



# The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democrats Newsletter

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization

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Chair: Azziem Underwood

[Calendar of Upcoming Events](#)

Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>—11th LD Dems **General Membership Meeting**  
7-9:00pm Carpenter's Hall, [231 Burnett AVE N, Renton](#)

Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>—**Family Fourth at the Fort**  
4:00pm-10:00pm [Fort Dent Park, Tukwila](#)

The park opens at 9:00 am

Booth setup can begin at noon.

Activities start at 4:00 pm with live entertainment.

Fireworks at 10 pm.

July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>—[Kent Cornucopia Days](#)

July 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> — [Renton River Days](#)

The 11th LD Dems will have a booth at the community events and your help is solicited.

Contact [Rosemary Quesenberry](mailto:Rosemary Quesenberry), [running4renton@msn.com](mailto:running4renton@msn.com), and sign up to help.



Bob Hasegawa, Rosemary Quesenberry, George Summers

## [Beacon Hill Festival](#)

On Sat, June 2<sup>nd</sup> the 11th LD Dems had a booth at the Beacon Hill Festival. Bob Hasegawa was a popular participant.

We provided voter registration forms and a list of our endorsed candidates. (See page 2.)

## Democratic Primary Election Candidates

**Tuesday Aug 7, 2012**

**Highlighted \*** candidates have been endorsed by the 11th LD Democrats.

### United States Senator

**Maria Cantwell \***

Timmy (Doc) Wilson

### Secretary of State

**Kathleen Drew \***

Jim Kastama

Greg Nickels

### Insurance Commissioner

**Mike Kreidler \***

### US Representative

Congressional Dist. No. 8

**Karen Porterfield \***

Keith Arnold

### State Treasurer

**Jim McIntire \***

### State Senator

Legislative Dist No. 11

**Bob Hasegawa \***

### US Representative

Congressional Dist. No. 9

**Adam Smith \***

Tom Cramer

### State Auditor

**Craig Pridemore \***

Troy Kelley

Mark Miloscia

### State Representative

Position 1

**Zach Hudgins \***

**Jim Flynn**

### Governor

**Jay Inslee \***

Rob Hill

### Attorney General

**Bob Ferguson \***

### State Representative

Position 2

**Bobby Virk \***

**Steve Bergquist \***

Rob Holland

Stephanie Bowman

### Lieutenant Governor

Brad Owen

### Commissioner of Public Lands

**Peter J. Goldmark \***

## Isn't It Ironic

By

Paula Joneli

33rd District Democrats

Isn't it ironic that such hypocrisy is contained in "brave" political speech. Every hour in all forms of media, we are bombarded with "courageous leadership" spoken or sponsored by Republicans hiding behind platitudinous titles. For example:

**Americans For Prosperity** is the Super-Pac largely funded by the multi-billionaire Koch Brothers, whose father made his fortune in Stalin's Russia, then returned home to the US to found the radical John Birch Society. The Koch Brothers were born in the USA; making them eligible for American citizenship, and their mission is to preserve and expand their own prosperity, so I guess the name fits that narrow definition!

The terms "**free market**" and "**free enterprise**" are bandied about in as if they are the holy grail of all that is American. Keep in mind, however, that the only "freedom" is granted to Corporations to "freely" pollute the environment, abuse the workers, poison their consumers, and pass all losses on to the US taxpayers. This type of "freedom" is veeerrry expensive!

On an almost hourly basis, we hear Republican members of the US Congress and Senate decry that "**The Government can't create jobs!**" Has anyone ever noticed that these decriers are actually on the Federal (government) payroll and enjoying generous taxpayer-funded benefits? In 1933 after his inauguration, FDR sent his aid, Harry Hopkins out to hire unemployed people to build dams, highways, buildings, and other Federal projects. Wise man that he was, FDR bypassed the middle (corporate) man and put those workers directly on the federal payroll, resulting in millions of jobs in the first 6 months of his Presidency ... and he got "more bang for the buck" because he didn't have to give up taxpayer dollars for bribe money; otherwise known as "tax breaks" and "no-bid contracts".

And how about those "war hawks" continuously calling for "**military intervention**", unless President Obama has actually intervened militarily! Right now, Mitt Romney is calling for intervention in Syria. I find it ironic that this "warrior" and others in his party have mostly never heard a shot fired in anger. In fact, Romney's family has no record of military service for three generations. Neither Mitt, nor his father, nor any of his five sons have spent even a day in uniform serving their country. Mitt and his brothers avoided the draft in the Viet Nam era by doing missionary work for their church. Mitt's sons have enjoyed their youth in the time of a "volunteer army" when young people join the military for patriotic and/or economic reasons.

I find it especially ironic (and hypocritical) that people who profess to be "**pro-life**" are often in favor of going to war, torturing detainees, the death penalty, and denying life-saving healthcare to Americans. And how about those "Christians" who ignore the teachings of Christ -- or Buddha -- or any other prophet or teacher of a major faith tradition. I often think of Gandhi's words, "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians (who are) so unlike your Christ." As usual, Gandhi clearly saw the differences between the teacher and the "followers", who desecrate the teachings.

Let us call out these ironies, hypocrisies, and outright lies as we work through the campaigns this year. We will continue to hear the "dog whistle words" and jargon, and it is our job to define those terms honestly to those who use them as a battle cry.

11th District Democratic Organization

May 15, 2012 minutes

Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue

Renton 98057

by Rosemary Quesenberry (acting secretary)

Meeting **Called to Order** by Chair Underwood (7:05)

Flag Salute

Minutes were not approved as Secretary Jerri Woods had the minutes from the previous meeting and was unable to attend.

Flowers were sent to Jerri Wood from the 11th District Dems

Filing for PCO are being held in the backroom assisted by George Summers

Caucus is held this week and it is important that delegates attend.

Introductions of Speakers:

Andrew Endrody spoke on behalf of Elizabeth Burns, candidate for King County Superior Court Judge, position # 25. He requested endorsement for her.

Karen Porterfield, candidate for Congress requested endorsement from the district.

Bobby Virk thanked the district for receiving the nomination. He also asked for volunteers for his campaign.

Bob Hasegawa spoke briefly regarding the State of our Washington

John Urquhart, candidate for Sheriff spoke and requested endorsement.

Dave Upthegove spoke about upcoming events to be held in the 47th.

Margarita Prentice spoke representing Bob Fergusons' campaign

Motion was made to endorse candidates. Candidates were voted on separately.

Elizabeth Burns, Karen Porterfield and John Urquhart received endorsements.

**Old Business:**

Ratify budget

Vote taken and passed unanimously. It was noted that some "tweaks" will be made to this proposed budget.

Review/vote proposed bylaw changes:

Article XII, Section I: Delete the words " Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy and"

Vote taken and passed 11 "for" the changes and 1 "against"

Article XII, Section 2: Change to Expenditures "of up to and including" be added and expenditures "more than" \$50.00 , deleting "or more"

Article XIII amended, changing the work "to" to "by".

Vote taken and passed

**New Business**

Congressional District Caucuses - Encourage delegates to attend State Convention

Summer Tour- Will include Bacon Hill Days, Fiestas Patrias, Kent Cornucopia, Renton River Days, Tukwila Days. Volunteers needed. Rosemary Quesenberry volunteered as "point person". Picnic will be held in August

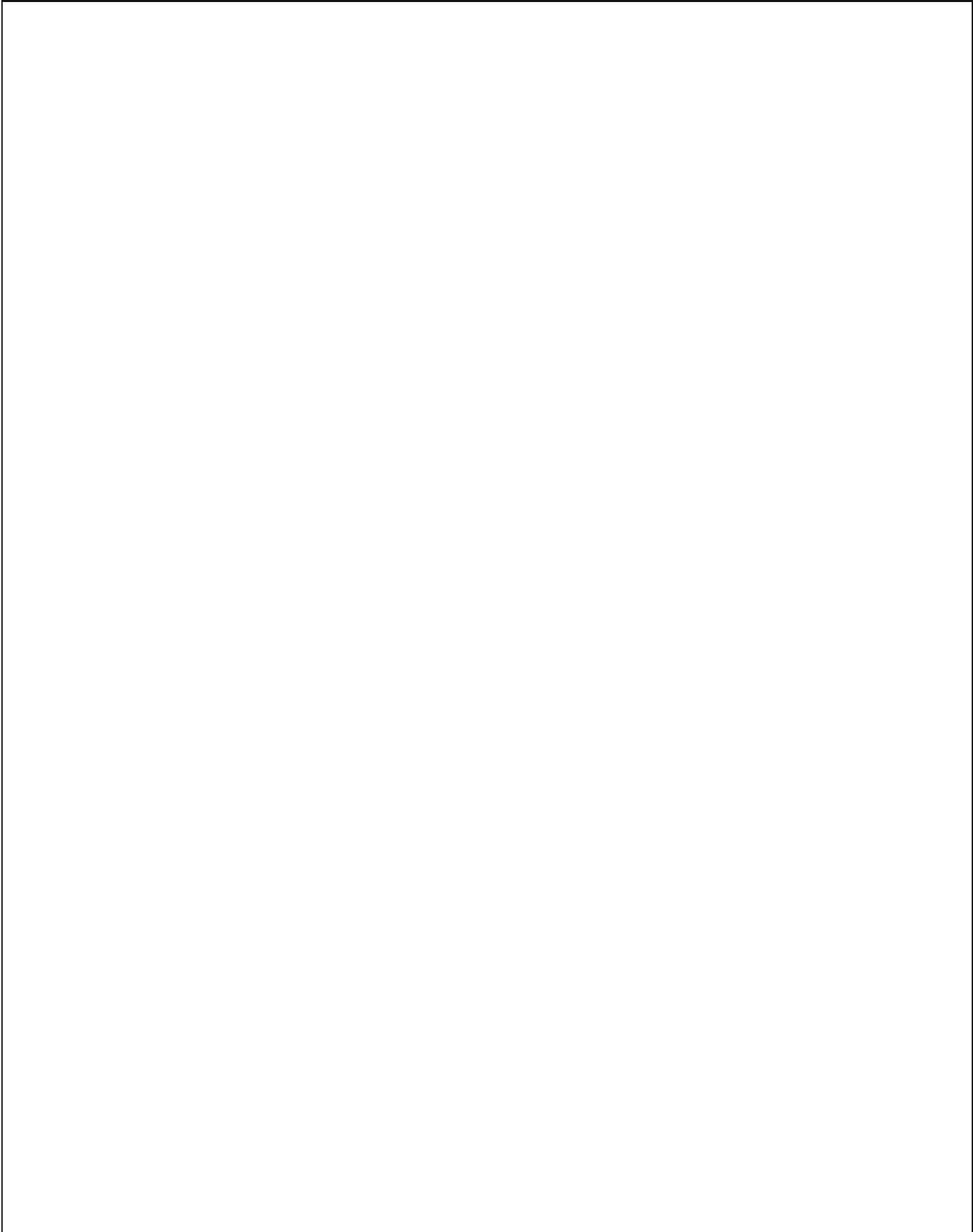
**Door Prizes****Good of the Order**

John Gueverra spoke on the Alliance for Retired Americans

Bob Hasegawa spoke against initiatives 8223 and 8221

Martha Koester asked for volunteers to register homeless people residing in shelters

Adjourned 8:40



**Official Call**

**11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, June, 19 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave N

**Proposed Agenda**

Call to Order – promptly at 7:00 pm

Flag Salute

Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Review/Approval of Proposed Agenda

**Announcements and Campaign Updates**

Break

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Order

Door Prizes

Adjourn

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