

June 7, 2008

Dear 46th District Precinct Committee Officer:

We are writing to you today as Chair and 1st Vice Chair of the 46th District Democrats representing our Executive Board and the only current two candidates for the State House of Representatives, Position 1.

We know that you as PCOs had a tough decision to make at our nominating convention that was held on May 15th. We also know that many of you did not agree with the exclusive rules that allowed only PCOs to vote at the nominating convention and that the rules should have allowed for an inclusive process so that those who declared themselves to be a Democrat would have been allowed to vote. But, in the end, the District followed the rules established by the Washington State Democratic Party for the convention.

The vote was close: 329 votes for Gerry Pollet and 326 for Scott White. Thus, when the tally committee handed the Chair the results to announce, Gerry was declared the winner and the nominee. However, as many of you know, questions were raised during the meeting regarding the balloting process and after the meeting on whether the tally committee accurately counted the votes and reported the result accurately. These questions have caused much pain in the District organization and the Democratic Party, as well as strained relationships between supporters of the candidates.

On Monday, May 26th, we met with the 46th Executive Board and State Party Chair Dwight Pelz to discuss the nominating convention and how to come together - for the 46th District Democrats and the Democratic Party. We agree that Gerry is the "nominee". However, candidates Gerry Pollet and Scott White and the 46th District Executive Board have agreed, since the vote was so close, and since a dual endorsement at our regular endorsement meeting has always been considered likely, to seek a dual endorsement and bring this to a close. Gerry has renewed his pledge not to use the title of Democratic Party nominee based on the vote limited to PCOs. Scott pledged he will not challenge the results of the Nominating Convention. Therefore, we are committed to seeking a dual endorsement of the 46th District Democrats at our endorsement meeting on June 19, 2008.

The 46th Executive Board, Gerry and Scott all recommend a dual endorsement as the best way to move forward for our organization and our community. If a dual endorsement passes, Gerry and Scott will be able to describe themselves, and the District will publicize them, as both being endorsed by the 46th District Democrats. With this outcome, we can move forward without further disputes. We hope that you will support our recommendation for a dual endorsement and to focus our efforts on bringing Democratic victories in the State of Washington and in the upcoming Presidential election.

Respectfully,

Gerry Pollet  
Candidate for St. House, Position 1

Scott White  
Candidate for St. House, Position 1

Javier Valdez  
Chair, 46th District Democrats

Jan Ames  
1st Vice Chair, 46th District Democrats