
The DemoChat

The Official 33rd Legislative District Democrats Newsletter
Volume 12, Issue 11, November 2016

November General Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 First Avenue S, Normandy Park

AGENDA

6:30 pm	Gathering and Social Time
7:00 pm	Call to Order, Approval of Agenda
7:50 pm	Break
8:30 pm	Officer/Committee Reports
8:50 pm	Good of the Order
9:00 pm	Adjourn

-2016 Meeting Schedule-

November 2016 (Elections)

December 2016 (Holiday Party)

January 2017 (Reorganization)

From the Chair

Hello again,
So did you get up on Wednesday and look at the election results and say to yourself, 'Gee, I guess I should have

voted.'? I know that most of my fellow 33rd democrats did not because they *did* vote. However, when looking at the stats we have so far this election, it must have played out across our nation. Voter turnout was down from 2012, which was lower than 2008 when Obama was first elected, despite the fact that there was a 57% increase in the electorate. More eligible voters registered and yet lower turnout levels. We will now have a long four years ahead of us. We all knew going in that the democrats could lose, but not like this.

The point here is that it is not just enough to sign up new voters. The importance of voting each and every time is just as important. This should be part of any voter registration program. I believe that most people have the same ideals and common goals that we at the 33rd do. So if we can get more people voting, then the election results will turn out a little different. But, if a majority of the voters are truly a lot more conservative and vote that way then ok - that is what our democracy is all about. In a presidential election it is the majority of voters in the correct states. Our state did its part for Hillary, but is getting more red than ever. We have a lot of work ahead of us - we better get busy.

See Ya!

Barry Ladenburg
Chair 33rd Legislative District Democrats

33rd District Democrats GM Meeting *Draft* Minutes 9/19/16

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by Barry Ladenburg.

Flag salute: led by Omaha Sternberg

Minutes Approval: July & August minutes: Tim Clark motioned, Kathryn Campbell seconded. Unanimously passed.

Agenda: Kathryn Campbell motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Don Bennett. Carol Anne Maiers added a resolution opposing the TPP. Carol Anne Maiers added officers and committee reports. Agenda with additions passed unanimously.

Speakers

- Judge Gipe, KCD Superior Court, pos 52: gave an update on his campaign. Provided doorbellers and signs from his campaign. At this time his mission is to GoTV for judges.
- Lori Rock, campaign manager for Mia Gregerson: Brought some ballot party toolkits for inviting friends to getting groups together to fill out ballots. Will be doorbelling after ribbon cutting on Angle Lake light rail station on Saturday, September 24th. Can sign up. Can also pick up signs at their campaign office at IBEW Hall in SeaTac.

- Tina Orwall: spoke about campaign update. Will have fundraiser on Wednesday, October 5th at new Scotch and Vine in Kent. Sharing IBEW office with Mia Gregerson.
- Jamare Torrence, South King County field organizer for Jay Inslee campaign: Looking for volunteers for the campaign to do doorbelling and phonebanking. Will be organizing a canvass on Sunday, September 25, outside of Burien Public Library.
- Eric Newman, KCD Superior Court, pos 34: gave an update on his campaign. Made it through the primary and is in the general election. Has yard signs and doorbellers available.
- Brent Williams, campaign manager for Kristine Reeves: asking for campaign volunteers for her campaign. Reeves is in the 30th district, but needs a lot of help and is a focus candidate for the King County Democrats.
- Amanda Holfould, campaign field director for Patty Murray: Update on her campaign. Has joined forces with the coordinated campaign to help turn out voters all down the ticket for Democrats. Asking for volunteers for shifts for canvassing and phonebanking.
- Christina, Hillary Franz campaign manager: gave update on race. Will be doing a lot of events in the upcoming months. Hillary is a progressive democrat.
- Eric Miller: doing a write-in campaign for Treasurer, since both current candidates are Republicans. Calls himself a Democrat. Omaha Sternberg asked him several questions regarding his campaign.
- Aaron from Yes on I-732: spoke about initiative on carbon tax that will be on November ballot. A short Q&A followed:
 - a. Q: what percentage would be earmarked for renewable. A: No earmarks. Would be returned to consumers, businesses and working families.
 - b. Q: if its revenue neutral, there would be no money going back into research into clean energy? A: Has to be revenue neutral because need it to be attractive to both sides. Need to take the money from the tax to put back into families that need the help.
 - c. Q: Karen Keiser stated that the professional staff at (?) has stated that this would NOT be revenue neutral; analysts in Olympia state that the money does not jive. A: Sitaline is an independent think tank and has also done a review and that the carbon tax would be as close to revenue neutral as possible.
 - d. Q: Principal of the bill is revenue neutral. Does it put the power into the legislature to make changes? A: after two years. And the legislature could make changes to make it revenue positive or negative.
- Josie Peterson for Dave Upthegrove: gave an update on County Council today. Unanimously passed Fresh Start For Kids. Also passed help for low income families for transit tickets.
- Cliff with Mass Transit Now!: Campaign to push ST3 forward: asking for volunteers for phonebanking and doorbelling help. Short Q&A followed:
 - a. Question: How does it serve SE King County and is there any funding for non-light rail services? Answer: will include Sounder improvements in S King and E Pierce County; parking at P&R.
 - b. Question: Why did ST decide not to take the train down I5 or 99? Answer: Does include funding for future studies. But the areas were chosen to connect with current bus routes and big transit corridors.
 - c. Question: what is the actual total cost for the initiative? Answer: including all mitigations \$53B.
- Edward Webster, deputy field director for I-1491: briefly described the initiative. Addressed some questions people have had. Definitions of family member and law enforcement are very specifically detailed. Also, if the court finds that you have brought forward a petition without merit, you will be charged with a gross misdemeanor and/or fine.
- Nicole Gaines-Phillips, running for Superior Court pos 53: quick campaign update; yard signs; will be first African-American to be in position.

Old Business

Picnic

Will be September 24th, 1-4pm at Don Bennett's house. Sign-in sheet was passed around to sign up for a potluck item. Before the picnic, we will be doorbelling for 30th district candidate Kristina Reeves, 10am-1pm.

New Business

PCOs and New Requirements

We have 43 PCOs in 139 precincts. Barry Ladenburg is concerned that because PCOs don't have requirements on the 33rd Bylaws, many don't actually participate but just have titles. Has asked the membership to consider putting requirements on the books for PCOs. Al Alpert suggested that we change the bylaws at the January reorganization to require PCOs to pay membership dues.

Officers Job Descriptions and turnover

Many officers will not be running for their position in January. Officers will be writing up their job descriptions and it will be posted on the 33rd website. Barry Ladenburg is requesting that members consider running for positions in January.

Endorsements

- Motion: Omaha Sternberg motioned to endorse Hillary Clinton for President and Tim Kaine for Vice-President; Scott Eliason seconded. Discussion. Motion passed.
- Motion: Karen Keiser motion to endorse Hillary Franz for commissioner of Public Lands, James Fossos seconded. No discussion. Passed unanimously.
- Motion: Bruce Anderson moved to endorse Tony Ventrella for 8th Congressional District, seconded by Scott Eliason. Motion passed.
- Motion: Wendy Morgan moved to endorse Bob Ferguson, seconded by Kathryn Campbell. No discussion. Passed Unanimously.

Resolutions

- Resolution created by Carol Anne Maiers against TPP was read out loud to the membership. Motion made by Jackie (?) to pass the resolution, seconded.
 - Amendment moved to make changes to resolution, seconded by Cheryl Birdsong-Juneau. Ayes: 16, Nays: 1.
 - Resolution as amended: Ayes: 16, Nays: 1.

Officer/Committee Reports

- State Committee Representative: Paula Joneli reported about State Committee meeting in Yakima; we were welcomed by the Yakima Nation. Much more diverse city council now that they have city districts. Report from DNC. Brought in a transition team for new DNC chair. An idea that came would be that each LD could have a caucus within their LD for each State Caucus.
- KCD Rep: No Report.
- KCD LAC Female Rep: Carol Anne Maiers reported that Marcie Maxwell was the speaker. Spoke about the state budget.
- Endorsements Committee: Chair Don Bennett reported that the committee reviewed and recommended Chris Reykdal for OSPI. However, Omaha Sternberg pointed out that Chris Reykdal had been endorsed at the August meeting. Last month I-1491 was tabled. But the Endorsement Committee did not review the initiative. Don Bennett did report which organizations (KCD, WSD, and WSLC) had endorsed I-1491. Also reported that he is looking for someone to take the Endorsement Chair position in the reorganization.

33rd District Democrats GM Meeting *Draft* Minutes 10/17/16

Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm by Barry Ladenburg.

Flag salute: led by Barry Ladenburg

Minutes Approval: Minutes for September were not available for approval; will be available in November.

Agenda: Don Bennett approved, Kathryn Campbell seconded. Stacia Jenkins asked that we amend the agenda so that the "Agenda Items" section is below the "Call to Order" section. Approved. Agenda approved.

Speakers

- David Keenan gave a quick update. Endorsed by 43rd Democrats and Seattle Times. Thanked the body for being so warm and welcome.
- Eric Newman gave a quick updated and passed around literature for GoTV efforts.
- Cathy Moore spoke briefly on her qualifications.

Old Business

Sample Ballot

Barry talked about the sample ballot that he had created. However, the version he brought tonight had some errors on the ballot. He stated that he would get the ballot updated so that a copy can be mailed to all who attended the precinct caucuses. Jim Langston stated that every Democrat in two precincts in Des Moines whose caucus information was lost should have a copy sent. After continuous discussion, it was decided not to print out copies for every caucus member, but to email a copy to all 33rd members.

Officers Job Descriptions and turnover

Barry reminded everyone that the Reorganization for the 33rd will occur in January of 2017. Some officers have already written up a synopsis of their positions.

Endorsements

- **Motion**: Kathryn Campbell moved to endorse Barbara Madsen and Charles Wiggins. Seconded by Omaha Sternberg. Passed with 13 Ayes, 1 Nay.
- **Motion**: Margie Rose moved to endorse I-1491. Seconded by Stacia Jenkins. Discussion ensued. Motion passed Ayes: 11, Nays: 5

New Business

Webmaster Resignation

Barry Ladenburg stated that Georgia Davenport, webmaster, has resigned. She had addressed the letter to the Board, and therefore the Board has already discussed the letter and accepted the resignation. A discussion ensued regarding whether to read the letter aloud, but it was decided to provide access to the letter to those who wish to read it at the end of the meeting.

Ballot Party

Barry Ladenburg spoke about a possible ballot party and whether members would be interested in having one. Lori Rock from the Mia Gregerson campaign talked about the ballot party toolkit, encouraging members to use it to host ballot parties to help other Democrats to vote correctly. Kathryn Campbell asked about hosting a ballot party at the upcoming Drinking Liberally event. The host said he'd be happy to. The event will be the 4th Thursday of October.

Motion: Omaha Sternberg moved for the body to approve \$25 to purchase stamps to be used at the October 27 ballot party. Kathryn Campbell seconded. Motion approved.

Election Night Party

Barry brought up the notion of an election night party. Don Bennett said that Tim Burns of the 30th is planning on having an election night party and that maybe we could work with them to do so. The WSD will have their election night party at the Westin Hotel downtown. Barry Ladenburg said he would contact Tim Burns about joining their party.

The DemoChat is published by the 33rd Legislative District Democrats and mailed in advance of the next monthly meeting. The official address of the organization is: in care of Chair, 17837 1st Ave S. #111 Normandy Park, WA 98148.

Holiday Party

Omaha Sternberg is running the party. It will be held at Don Bennett's house. A vote was held on whether to hold the event on Monday, December 12 or Saturday, December 17. The majority chose December 17. Omaha passed around a volunteer request form to ask for members to volunteer to help at the event.

PCOs and New Members

5 individuals have requested to become an appointed PCOs, 1 has requested to become an Acting PCO. These candidates for PCO have been recruited by Jesse Winebury team. Stacia Jenkins stated that she would reach out to each one of them to welcome them in.

Motion: Kathryn Campbell moved to approve their applications as a slate, seconded by Don Bennett. Approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Motion: Dan Stanton moved that the letter from Georgia Davenport be entered into the minutes. A vigorous discussion ensued. Jim Fossos moved that we table the discussion until the November meeting. Seconded. Passed Ayes: 11, Nays: 5.

Officer/Committee Reports

- KCD Rep: No report
- KCD LAC Female Rep: The LAC is meeting to create the agenda for the 2017 year.
- Endorsements Committee: No report.

33rd Editorial

If this Election Cycle has taught me anything, it has taught me that our Democracy has lost its way; aided and abetted by both (or all) political parties. Political parties and politicians in general appear to have forgotten (or chosen to ignore) their purpose within our democracy; to REPRESENT their constituents' best interests through legislation and public policy.

This year, here in Washington State, we have several Citizens' Initiatives that are attempting to do the work our elected officials have failed to accomplish for us; ie:

- Initiative 1433 proposes to raise the State Minimum Wage (over 4 years) and provide Paid Sick Leave to all employees in the State of Washington. An excellent (if diluted) proposal which should have been passed long ago through our State Legislative Bodies.
- Initiative 735 proposes to once again ask Congress to overturn the Citizens' United decision. Another excellent proposal, which we have supported since the original Decision (in 2010).
- Initiative 732 proposes to impose a carbon tax on the use of fossil fuels. Again, a good (if burdensome) idea that was promised by our Governor in his first campaign.
- Initiative 1464 proposes a (cumbersome) method for public financing of political campaigns. Again, "We the People" have been asking for some campaign finance limits since campaigns started hitting the Multi-Million Dollar mark; only enriching ad agencies and media outlets.
- And, of course, we must still reach a resolution for the McCleary Decision by finding a way to fully-fund Public Education (a Constitutional priority imposed by the Courts as a result of a Citizen's lawsuit)

By definition, Citizens' Initiatives are written (often narrowly) by Citizens with a specific purpose in mind. We elect our Representatives to craft broad legislation that will benefit the majority and minimize adverse effects on the general population. When our elected officials fail to act (or are obstructed), we end up with Citizen activists taking matters into their own hands; crafting narrow, specific proposals to the Electorate.

I would submit that we are faced with a Ballot full of Initiatives and a Lawsuit because we have failed to pass legislation that answers the needs of our Citizens. If we had acted strongly on these issues when we had comfortable majorities in the State House and Senate, we would perhaps still have those majorities; making it more likely to pass even more Progressive legislation today.

When we elect our next majority for our Party, we MUST hold them accountable to our Party's Platform and agenda. As citizens, we are required to be "informed consumers" of our Government and its activities. We must stay informed on issues and lobby for legislation and public policy that will benefit ALL citizens.

THIS is the best campaign strategy for 2018 and beyond. As with most jobs, the best way to KEEP your job is to DO your job.

--Paula Joneli
33rd District Democrats
State Committeewoman

Kent WA Drinking Liberally get together is happening Thursday November 24 @ 7:00 PM at the Golden Steer in Kent.

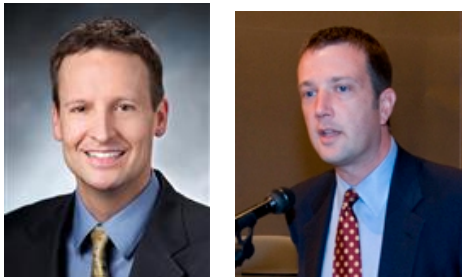
Golden Steer
23826 104th Ave. SE
Kent, WA
(253) 277-2053

Please put us on your calendar for the Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, @ 7:00 pm (with the exception of holidays).



These Democrats represent the 33rd Legislative District in Olympia. Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Mia Gregerson, and Representative Tina Orwall are there to serve you. Please contact them if you have an inquiry.

Senator Karen Keiser	360-786-7664/ FAX 360-786-7459 E-mail: karen.keiser@leg.wa.gov
Legislative Aide	360-786-7664
Rep. Mia Gregerson	360-786-7868 E-mail: mia.gregerson@leg.wa.gov
Legislative Aide	E-mail: noha.mahgoub@leg.wa.gov
Rep. Tina Orwall	360-786-7834
Legislative Aide	E-Mail: tina.orwall@leg.wa.gov
Legislative Hotline	1-800-562-6000



These Democrats represent the 33rd Legislative District in the King County Council. County Council members Dave Upthegrove and Joe McDermott are there to serve you. Please contact them if you have an inquiry.

Councilmember Dave Upthegrove	(206) 477-1005 www.kingcounty.gov/upthegrove	FAX 206-296-0198
Councilmember Joe McDermott	joe.mcdermott@kingcounty.gov	206-477-1008 FAX 206-205-5610

33rd LD DEMOCRATS Executive Board for 2016		
Chair	Barry Ladenburg	206-878-5396
Vice-Chair	Kathryn Campbell	206-979-2028
Secretary	Omaha Sternberg	206-618-5107
Treasurer	Cheryl Birdsong-Juneau	206-870-1994
Registrar	Al Alpert	206-209-6807
WSDCC Reps	James Langston	206-878-7205
	Paula Joneli	206-878-2171
KCDCC Reps	Don Bennett	206-714-9521
	Christina Lee	206-824-3995
KCDCC Male Alt	James Langston	206-878-7205
" Female Alt	Brenda Fincher	206-818-7909
KCDCC LAC	Carol Anne Maiers	206-779-4798
	VACANT	
KCDCC LAC Alt	VACANT	
KC Endorse Rep	Don Bennett	206-714-9521
PCO Coordinator	Don Bennett	206-714-9521
Diversity/Outreach	VACANT	
Admin. Officer	VACANT	
Sgt.-at-Arms	Jim Fossos	206-824-8537
Parliamentarian	Tim Clark	206-854-1895
KCYD Rep Female	VACANT	
KCYD Rep Male	VACANT	
Webmaster	Omaha Sternberg	206-618-5107
Newsletter Editor	Omaha Sternberg	206-618-5107

The DemoChat

33rd Legislative District Democrats
17837 1st Ave S. #111
Normandy Park, WA 98148
E-mail: chair@33rddistrictdemocrats.org
Email calendar notices:
webmaster@33rddistrictdemocrats.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

For more information, visit these web sites:
<http://www.33rddistrictdemocrats.org>
<http://www.kcdems.org>
or call Chair, 206-878-5396

«First_Name» «Last_Name»
«Address»
«City», «State» «Zip»

Upcoming Events ...

Monday, November 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
33rd LD Executive Board Meeting
Des Moines Fire Station
2238 S 223rd, Des Moines
Information: Barry Ladenburg, 206-878-5396

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
King County Democrats Reorganization
Seattle Machinists Hall
9125 15th Place South, Seattle
Information: Rich Erwin, chair@kcdems.org

Saturday, December 17, 2016
33rd Holiday Party
Don Bennett's Home
14240 8th Ave. S. Burien
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

Monday, November 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
33rd LD General Meeting
Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 First Avenue S, Normandy Park
Information: Barry Ladenburg, 206-878-5396

Monday, December 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
33rd LD Executive Board Meeting
Des Moines Fire Station
2238 S 223rd, Des Moines
Information: Barry Ladenburg, 206-878-5396

Monday, January 16, 2017, 6:30pm
33rd LD Reorganization
Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 First Avenue S, Normandy Park
Information: Barry Ladenburg, 206-878-5396