

# The DemoChat

The Official 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Democrats Newsletter  
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## July General Meeting

**Monday, July 20, 2009**

Normandy Park Congregational Church  
19247 First Avenue South  
Normandy Park, Washington

### AGENDA

- 7 p.m. Call to order, approval of agenda and minutes  
7:15 p.m. Chair's Report  
7:45 p.m. Endorsement of Local Candidates

## -2009 Meeting Schedule-

Monday-August 17th, 2009

Monday- September 21st, 2009

Monday- October 19th, 2009

Monday- November 16th, 2009

Monday- December 21st, 2009

## From the Chair

The economic issues that we all face today are a result of a number of factors, but none more than the greed of individuals in wealthy positions, and the willful ignorance of those who were benefiting from them, so that benefit could continue. From the real estate crash to the bank crises to the multi-decade ponzi scheme of Bernard Madoff...all depended on greed and indifference.

And right now we are facing a form of greed and indifference regarding our health care system. It is broken. I don't think that anyone could disagree with that (at least, anyone who is interested in satisfying more than just their own bottom line). What form the reform takes is debatable, and the arguments for them are all worth listening to.

But there can be no solely private health care system. This promotes capitalistic greed, as one business structure attempts to financially outwit the other, raising the bar of what is the lowest fiscal line that is acceptable year after year. Health care, the care of our

physical and mental well-being, is not a financial game for wealthy executives to play.

Martha Koester, who gave an excellent health care presentation last month, had it right. Health care is a public good, not a commercial commodity. You place it next to the construction of roads and bridges, the maintenance of our court system, the management of our public parks and forests.

President Barack Obama has said that creating a public health care system was a top priority for him. He needs us to stand behind him, both to support him, and to push him forward when he needs to be pushed. We must not stop until we have contacted every congressional representative and made certain that they understand that our support come reelection time depends on their support of this public good.

Take the time that is necessary for this vital service. Contact your representative and senator today. Tell them that a public health care system is a public good. And one you want now.

- Omaha Sternberg

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Primary ballots drop on July 29<sup>th</sup>, so candidates facing primaries will be doorbelling, phone banking and hustling for votes. The following 33<sup>rd</sup> district candidates or endorsed candidates have a primary race and need our help:

Position	Candidate	Contact
KC Exec	Dow Constantine	206.484.7921
Pt of Seattle	Rob Holland	206.353.0689
Pt of Seattle	Max Vekich	206.658.3514
Des Moines City Council	John Burdine	206.824.7571
Des Moines City Council	Susan White	253.941.4112
Kent City Council	Elizabeth Albertson	206.595.3627
Kent School District	Tim Clark	253.854.1895

PCOs or volunteers, please contact these campaigns to get signs or literature to distribute in your precincts.

**Mysty Beal, DemoChat Editor**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Democrats**

*Reminder: Beer and Taco Night for 33<sup>rd</sup>-Endorsed and Des Moines City Council Candidates – Sunday, July 19, 5 pm*

## General Membership Meeting

Minutes  
June 15, 2009

### Meeting Opening

Omaha called the meeting to order at 7:07. Minutes were approved; and the June agenda was amended and approved.

### Chair’s Report/Announcements

Endorsement committee prepared for the June meeting and is preparing for the local elections endorsements in July. Omaha scheduled a Membership Drive at her house to call members to find out how each wishes to participate.

KC Democrats Central Committee: Florence stated that the KCDCC meeting consisted of candidate endorsements.

By-laws Committee: They’ve been unable to meet due to personal commitments. Omaha does not foresee the by-laws being revised before August, so it will be closer to September that the revisions will be before the members.

Registrar Report: Was unavailable due to a crush of late arrivals.

Treasurer Report: Cheryl reported \$6,260. in the checking account.

PCO Coordinator: wants to have meetings quarterly and is working with other LDs to share ideas.

Summer Events Coordinator: Paula is seeking volunteers to participate in local parades and events.

### Political Representatives Speak

- State Senator Karen Keiser said she had been in Washington, DC as part of a group of 25 legislators from around the county to work on a national level health care plan. Karen urged everyone to call US Rep and Senators and let them know we don’t want any compromises.

### Endorsements

Omaha outlined the rules regarding the evening’s endorsements, and introduced the county-level candidates. After they had an opportunity to present their case, Bob Loeliger reviewed each candidate and gave the Endorsement Committee’s recommendations. The 33<sup>rd</sup> district voted to endorse the following candidates:

King County Council	Julia Patterson
King County Executive	Dow Constantine
King County Assessor (dual endorsement)	Lloyd Hara Rich Medved
Port of Seattle, Pos. 1	John Creighton
Port of Seattle, Pos. 3	Max Vekich
Port of Seattle, Pos. 4	Rob Holland

### District Activity

M. Koester gave a briefing on Health Care, and urged members to call the administration to demand the public option.

### Good of the Order

The members asked Omaha to write a letter to the Port of Seattle candidates expressing disappointment that they failed to address possible mitigation for residents impacted by the third runway.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37.



These Democrats represent the 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District in Olympia. Representative Dave Upthegrove, Senator Karen Keiser, and Representative Tina Orwall are there to serve you. Please contact them if you have an inquiry.

<b>Senator Karen Keiser</b>	<b>360-786-7664/ FAX 360-786-1999</b>
<b>Rep. Dave Upthegrove</b>	<b>360-786-7868/ FAX 360-786-7317</b>
<b>Rep. Tina Orwall</b>	<b>360-786-7834/ FAX 360-786-7317</b>
<b>Legislative Hotline</b>	<b>1-800-562-6000</b>



These Democrats represent the 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District in the King County Council. County Council members Julia Patterson and Dow Constantine are there to serve you. Please contact them if you have an inquiry.

<b>Councilmember Julia Patterson</b>	<b>206-296-1005 FAX 206-296-0198</b>
<b>Councilmember Dow Constantine</b>	<b>206-296-1008 FAX 206-205-5610</b>

Tuesday, June 30, 2009  
**Senator-Elect Al Franken Wins**

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 Call our Senators and Representative and urge them to fight for the public option in the Health Care bill:

Sen. Murray's Seattle office:	206.553.5545
Sen. Cantwell's Seattle office:	206.220.6400
Rep. Smith's Tacoma office:	253.593.6600
(toll free)	1.888.SMITH09

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*...because we will get health care reform before the end of this year - but we don't know what it will look like yet.*

*-State Senator Karen Keiser*

**33<sup>rd</sup> LD DEMOCRATS  
 Executive Board for 2007-08**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Omaha Sternberg</b>	<b>206-618-5107</b>
Vice-Chair	Bob Loeliger	206-870-1939
PCO Coordinator	Michael Miele	253-854-6349
Secretary	Mysty Beal	206-878-0499
Treasurer	Cheryl Juneau	206-870-1994
WSDCC Reps	Lionel Forde	206-850-3187
	Vacant	
KCDCC Reps	Vacant	
	Vacant	
KCDCC Alts	Florence McMullin	206-878-9111
	Jim Fossos	206-824-8537
KCDCC LAC	Carol Anne Maiers	206-779-4798
	Bob Polwarth	206-824-0206
KCDCC LAC Alt	Vacant	
Parliamentarian	Bob Stephens	206-824-2699
Registrar	Glenda Berg	206-824-3027
Admin. Officer	Paula Joneli	206-878-2171
Sgt.-at-Arms	Cass Prindle	206-403-6869
KCYD Reps	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Newsletter Editor	Mysty Beal	206-878-0499

**Daily Kos Signature Lines**

Sometimes the signature lines are more insightful than the comment – here are lines from [www.dailykos.com](http://www.dailykos.com):

The Cubs WILL win the World Series in '09. I'm not saying which century, though.

Almost half of all Americans vote against what is best for themselves and best for America. We call them Republicans.

You know, some people are like slinkies, they're good for nothin'! But they still bring a smile to your face when you push them down the stairs.

"No one knows if Castro will pass power to his brother, Raul, or his idiot son, Fidel W. Castro." That line reduces me to tears whenever I remember it. (David Letterman)

I support socialized water.

Hate, lower taxes for the rich, increased profits for corporations, love of the flag image, and guns; what else do Republicans stand for?

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## ***RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED***

For more information, visit these web sites:

<http://www.33rddistrictdemocrats.org>

<http://www.kcdems.org>

**or call Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107**



## **Upcoming Events ...**

**Monday, July 20, 2009, 7 p.m.**

**33<sup>rd</sup> LD General Meeting**

Normandy Park Congregational Church  
19247 First Avenue South, Normandy Park  
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

**No Meeting this Month**

**King County Democrats General Meeting**

Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Ave North, Renton  
Information: Susan Sheary, 425-228-4729

**Monday, July 13, 2009, 7 p.m.**

**33<sup>rd</sup> LD Executive Board Meeting**

Home of Paula Joneli  
24054 13th Ave S, Des Moines  
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

**July Meeting Cancelled**

**KC Democrats LAC Meeting**

Information: Susan Sheary, 425-228-4729

**Beer and Taco Night for Local Candidates (Des Moines)**

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm – home of John and Mysty Beal. No Suits, No Ties, No Speeches – just come, eat and converse with the candidates in a relaxed environment  
22628 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Des Moines 206.878.0499 for more info

**South King County Democrats Picnic – 11<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> District Democrats**

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon – food provided. Location still being nailed down (either Fort Dent or Crystal Springs).  
Contact Larry Grubb for details at [larbeag@hotmail.com](mailto:larbeag@hotmail.com)

**Primary Ballots Drop – Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> - King County all mail-in ballots**

**Primary Election Tuesday, August 18th**