



The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Kate Kruller

Well it is GAME ON for the mid-term elections! So much is on the line right now, and everything we are voting on is vital! We all have to do our best at whatever we can to let voters know that we have the numbers if everyone votes.

There are a number of ways to do this: (1) Just start by talking with family and friends – and maybe taking copies of the 2010 11th LD Endorsement List around your neighborhood or precinct (we've provided the list in this newsletter); (2) Look for ways to support a specific candidate or ballot issue by volunteering to work on the phone bank or canvass neighborhoods that need to hear more; and (3) Join the Get Out The Vote efforts as we approach election day.

One of our strongest neighbor /voter connection efforts is our community outreach. We finished our last event a couple of weeks back, and I just want to say THANK YOU to those who made a difference as we participated in the Fiesta Patrias Parade at South Park. Judicial Candidate Karen Donohue arrived with signs ready to go, King County Council Candidate Joe McDermott consolidated his group with ours, Suzie Sheary arrived with friends, Larry Grubb and Martha Koester (who I know was in need of some sleep) all made it up the hill to go through the parade! Senator Margarita Prentice, in spite of unexpected last-minute obstacles, once again demonstrated her reliability in joining us for the parade. Overall, I think we made a great showing for the 11th LD!

We now have proof that Margarita always draws the attention and admiration of those who live in South Park - whether she is in a fancy convertible or passing by in a common truck! I saw Karen out meeting people along the route - some who've never met a Judge or talked with a candidate running for the job. That has got to turn into favorable votes! Joe brought his inspired band of people over to join us - which made us look better as a group. I heard the announcer make sure to identify Margarita and Joe loud and clear as we went by and the pleased crowd responded big-time! Suzie did a great job making a good presence for the Patty Murray campaign, and, although, I don't think people have a clue how much time it takes to make those buttons - they are always a hit! People love 'em. Suzie's friends and their kids were really having fun as they carried Murray signs and passed out the candy. It was just FUN. South Park is a community full of Democrats, they are always hospitable to our group of Democrats, and it was a joy to let them know Democrats care about South Park!

Later on that day, Margarita charmed the crowds at the awards ceremony; and Bob Hasegawa's daughter, Toshiko, had an opportunity to address everyone on his behalf as well. Both ladies are fluent in Spanish, which was very well received as they spoke on this very special 200th Anniversary celebration of the Mexico's Independence from Spain!

More than a couple of us think the South Park festival/parade is our favorite community outreach event of the year! When I think about all they have been through this year - literally cut off from surrounding neighborhoods and businesses - just to see the strength of the Human Spirit they bring out to create the parade - and the spark among those in the crowds that attended as spectators - it is inspiring! It was a rare opportunity and an honor to be included in a unique community experience of such color and pageantry! I count ourselves to be very fortunate.

Icing on the cake was that the weather was perfect! I think we all had a good experience that day. I know what we did is worthwhile. Thanks to everyone for being a part of it!

Upcoming Programs:

*** 11th Legislative District Democrats General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, 19, 2010 - 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall. 231 Burnett Avenue North in Renton, WA, 98057. The ballots go out the week before this meeting. Voters must mail in their ballots in the next two weeks. The State Democratic Party meeting will be complete. The polls and pundits will be going crazy trying to figure it all out. And the Democrats will be out there talking to voters – the more people that vote the better Democrats will do! We are still working on our speaker, but you know with the air so thick with politics, we will have someone onboard to hit a home run as our speaker! All of our unannounced speakers have been great this year; expect a sizzler from this one!

*** NOTICE/WARNING/PAYATTENTION: **THERE WILL BE NO NOVEMBER MEETING. WE ARE PLANNING AN ELECTION NIGHT EVENT INSTEAD!!** This is now a tradition! Last year we had a BLAST! It looks like we will have a number of candidates and elected all in one location. Details will come out at our October meeting and in the next newsletter, but be sure to make plans to come out November 2nd and celebrate the hard work we have all put in on this year's election - and look forward to victory for the Democrats!

Democrats represent the BEST option for voters – at national, state, county, and city levels! All we have to do is tell it from the mountain top! Our candidates are the logical choice. Our plans for the future make sense. We absolutely won't repeat the mistakes made by our opposition! We have the courage to chart a far better course for the country. All we have to do is help voters recognize the obvious and make sure that they vote. Talk to everyone you know. Contact your precinct voters. Be sure to VOTE!

GO DEMS!

Kate 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!

2009— 2011 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board

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Please Send in Your 2010 Membership Dues Now
(Make checks payable to the 11th District Democrats)

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
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| ___ Captain Membership \$50.00 | ___ Living Lightly | \$6.00 |
| ___ Liberty Membership \$100.00 | ___ Silver Membership | \$250.00 |
| ___ Family Sponsorship \$100.00 | | |
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Send to: 11th District Democrats c/o Treasurer:

PO BOX 1133, Renton, WA. 98057-1133

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
Tuesday September 21, 2010 – 7:00p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North

7:15 p.m.

Call to Order
Flag Salute

7:17 p.m.

Approved Past Minutes-MSA
Approved Agenda-MSA

7:18 p.m.

Speaker: King County Council Chair Bob Ferguson updated the membership on what issues are currently before the KCC. Some of the topics discussed: priorities for the council, the 2011 budget and its process, budget challenges, short falls and the effect to public services, judicial and other community agencies. This was then followed by a question and answer period which covered topics such as the South Park Bridge, campaign finances, what impact will 1098 have on the KCC budget and the sale tax.

The councilmember will host his 5th Annual Shrimp Feed on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at Northgate Community Center from 3-5 p.m. The special guest will be Senator Patty Murray. RSVP at (206) 523-7245.

8:00 p.m.

Curry McFadden, a campaign representative for Congressman Adam Smith, asked for volunteers to help in any way possible with the re-election. If you have any time to help please send an e-mail to Curry Mcfadden@electadamsmith.com or visit the website of Congressman Smith.

Ara-Danielle Uniza, 11th LD Field Organizer, provided the membership with a calendar of upcoming events for Senator Patty Murray and phone bank location: IAM Union Hall 9125 15th Pl. South Seattle 98101, Seattle Headquarters 1310 Mercer St. Seattle 98109 and Ironworkers Local 86 4550 S 134th Pl #102 Tukwila 98168. You can contact Ara at (206)467-0066 or e-mail: ara@wavictory.org

Jeff Smith, representing 1098, requested volunteers to help with phone banking. This is a close race so please go out and help. Days you can help are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 5-8:30 p.m.

Our Chair, Kate, encouraged members to volunteer and get involved with these campaigns. She read some correspondence from our party chair Dwight Pelz and also 11th LD member Pam Carter (206) 244-0558 which requested that DEMS volunteer and help get candidates re-elected and initiatives we support pass.

Congratulations to elected 2010-2012 PCOs! The first vote is at the KCDCC re-org Dec. 4 (9am-Noon) – Meeting is at the IAM Union Hall in South Park. Call for PCO appointments (vote will be at conclusion of 11th LD re-org in January).

Motion/Second for SCAN TV Resolution – Diane Ferguson, SCAN Executive Director. Ms. Ferguson addressed the membership and asked for support. This was followed by a Q&A. The 11th endorsed the resolution. **Vote results -approved**

Motion/Second vote No on Initiative 1053 and Initiative 1107- the membership heard from Alice Waldt - followed by Q&A- **Vote results-approved**

8:35 p.m.
Break

8:45 p.m.
Motion/Second- Ken Berry requesting the membership to vote NO on Seattle School Supplemental Level. Followed by Q&A **Vote result. 19 for- 2 against**

Motion/Second- Maurice Classen-(PCO 43rd LD) - Safe Kids and Neighborhoods- Yes on King County Prop 1- **vote result- all members approved**

Motion/Second- Martha Koester presented the resolution requesting that our representatives and candidates for Congress take a public stand against cutting Social Security and Medicare- **vote -approved**

9:00 p.m.
State Representative Zack Hudgins addressed the membership with a moving speech - the theme was of getting involved in this upcoming election.

9:10 p.m.
Community Outreach Effort Information follow up and recap
Website Project update provided
Report by Vice Chair Jay Hollingsworth on activities in the community.

9:15p.m.
Raffle

9:18 p.m.
Good of the Order
MSA- No 11th LD meeting in November

9:20 p.m.
Adjourn

Dear 11th LD Democrats,

As we approach the November election, please talk to as many of your neighbors as possible. All of us must make an effort to get people out to vote!

The election also marks the end of the current Leadership Team's terms. It is time for New Leadership. New progressive people must step up and take the mantel of running the organization. Now is your chance to make the changes you see are needed. It is time for your voice to be heard. Step up! All officer positions are up for grabs. Start politicking now! Let the Membership know you are interested. You will need to start planning for the 2012 Presidential election. May the States regain their sanity!

I know people thought I would run for the Chair's position, but I will not. I have been called to serve my Native community at United Indians of All Tribes Foundation, and I have accepted an invitation to be on the Native American Advisory Council with the Seattle Police Department. This is my first love and family. I must help as much as I can. I do not shun you, but care about you and this country a great deal. I will not accept a position at the 11th LD and do a poor job. You all know my work ethic is too high to allow that. I simply won't have to time to do the job right.

I may not be at many meetings next year, but I plan on being at the State meetings. Please keep in touch, I know there are causes we are all concerned with and need our support. We will need to help each other as always. You all will always have a place in my heart. Thanks for allowing me to be your Vice-Chair, It has been my honor to be your friend,
Jay

Jay "Westwind Wolf" Hollingsworth,

Vice-Chair WSDCC Native American Caucus,

Vice-Chair 11th District Democrats & Native American

Liaison KCDCC Multicultural Committee

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11th Legislative District Democratic Organization**2010 Endorsement List**

United States Senator
Patty Murray
Partisan office

King County District Court Southwest Electoral District
Judge Position No. 2
Susan Mahoney
Nonpartisan office

United States Representative
Congressional District No. 7
Jim McDermott
Partisan office

Seattle Municipal Court
Judge Position No. 1
Edsonya Charles
Nonpartisan office

United States Representative
Congressional District No. 8
Suzan DelBene
Partisan office

Seattle Municipal Court
Judge Position No. 6
Karen Donohue
Nonpartisan office

United States Representative
Congressional District No. 9
Adam Smith
Partisan office

Yes on Initiative-1098

Initiative to establish an "adjusted gross income" tax for individuals earning above \$200,000; couples earning above \$400,000.

State Representative
Legislative Dist No. 11 - Position 1
Zack Hudgins
Partisan office

Yes on Referendum 52

This is a bond measure to retrofit Washington State schools.

State Representative
Legislative Dist No. 11 - Position 2
Bob Hasegawa
Partisan office

No on Initiative-1100 and Initiative 1105

Privatization of liquor sales. We oppose it due to community impacts. Keep our kids safe

King County Council
County Council District No. 8
Joe McDermott
Nonpartisan office

Yes on King County Prop 1

Safe Kids and Neighborhoods - Proposition 1 is needed to preserve adequate police protection, retain probation officers who monitor dangerous offenders, maintain services for crime victims, and ensure our courts and prosecutors can keep criminals off the streets.

State Supreme Court
Justice Position No. 6
Charlie Wiggins
Nonpartisan office

No on Initiative1107

This would repeal small taxes on soda pop, bottled water, candy and gum. Without these taxes, there will be further, more severe cuts to programs for children, seniors and other vulnerable populations.

King County District Court Southeast
Electoral District
Judge Position No. 2
David E. Meyer
Nonpartisan office

No on Initiative 1053

Created by Tim Eyman, the real intent of I-1053 is to tie the hands of the legislature.

King County District Court Southeast
Electoral District
Judge Position No. 6
David Tracy
Nonpartisan office

No on Initiative1082

1082 is an initiative that seeks to privatize Washington's workers' compensation system, and is backed by BIAW and AIG.

King County District Court Southeast
Electoral District
Judge Position No. 6
Matt Williams
Nonpartisan office

NO on Seattle School District Supplemental Levy

Spending on expensive projects and to staff new projects at headquarters -- not for schools and programs that suffered cuts.

**The 11th Legislative District (LD) Democratic Organization
will conduct an endorsement session during its General Membership meeting:**

**Tuesday October 19, 2010 – 7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North
Renton, Washington
206-300-3697**

The following constitutes the endorsement session rules:

- An agenda is attached as a guide to the event.
- The District has selected the following members to conduct the session:
 - o Chair Kate Kruller
 - o Credentials Captain Martha Koester
 - o Tally Captains Jay Hollingsworth, Chris Hintz
 - o Parliamentarian TBD
 - o Recording Secretary Karen Patterson
- Eligible voters will receive a numbered credential card when signing in. Current 2008-2010 11th LD Democrat PCOs and paid members constitute the eligible voters who have voice and vote. Discussion and voting is valid for all PCOs and paid members as of May 18, 2010.
- The format will be to make a motion on an issue – with a second. The member motioner or a representative of the group bringing the issue come before the membership to speak for two (2) minutes and field a Q&A for no more than three (3) questions with a 30-second response to each. **Take good notes; voting will occur after all the candidates are finished speaking.**
- Issues will be introduced in the order listed in today's agenda
- Issue advocates may attend the meeting, but will not be allowed in the room while voting takes place (unless they are voting members in the 11LD). Campaigning materials, including signs and literature, are welcome.
- At the Chair's request, a report of total credentials will be made to ascertain the maximum votes possible during the two-thirds majority vote.
- Discussion – if necessary - will be limited to six minutes per candidate, with maximum 3 pro and 3 con statements lasting one (1) minute each. All who speak are required to state their name, where they live and disclose if they are affiliated with a campaign.
- An endorsement from the District results in use of the District and Chairman's names in any and all advertisements for each campaign. It also allows the District to make donations to the endorsed campaigns and provide updated membership mailing lists.

Excerpted from By-Laws of the 11th LD Democrats (3/16/10)

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 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.

**Voting is like driving a car.
To go forward, vote D.
To go backwards, vote R.**

**As John Boehner, who wants to be Speaker of the House, said,
“We are not going to be any different than what we’ve been.”**

**More of the same is more of
the financial deregulation that crashed the economy,
getting rid of or at least cutting Social Security,
more environmental disasters like the BP oil spill,
more salmonella in your eggs and *E Coli* in your meat,
more poisoned cat food from China,
more sending your jobs out of the country.**

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Official Call

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Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North

Proposed Agenda
(Endorsements may be considered)

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

7:10 p.m. Approve Past Minutes / Approve Agenda
Introductions

7:15 p.m.
Speaker: To be announced. Be sure to make this meeting. Many of our speakers signed on after we posted the Official Call this year... All of them have been extremely good! It will be four days after the ballots have gone out, with only two weeks left to vote. This promises to be one of our best!

7:45 p.m.
• Washington State Democratic Party statewide meeting Recap
• Motion for Resolutions
• Motions for Endorsements (campaigns and ballot issues):

8:00 p.m. Break

8:05 p.m.
11th LD Membership Endorsement Voting – Credentialed members only make nominations for endorsements and vote. Nomination for Endorsements - In order of office as listed in the King County Elections list.

Candidates (or representatives)/Ballot Issue Campaigns who are present will get an opportunity to speak for two minutes and will answer up to 3 questions with 30 second response time or less. 11th LD Membership Endorsement Voting – Credentialed members only make nominations for endorsements and vote.

8:20 p.m.
• Website Project – Elise Wayne SSCC
• Brief Officer and Committee Reports

8:30 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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