



# The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Kate Kruller

O.K. everyone! We've gone electronic with our 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Newsletter! We will send out the link to the first online issue to all known e-mail addresses in the membership and caucus attendees with the option to continue, update or opt out of receiving the newsletter notice! We will continue this new form of delivery online to those e-mail addresses we have. Anyone can go to our website to see the newsletter as well. This is a much more efficient method and we hope you will like it for a number of reasons

We've done this, because we wanted to reduce a considerable amount of money spent each month for printing and bulk mailing, we wanted to reduce our carbon footprint driving out to the printer and delivering the newsletters to the bulk mailing facility in our area and we think it's time that we stop "killing trees" just to get out the word on our meetings. Come on – we call ourselves environmentalists, we're living in the new millennium and most of us are fully capable of receiving an e-mail with a link and going there to read up on what's happening. If you still think you'd like a paper copy to walk around with, just go ahead and hit "Print" from your own computer.

We announced this upcoming change in previous meetings and gave all newsletter recipients fair notice in the May issue of the newsletter. If you or someone you know realizes they aren't getting the newsletter notice via e-mail, please make sure Martha Koester has the updated e-mail address where you want to receive the monthly Official Call notice with a link going forward. Her e-mail address is on the second page of this newsletter. Now, I know there are some members who don't have computers, do not have an e-mail address or are just challenged by all-things-Internet. Don't distress! We figure 15-20 members may be in this situation and we plan to print up a small batch of copies for the few remaining member who just want it the way we've always done it! That's o.k. I'll personally see to that. Meanwhile I hope a great number of members see the wisdom of this new approach and appreciate the convenience in how much easier it will be able to deliver the Official Call and other news to you online!

During the May meeting the Membership voted to approve endorsements for Seattle City Council Member Nick Licata and City of Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels (in fact, a sole endorsement for him) under our by-laws allowing for early endorsements of candidates running for re-election who have been previously endorsed by this organization (and not running against another candidate with the same status). We also proudly endorsed a candidate from amongst our own membership ranks – Jim Flynn is running for Renton City Council Position 2. Way to Go!

May was the last month to ask for an early endorsement. We are now preparing for local elections concerning posts in five cities, the Port of Seattle and unincorporated King County! Filing will close in early June and we will hold two Endorsement nights - one in June and one in July. Do your best to be informed on candidates and the issues!

The rest of the meeting was a very good review of the 2009 Legislative Session. Representative Zack Hudgins and Representative Bob Hasegawa (Senator Margarita Prentice was unable to attend –as the State Budget signed by the Governor the same day) and Don Bennett Legislative Action Committee Representative Don Bennett provided their perspective on the session. This "insider's talk" about what happened and why is exactly the reason our members keep coming back. Where else can you hear it first-hand from your own elected officials and have them answer your questions with straight talk?

## Upcoming Programs

\*\*\* Be sure to attend our next meeting on **Tuesday June 16, 2009 – 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall**. It will be a wall-to-wall opportunity for members to see candidates for office make their case and then vote on who we want to endorse. We will cover as much as time allows in June. Remember, we have 5 cities and unincorporated King County local elections to consider. We try to get it all packaged up for endorsements in both June/July - makes it easier to sort out. Your Executive Board will finalize the agenda, but you can expect us to consider candidates running for Port of Seattle Commission, King County offices, City of Seattle...and what other city races that fit in June. Then we'll finish with the remaining races, along with ballot issues, in July. Be sure to arrive early for good parking and seats! We will start this meeting at 7 p.m. sharp! I look forward to seeing you there!

GO DEMS! Kate Kruller – Chair, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 candi-  
dates.**

**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!**

Chuck Laney of the Renton Carpenters Local 1797 reminds us that the Public Disclosure Commission will conduct a course on their online reporting system, called ORCA - free and open to the public.

Thursday June 25, 2009 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North

The course is applicable for Political Organization Chairs, Treasurers, Candidates and their respective staff.

Please RSVP to Chuck Laney at [claney06@gmail.com](mailto:claney06@gmail.com) to reserve space.

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

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## Kathy Pouncy



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**Send to: 11<sup>th</sup> District Democrats c/o Kathy Pouncy Treasurer:**

**PO BOX 1133, Renton, WA. 98057-1133**

**11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Carpenter's Hall – 231 Burnett Avenue North**  
**Renton, Washington 98057**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Flag Salute

A Moment of Silence for Dennis Moyers. The 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District membership expresses deepest sympathy to the Moyers Family.

**7:05 p.m.**

Approved Past Minutes/Approved Agenda

Announcement and Introductions

**7:10 p.m.**

The field has widened for candidates running for King County Executive. Fred Jarret and Ross Hunter both well known by many in the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. Both candidate provided information regarding their qualifications and campaign platform. Both candidates responded to questions on metro transit, maintaining a standard of living, salaries, jobs, parks, education, state income tax and the environment.

**7:15 p.m.**

Endorsement considerations of candidates running for re-election who have been previously endorsed by this organization (not running against another in the same race). Note: we are one month away from the first of two Endorsement Nights in June and July.

Nick Licata- Seattle City Council requested an endorsement from the 11<sup>th</sup> LD. MSA – Licata Endorsed.

Greg Nickles- Seattle Mayor requested an endorsement from the 11<sup>th</sup> LD...– The Mayor responded to intense questions from the membership. MSA- Nickels – Sole Endorsement

**7:55 p.m.**

Jim Flynn our former 11<sup>th</sup> LD Secretary/Newsletter Editor is candidate for Renton City Council Position 2 – MSA- Flynn Endorsed

**8:00 p.m.**

**Break**

**8:10 p.m.**

Brief Officer and Committee Reports

Financial Report by Treasurer Kathy Pouncy. More members have paid their membership fee since last report.

**8:20 p.m.**

Program 2009 **Washington State Legislative Session Debrief: The Inside Story**: Featuring: Representative Zack Hudgins and Representative Bob Hasegawa (Senator Margarita Prentice was unable to attend – meeting on same day as State Budget signing by the Governor) Don Bennett Legislative Action Committee Representative Don Bennett. Each provided their perspective on the session. The question and answer period was informative and also showed us how truly committed our representatives are to the district. Write to your representative and let them know what you are concerned about so they can fight for you.

**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

Update on Upcoming Issues Events and PCO Activities Event

Martha Koester – Resolution opposing the closure of Evergreen Pool- MSA

**8:45 p.m.** – Raffle Prizes

**8:50 p.m.** – Good of the Order - Several announcements made on upcoming events.

**9:00 p.m.** – Adjourn

We regret to inform the membership that one of our own, Dennis Moyers, passed away on May 11, 2009. The 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization membership expresses its deepest sympathy to the Moyers Family and those he loved. A memorial service is set for Saturday, June 6, 2009 beginning at 11 a.m. at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, 10940 SE 68th Street, Renton 98055. More detailed information to follow regarding donations in lieu of flowers. That is still being determined.

Dennis served the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization as a Precinct Committee Officer in Renton, the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Male Representative to the King County Democratic Central Committee and on the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Executive Board.

He was a successful activist as a medical cannabis patient and advocate working to raise awareness of Medical Cannabis (marijuana) Laws in the 14 States where they exist. Dennis lobbied legislators and approached the Governor in an effort open lines of communication between law enforcement, medical practitioners, and medical cannabis patient group community. In his finest hour, Dennis decided to encourage the Obama Administration to set up liaison within the Federal government to meet with medical marijuana patients and develop smart policy. His political legacy is a petition for the establishment of a Federal Medical Cannabis Liaison position and if you go to [http://www.change.org/actions/view/federal\\_medical\\_cannabis\\_liaison](http://www.change.org/actions/view/federal_medical_cannabis_liaison) this attainable cause can still use your support today.

### *Consent of the Governed*

In 1776 something happened that had never happened before in the history of Humanity. A people united and told the world that they, the People should, could, and would govern themselves and that the government would derive its just powers from the consent of the governed. The Preamble of the Constitution is the over-arching guide to, and spirit of all that was to follow in the document and is the premise upon which all laws in the United States must be based. The Preamble states, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The first thing on the list is Justice. Justice is to provide for and protect the basis that all men are created equal and have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We believe that Justice has been set aside because the prior leaders of our country have been neither prosecuted nor investigated. The Bush Administration is probably guilty of war crimes for starting a war with another Country with neither provocation nor a clear and present danger. The prior administration ordered torture and kidnapping outside the US borders, violating the Geneva Convention. They wire-tapped Americans without FISA warrants even before the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001 and increased it following the attack. At a time of war, someone in the prior Administration committed treason by outing a CIA agent who was working undercover overseas. These are well-founded allegations. We want investigations! No excuses or rationale will suffice! This Administration is either too weak or too afraid if it does not investigate. War Crimes and persons who ordered torture must be prosecuted. There is no point in moving forward and ignoring these crimes. Without Justice for all, the rest of our democracy is in peril. It is our right; in fact, it is our duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for our future security. We thought we did that when we overwhelmingly voted Democratic and elected you in the 2008 election.

The Preamble continues, to "insure domestic Tranquility", that would be Peace. And to "provide for the common defense" that is for everyone. It is not just for our Corporations and the ability to bully other countries by controlling and overtly profiting from their natural resources and their people with cheap labor. It does not give us the right to control their energy resources for our gain. The Preamble continues, to "promote the general Welfare." That too, is for everyone, everyone's welfare. The general welfare means that which is common to all of us and paid for by us, must benefit all of us. Our environment, our infrastructure, our judicial system and our government must work to provide for all of our people and protect our health and well being. In order to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," we "do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

**Upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> District Meetings**

General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, June 16, 2009 7:00 PM  
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

**Executive Board Meeting: Thursday June 4 – 7pm**  
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

**Official Call**

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday June 16, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.  
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North  
  
Proposed Agenda  
(Endorsements will be considered)

<p>7:00 p.m. Call to Order Flag Salute</p> <p>7:05 p.m. Approve Past Minutes Approve Agenda</p> <p>7:10 p.m. Endorsement Meeting Rules and Guidelines</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Announce previously endorsed candidates Present proposed list of candidates to be endorsed by Acclamation, if applicable.</p> <p>7:20 p.m. Nomination for Endorsements - In order of office as listed in the King County Elections list prior to City office listings. The Executive Board will determine what city offices – and in what order – will be considered this month (any remaining will be considered in July). Candidates who are present will get an opportunity to speak for two minutes. Take good notes – we will hear from all the candidates on the agenda, then vote after the break.</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Break</p> <p>8:05 p.m. Endorsement Voting – Credentialed members only</p> <p>8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes</p> <p>8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order</p> <p>9:00 p.m. - Adjourn</p>
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