

46th District Democrats

2005-2006 Mid-Term Report from the Chair and Membership Renewal Request

Dear Democrat,

Thank YOU for helping to make 2005 such a successful year for the 46th District Democrats. We worked hard throughout the year to recruit Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs), increase our membership rolls and help elect Democrats to many local offices—truly a team effort by all of our members! Our grassroots infrastructure promises to be even more critical to the future health of our community as we look to elect Democrats to key federal and state offices in 2006. Remember, the 46th District Democrats is *YOUR* local progressive political organization. To that end, please take a moment to review our accomplishments, review our schedule for the coming year *and, if you haven't already, renew your membership for 2006!*

Looking Back at 2005 – The Fightin' 46th Demonstrates Our Grassroots Power!

The 46th District Democrats continues to be one of the largest and most active local Democratic organizations in the entire state! Our high level of grassroots participation is evident by our well attended monthly meetings, the attention we receive from candidates seeking our endorsement and the progressive activism we engage in each year. Our members and PCOs were treated to many lively and informative meetings where we hosted interactive discussions with a variety of elected officials and activists.

In addition to our monthly programs, the 46th District Democrats played a key role in the elections this past fall. Our public candidate forums—where we grilled candidates for the County, City, Port and other races in front of over 150 people—were covered in the local media and were among the most widely talked about forums in the city. We then made our endorsements and engaged in a tremendous grassroots effort in both the primary and general elections. Candidates who received our endorsement were eligible to have their literature distributed by our PCOs. This point is critical because our PCOs and volunteers distributed thousands of pieces of literature on behalf of endorsed candidates to doorsteps in north Seattle. It should come as no surprise that most of the candidates we endorsed won public office—and all of them did *very well* in north Seattle!

Looking Ahead to 2006 – Precinct Caucuses and Winning Elections Statewide!

The first item up in 2006 is the Precinct Caucuses. We will meet in our individual precincts across the 46th legislative district on March 4th at 2:00 p.m. In each meeting, we will discuss platform issues and elect delegates to the legislative district caucus and county convention. The Precinct Caucuses are a great way to meet your neighbors and talk about issues that matter to YOU. (*Note: There is **no** candidate or presidential preference voting this year.*) Check the 46th

District Democrats website at www.46dems.com, the King County Democrats website at www.kcdems.org or the State party website at www.wa-democrats.org for information about locations and other details.

As you already know, 2006 will be one of the most important mid-term (non-presidential) election years for both our country and state in many years. At the federal level we will work to end the term of failed policies of the Republican controlled Congress by re-electing Maria Cantwell to the Senate and helping gain seats in the House. At the state level we will work to maintain our majorities in the State Legislature. Democrats will certainly have another busy year in 2006 as we work to elect candidates and promote policies that will strengthen our schools, our neighborhoods, our state and our nation!

Important dates in 2006

Jan. 19th – 46th District Democrats Meeting

Jan. 28th – State Party Meeting in Kent
(elect a new

State Chair)

March 4th – Precinct Caucuses!

April 22nd – 46th Leg. District Caucus

May 6th – King County Convention

June 3rd – State Party Convention in Yakima

Sept. 19th – Primary Election *(scheduled)*

Nov. 7th – General Election

Please Renew Your Membership for 2006

The first step towards accomplishing our goals in 2006 is to build and maintain a strong *local* Democratic organization. The 46th District Democrats are preparing to meet these challenges, but we need the help of our friends and neighbors. We have a proven record of leveraging the strength and infrastructure of our organization to reach out to voters. **If you believe in a strong Democratic Party with strong community based grassroots support, then please take a moment to return the enclosed remit envelope with your payment to renew your membership with the 46th District Democrats.**

Remember... the 46th District Democrats is *YOUR* local progressive political organization. We are always happy to talk with you about our activities and how we can help the community. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Olympic View Elementary School (corner of NE 95th St. & 8th Ave. NE – about a ½ mile south of Northgate Mall).

Again, thank you for your support in past years and for taking a moment to renew your membership with the 46th District Democrats for 2006. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Scott White
Chair

Betty Means
Vice-Chair, Membership

P.S. Remember...you can always find updated information at our website www.46dems.com