, it is time to remove him.

The Vice President holds himself accountable to no one. He ordered the Secret Service to destroy visitors logs, and we have learned in the Washington Post recently, that the Vice President circumvented every check and balance inside the White House to force through his own agenda, to spy on Americans through illegal wire traps, creating the gulag at Guantanamo, and subverting civil liberties and free speech at every turn.

Since the President permits the flagrant disregard of the Constitution, it is up to the Congress to act and defend the American people. With each new revelation, America has seen only glints of what has been done totally in secret.

For all we don't know, this much we do know: The Vice President holds himself above the law, and it is time for the Congress to enforce the law. I believe the evidence is overwhelming and the articles of impeachment against the Vice President should be drawn up

The Vice President likes to say the military option is on the table. Tonight it is time to say the impeachment option is on the table.

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I am adding my name [to H.Res.333](#), calling for the impeachment. For the good of the Nation, the Vice President should leave office immediately. Call it a medical condition, call it a political condition, call it what it is; the departure of a person who forgot that he works for the American people.

The Vice President must either resign or face impeachment.

Madam Speaker, I submit for the [Record an article in Slate magazine dated 27 June 2004](#), entitled "Impeach Cheney."

Read the [text of the Slate Magazine article](#) that Jim made part of the congressional record.
<http://www.slate.com/id/2169292>

View a video of Representative McDermott's speech to congress:
http://recap.fednet.net/archive/Buildasx.asp?sProxy=80_hflr062807_112.wmv.80_hflr062807_113.wmv&sTime=00:03:13.0&eTime=00:02:52&duration=00:04:40.0&UserName=mike%252E&sLocation=&sExpire=1

Read [House Resolution 333](#) in its entirety and see who else has signed on to this bill.
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:H.Res.333:%7CTOM:/bss/d110query.html%7C>

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July Program

First up, we'll allow local candidates that have met our requirements to be considered for endorsement by our organization and then we'll feature our own Representative Bob Hasegawa talking about more issues we should be tracking.

We are on the final stretch for candidate endorsements. See the minutes in this newsletter to see who was endorsed last meeting. Members please try to be prepared for these endorsement meetings by reading up on candidates and doing your homework. If you want to see the questionnaires that are filled out before the General Meeting, go to KCDCC website at <http://www.kcdems.net/temp/Candidates2007/> and look up the candidates who have already turned in their materials.

2008 Caucuses Are Coming

Next year's caucuses are on the horizon, and the 11th Legislative District Democrats are taking the steps to be organized to hold the best-ever. During our last 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board meeting, George Summers graciously accepted an appointment as 11th Legislative District Caucus Chair. Along with that, he committed to joining me at the Washington State Democratic Central Committee quarterly meeting held in Pasco June 30 - during the Chairs Caucus Training session held by KCDCC Chair Suzie Sheary. It is very important that we plan and carry this activity off well - because it is a vital part of our hand in what the Party does, with impacts that go through to the Democratic National Convention AND it's a vital source to recruit and retain new members. We hope to count on the depth of experience a core group within our membership has to offer from past caucus involvement, along with recruiting new people in our organization that want to get involved, learn the ropes of this process better and make a big difference to the Party. We're in the early stages of planning right now, but feel free to talk with George or myself about it and expect to learn much more in the next two-three months about what will happen.

We have just under 200 active, paying members right now. We need every one of you to make this the best and most effective district on many levels. More and more, I hope to see members finding ways to get involved. Just give me or any Executive Board member a call about what you'd like to do. This is YOUR organization and everyone counts!

Susan Kruller - Chair
11th Legislative District Democratic Organization

*Education can lift individuals out of poverty and into rewarding careers.
Education exposes young people to a broader world, a world full of opportunity and hope.
Education is the foundation upon which we build our future.*

Christine Gregoire

Upcoming 11th District Meetings

General Meeting: July 17th – 7pm
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

**Executive Board Meeting:
August 2nd – 7pm**
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

Official Call

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
July 17, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North
Proposed Agenda
(Endorsements may be considered)

7:00 p.m. Call to Order Flag Salute

7:02 p.m. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Proposed Agenda
Introductions

7:05 p.m.
11th Legislative District Candidate Endorsement Considerations
as approved to appear by the 11th LD Executive Board :

- City of Burien
- City of Renton
- City of Tukwila
- City of SeaTac
- City of Seattle
- Unincorporated King County

Break

8:05 p.m. Bob Hasegawa - Discussing HB 1510 that would create a
state windfall profits tax on oil companies

8:20 P.M. Officer and Delegate Reports

8:40 p.m. Old Business

8:40 p.m. New Business

8:45 p.m. Raffle Prizes

8:50 p.m. Good of the Order

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

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