

# The DemoChat

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

**Monday, Sept 21, 2009**

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

- 7 p.m. Call to order, approval of agenda and minutes  
7:15 p.m. Chair's Announcements  
8:15 p.m. Health Care Presentation by Dr. Dan Sherman

### -2009 Meeting Schedule-

Monday- **October 19th, 2009**

Monday- **November 16th, 2009**

Monday- **December 21st, 2009**

### *From the Chair* by Omaha Sternberg

A referendum is a bill recently passed by the Legislature that is then placed on the ballot because of petitions signed by the voters. In essence, it is a petition for the voters to affirm a bill passed by our representatives.

Ref 71 is just such a referendum. Simply put, Ref 71 asks the voters to approve Senate Bill 5688, which expanded the rights, responsibilities, and obligations accorded domestic partners in Washington State to be the equivalent of those in marriage. In other words, approving Ref 71 would approve rights for domestic partnerships.

Confusion has surrounded Ref 71 because conservative groups put it on the ballot. This has left many to believe that they should vote against it. That thinking couldn't be farther from the truth. Conservative groups hope the referendum will be voted down, and the bill won't be signed into law.

Referendum 71 has already been endorsed by the ACLU, the League of Women voters, the King County Democrats, and many of our fellow local LDs.

Our representatives, acting in our name, passed a bill. It is now our time to approve that bill and show Washington State that we approve of domestic partnerships in this state. I humbly ask you to Approve Ref 71.

## Important News about The DemoChat

This issue will be the last issue to be printed and mailed to member's homes. The DemoChat will continue to be available on-line. We're aware that there are several members that wish to receive paper copies, and we're willing to accommodate that, however, we're also spending \$116 every month to produce and mail copies to people we haven't seen in years. We'd rather spend this money on candidate races, or 33<sup>rd</sup> outreach efforts to bring in new members.

The by-laws state that the DemoChat will be available to all members in good standing (those members that have paid their annual dues). For others that wish to receive copies, they are to compensate by paying the cost to produce and mail a copy annually, which averages out to \$12 per year.

If you wish to continue to receive the paper copy mailed to your home, you must contact me at [johnjbeal@comcast.net](mailto:johnjbeal@comcast.net) to let me know. You must also be a paid member, or send a check for \$12. to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Democrats, care of the chair's address on this mailer.

Others can continue to access The DemoChat on line at the 33<sup>rd</sup>'s website: <http://33rddistrictdemocrats.org/> or contact me with your e-mail address and I'll send you a link every month as The DemoChat is posted.

Since we'll no longer be limited by cost and page count, we hope to add additional material to every issue, including plans or statements from our local representatives, with the aim of making this newsletter more relevant to you and a better communication tool for the 33<sup>rd</sup>. Questions or comments regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned.

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

Contact me at [johnjbeal@comcast.net](mailto:johnjbeal@comcast.net) if you wish to receive mailed, paper copies, or if you wish to be added to our e-mail list to be notified when the DemoChat is posted on-line each month.

## General Membership Meeting

Minutes

July 20, 2009

**Meeting Opening:** Chair Sternberg called the meeting to order at 7:10. June minutes were approved. No meeting agenda was available.

**Endorsements:** The following candidates spoke and answered questions from the body:

- Jack Block Jr, Burien City Council
- Dennis Higgins, Kent City Council
- John Burdine, Des Moines City Council
- Matt Pina, Des Moines City Council
- Melissa Ponder, Des Moines City Council
- Melissa Musser, Des Moines City Council
- Susan White, Des Moines City Council
- Barry Ladenburg, SeaTac City Council
- Tim Clark, Kent School District
- Judge Anne Ellington, Court of Appeals (Judge Prochnow spoke in her absence)

**Endorsement Vote:** Bob Polwarth presented the Endorsement Committee's recommendations. The 33<sup>rd</sup> district voted to endorse the following candidates:

Jack Block Jr	Burien City Council
Dennis Higgins	Kent City Council
John Burdine	Des Moines City Council
Melissa Ponder	Des Moines City Council
Melissa Musser	Des Moines City Council
Susan White	Des Moines City Council
Barry Ladenburg	SeaTac City Council
Tim Clark	Kent School District
Judge Anne Ellington	Court of Appeals

Motions were passed to provide funding for each endorsed candidate.

### Chair's Report/Announcements

Summer Events Coordinator – Paula has arranged for the 33<sup>rd</sup> to have two spaces at the Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> Trash to Treasure Sale in Des Moines and is seeking donations and volunteers for this fundraiser.

### Registrar's Report:

Glenda reported 43 members and 17 guests present for a total of 60. Guests included Judge Prochnow, speaking for Judge Anne Ellington, candidates Susan White, Melissa Ponder, Melissa Musser, Jack Block Jr., Matt Pina, Dennis Higgins, and John Burdine; and Lydia Huber, Vance Bader, Council member Dan Sherman and Evan Turner. The following guests expressed interest in joining the 33<sup>rd</sup> LD and were voted in as members:

John Burdine  
Lydia Huber  
Melissa Ponder  
Evan Turner

Glenda Berg was appointed as PCO for precinct DES-33-0362

**Treasurer's Report:** Cheryl reported \$6,267. in checking account.

**Good of the Order:** The meeting adjourned at 9:37.

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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 Councilmembers 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>

We need your help filling vacancies on the E-Board. Please contact Omaha if you are interested in the Newsletter Editor, Website, WSDCC rep, KCDCC rep or other positions. Thanks for considering one of these positions.

<b>33<sup>rd</sup> LD DEMOCRATS Executive Board for 2007-08</b>		
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Omaha Sternberg</b>	<b>206-618-5107</b>
Vice-Chair	Bob Loeliger	206-870-1939
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*Ballots drop in four weeks - please contact a campaign to see if you can help doorbell or phonebank!*

<b>KC Executive</b>	
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Max Vekich	<a href="http://www.max4ourport.com">www.max4ourport.com</a> or 206.369.3982
<b>City Councils – Burien, Des Moines, Kent and SeaTac</b>	
Jack Block Jr	<a href="http://www.jackblockjr.com">www.jackblockjr.com</a> or 206.246.7708
Melissa Ponder	<a href="http://www.melfordesmoines.com">www.melfordesmoines.com</a> 206.824.8229
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<http://www.33rddistrictdemocrats.org>

<http://www.kcdems.org>

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



## **Upcoming Events ...**

**Monday, September 21, 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

**Sunday, September 20, 2009, 2 p.m.**

**King County DCC LAC Meeting**

Northgate Library  
10548 5th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125  
Info: Susan Sheary, 425-228-4729 or [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org)

**Monday, October 12, 2009, 7 p.m.**

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

Home of Paula Joneli  
24045 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S, Des Moines  
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

**Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 7 p.m.**

**KC Democrats General Meeting**

Renton Carpenter's Hall  
231 Burnett Ave N, Renton, WA 98057  
Info: Susan Sheary, 425-228-4729 or [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org)

**Washington State Democratic Central Committee, September 25 and 26**

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**General Election Ballots Mailed by King County Elections, October 16th**

[www.metrokc.gov/elections](http://www.metrokc.gov/elections)

**King County General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2009**

Locations across King County