

DEMOGRAM

MONTHLY MEETING
Olympic View Church
Thurs., Sept. 18th
7:30PM

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White

Election 2003:

Endorsements Focus on Local Leadership

Thank you to the more than 200 people who attended our primary endorsement meeting on August 7th. It was a long hot evening full of spirited debate and tasty desserts. At the end of the night we made endorsements in almost every race... and not a single piece of cake was left!

Election season is an important and busy time of year for the civic minded. Before we can devote our attention to evaluating the candidates for the Democratic presidential ticket in '04, it is critical that we think about leadership and values in the context of our local elections this fall. While much attention is paid to national politics these days, we must never forget that local governments serve as the backbone of our democracy and the primary force for building strong communities. The public officials we elect to represent us on the city and county council, school board, port commission and other jurisdictions are responsible for making the policy and budget decisions that enable our community to thrive economically, socially, environmentally and culturally.

With so many campaigns and so many candidates, it can be difficult to keep it all straight in your head. Fortunately, the 46th District Democrats conducted a candidate forum and a thorough endorsement process to help identify which candidates would best represent our Democratic values and will best serve our neighborhoods. Here is a quick review of a few races:

Cynthia Sullivan was overwhelmingly endorsed for the King County Council, District 2. Cynthia has a tremendous record of serving our neighborhoods, protecting the environment, supporting mass transit and fighting to secure funding for critical human services.

Darryl Smith and Kollin Min received a dual endorsement for Seattle City Council, position 1. Darryl has a background in housing and served as Chair of the Columbia City Revitalization Committee. Kollin is an attorney who has worked for WA State House Speaker Frank Chopp and ran the NO! on I-200 campaign.

David Della received a sole endorsement for Seattle City Council, position 7 over incumbent Heidi Wills. David Della is a former Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Norm Rice and is currently the Director of Community Affairs for the United Way of King County.

Jim Compton and Angel Bolanos received a dual endorsement for Seattle City Council, position 9. Jim currently chairs the Law and Safety Committee and is well known for his years as a TV journalist. Angel is a community activist whose priorities are living wage jobs and police accountability.

Alec Fisken received a sole endorsement for Seattle Port Commission, position 5. Alec is a long time member of the 46th with an extensive background in finance and port related issues.

Now more than ever, it is critical that you cast your ballot for leaders who represent our Democratic values. To that end, I encourage you to review all of our endorsements listed inside the Demogram (page 2), your voters' pamphlet and other sources to help you make an informed decision about what is right for our community.

Don't forget to vote!

— Scott



September 18th 7:30pm

GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

Olympic View Community Church

NE 95th St. & 5th Ave. NE

Endorsements will be made for races that are on the general election ballot, but were not on the primary ballot. Endorsements made for the primary election shall remain in effect. However, the body may reconsider any race where "No Endorsement" was given. The body may also consider endorsements if no candidate we endorsed in the primary makes it to the general election. **Look on page 2 for a list of our primary endorsements.**

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VACANCY 46TH District Executive Board

Lisa Cipollone has moved back to the 36th Legislative District and resigned her position on our Executive Board. An election for this open position will be held at the September 18th meeting. Nominations may be forwarded to Scott White at (206) 363-9522.

46th District Democrats **Primary Election Endorsements**

King County Council: CYNTHIA SULLIVAN

King County Assessor: SCOTT NOBLE

Port Commission Position #5: ALEC FISKEN

**Seattle City Council Position #1: Two Endorsements—
KOLLIN MIN and DARRYL SMITH**

Seattle City Council Position #7: DAVID DELLA

**Seattle City Council Position #9: Two Endorsements—
ANGEL BOLANOS and JIM COMPTON**

Monorail Authority Position #8: CINDI LAWS

Monorail Authority Position #9: CLEVE STOCKMEYER

**Seattle School Board District #1: Two Endorsements—
THERESA CARDAMONE and SALLY SORIANO**

**Seattle School Board District #2: Two Endorsements—
STEVE BROWN and DARLENE FLYNN**

Seattle School Board District #6: IRENE STEWART

Seattle Initiative 75: YES—making cases involving adult personal marijuana use the city's lowest law-enforcement priority

Seattle Initiative 77: NO ENDORSEMENT—funding childcare and early learning through an espresso beverage tax.

Kathryn Gardow, PCO 46-1962, sends the following:

Pick a slogan for 2004:

Bush/Cheney '04: Four More Wars!

Bush/Cheney '04: Because the truth just isn't good enough.

Bush/Cheney '04: Compassionate Colonialism

Bush/Cheney '04: Deja-voodoo all over again!

Bush/Cheney '04: Get used to it!

Bush/Cheney '04: Leave no billionaire behind

Bush/Cheney '04: Putting the "con" in conservatism

Bush/Cheney '04: Thanks for not paying attention.

Bush/Cheney '04: The economy's stupid!

Bush/Cheney '04: The last vote you'll ever have to cast.

George W. Bush: It takes a village idiot

George W. Bush: Leadership without a doubt

George W. Bush: The buck stops over there

Vote Bush in '04: "Because every vote counts--for me!"

Vote Bush in '04: "Because I'm the President, that's why!"

Vote Bush in '04: Because dictatorship is easier

Vote Bush in '04: It's a no-brainer!

Bush/Cheney: 1984

Don't think. Vote Bush!

Vote for George & You Get Dick!

Precinct Caucuses 101

When are our Precinct Caucuses in 2004 and what business do they do? We will meet in all our individual precincts across the state on Feb. 7, 2004 at 10:00 am. In each meeting, we will note Candidates for U.S. President supported by the people attending and allocate and elect delegates to the County Conventions proportionate to that Candidate's support. We will discuss the political issues of the day and pass resolutions indicating the meeting's official position on those issues. Finally, we will re-establish relationships between the neighboring Democrats attending and begin building and strengthening the organization for the year's campaigns ahead. This meeting forms the ideological and organizational base for the Party for the next two years.

What happens with the results of these Precinct meetings? Delegates and Alternates are elected to go on to represent that precinct at County Conventions and Legislative District Caucuses, where delegates are elected to the State Convention, and County and District Platforms are adopted. Counties and Districts collect and review the resolutions from Precincts and use them to craft the proposed language of those Platforms. Delegates from the Precincts then vote on the individual Platform items or "planks," democratically deciding what the Party believes and advocates for.

County Conventions will occur on Apr. 24, 2004. Legislative District Caucuses will occur on May 1, 2004. Delegates elected at this County and Legislative District level go on to decide how our National Convention delegates are allocated between our candidates and who those delegates are. They also vote on a statewide Party Platform, re-establishing our Party's ideological basis for the next two years. Those State Delegates and Alternates will attend the Congressional District Caucuses on May 29, 2004, and the State Convention in Tacoma on June 5 and 6, 2004.

What exactly happens at a Precinct Caucus? How does it work? Each precinct meeting is individually convened by a PCO if one holds office in that precinct or by someone designated by the County or District chair if not, at exactly 10:00 am. All eligible attendees—registered voters in the precinct willing to declare themselves Democrats—sign in, indicating which candidate they support for President or if they are uncommitted. Official rules of the meeting are read aloud; a chair of the meeting is elected by those attending; and a recording secretary is appointed. Letters of

greeting from Senior Party or Elected Officials may be read to the group, and questionnaires, to get a reading on major issues, are discussed and opinions tallied.

At 10:30 am, the proportionate support of Presidential candidates is tallied and preliminary allocation of delegates committed to those candidates is calculated and announced. Those Uncommitted" are considered a group for allocation of delegates, and receive their proportion. An opportunity for discussion of the candidates is allowed, and a final chance to change candidate support choices is offered. A final allocation of delegates between the candidates and Uncommitted is then calculated. The meeting then breaks into sub groups for each candidate or uncommitted," where individuals from each group are elected to be delegates and alternates to the County Conventions and Legislative District caucuses. The sub groups then gather to finish their consideration of issues and party philosophy, voting on and passing resolutions to reflect the group's views. The meetings cannot conclude prior to 11:00 am. Notice is sent to the County and State Party of the meeting's outcome, noting delegates and alternates elected, and issues and philosophy positions taken. Delegates and alternates are then officially notified of dates and times of the County and Legislative District meetings.

Who can go? Who can vote? Who can be elected a delegate or alternate? Anyone can attend. Those who are registered voters in that precinct, or who live in the precinct and will be old enough to register to vote in the November election, **and** who sign a statement indicating they consider themselves Democrats and are willing to be publicly known as such, may speak and vote. Those who do not meet this requirement, may be allowed to speak with the permission of the group.

Those who can vote, as noted above, may be elected as delegates or alternates from that precinct. A person may be elected who is not in attendance, if they are a registered voter in the precinct, and provide a signed letter seeking election as a delegate or alternate, indicate presidential candidate preference, and indicate they consider themselves to be Democrats and are willing to be known as such.

What about the Primary? Doesn't it decide who our State supports for President The Presidential Preference Primary, set for March 2, 2004, has no direct impact in apportioning delegates to our conventions. It is indicative of the people's preference and the winner is given a boost in national recognition, but again, does not affect the selection of delegates.

In My Opinion ...

WHEN IT COMES TO THE GREENS, WE'RE ALL THUMBS

by **Justin Simmons**

This year I had my first hands-on experience with the political endorsement process, helping plan and conduct candidate forums and endorsement proceedings for several Democratic Party organizations, and for many in the non-partisan community.

This experience was diminished by the pervasive recurring controversy over who is a Democrat and who is not. Questions of Party membership, affiliation and loyalty were raised in every race up for endorsement, and rumor and hearsay were abundantly employed in the attempt to discredit some candidates for the benefit of others. Eminently qualified candidates running for Seattle City Council and Seattle School Board positions, in particular, were praised as such by stalwart Party leaders who nonetheless felt obliged to deny them their coveted endorsements. These candidates were typically shut-out or passed-over, due to their past admitted voting records, or to some reported connection with other political parties. As a result, an epidemic of "No Endorsement" or else multiple-endorsement decisions swept legislative districts and other Party bodies around Seattle and King County. I do not believe there is anything inherently wrong with Democratic groups occasionally endorsing candidates from other parties, nor do I believe there is anything treasonable about Democrats occasionally wavering from the straight ticket or dissenting from the Party line. The point of making endorsements is individuating and comparing candidates, and evaluating their desirability relative to the organization's specific interests and purposes. It is irresponsible to deny endorsements to candidates who we have reason to believe would do the best jobs serving their constituents. [Few would argue that Republican Dan Evans was a worse Governor than the Democrat who followed him, or that Democrat Lyndon LaRouche makes a better Presidential candidate than Republican John McCain.]

Green candidates in particular appear oftentimes more Democratic than we ourselves. A case could be made that the Greens have effectively stolen our Party's torch and run away with it. Greens are hyper-activists, involved disproportionately to their numbers in social and environmental causes and increasingly providing young people with their first taste of political engagement. Indeed, the 2000 Presidential Election proved that there are now too many Greens and other potentially Democratic voters (anti-Bush Republicans, Reform and Labor Party Members, Socialists and Libertarians among them) for

our Party to pursue a policy of bitter blacklisting. If our own lackluster appeal prohibits us from absorbing these voters, activists and candidates at this point in time, then we need to start thinking about at least building strategic partnerships with them. Intelligent party-building today means coalition-building, now more than ever. People get involved in grassroots activism because they identify problems in their communities that they want to fix those problems. They are often drawn to third parties because they perceive the Democratic and Republican parties as being too similar, too impenetrable, too static. Later they may come to appreciate the American system two-party arrangement; if they want to go anywhere in politics, they will have to align themselves either with Democrats or with Republicans. Democratic Party organizations have no business penalizing individuals for their good intentions and good citizenship, their willingness to participate in government and their successes along the way. Nor is it fair or wise for us to stigmatize and alienate folks for their initial naïveté about the grimmer realities of the bi-partisan system. On the contrary, we should be tolerant if not altogether solicitous of these people. The Democratic Party is supposed to stand for certain values and beliefs, and when it fails to do so, we can't blame candidates for standing up in spite of it. Under the First Amendment as a private organization, our Party has the civil right to define its membership. Even so, a higher principle may be to honor the human right of individuals to define themselves however they will. To deride someone's ideological integrity and Party-loyalty is as serious as to challenge the quality of their patriotism, the authenticity of their ethnic or sexual self-identification, the substance of their faith. A candidate may be to the right of Orrin Hatch, hate the DLC and favor Votes for Oysters, but they ought to be embraced as a Democrat if a Democrat is what they wish to be. It runs contrary to the democratic spirit of this country to discriminate against people based on how they voted in particular elections or to persecute them for their past flirtations with our colorful national diversity of political parties. Doing so smacks of totalitarianism and does nothing to enhance our Party's preferred reputation as a broad-based inclusive Party of the People. In our zeal for solidarity, we Democrats must resist the impulse to mirror our opposition as an exclusive homogeneous country-club for perfect A voters. Democrats need to work with like-minded progressives from all parties (especially with Greens and moderate Republicans) to defeat the sitting President, try to learn something from the popularity of other parties, and remember that respect for privacy and the freedoms of association and expression at the polls occupy a higher plane of democratic sanctity than Yellow Dog partisanship ever will.

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Show Your Commitment to the 46th District Democrats. JOIN NOW!

Please take a moment to look at your name as it is printed on this newsletter's Address Label. If "2003" appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You are a dues-paying member of the 46th LD Democrats. If "2003" does not appear, we hope you will send in your Membership Dues today.. We need the help and support of everyone as we organize and strengthen our base in preparation for the 2004 elections. Make checks payable to "46th District Democrats" & mail to **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435**

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CALLING ALL PCOs

- Washington State Democrats make information about individual precincts available to candidates, district organizations and NOW Precinct Committee Officers. This invaluable information helps to identify supporters, cull out voters who no longer live in our precincts, update current phone numbers, and perfect our targeting for campaigns. If you would like access to **your precinct's on-line voter file**, send an e-mail to Janet Miller with your precinct number, e-mail address, and phone number.
- If you were not able to attend the **spring PCO training sessions** and would like a copy of the packets distributed, please contact Janet Miller at 528-0078 or gerry-pollet@msn.com.
- **New PCOs** appointed in August were: **Kathryn Gardow 1962**; **Beth Alderman 2057**; and **Elizabeth Boyle 1972**. **CONGRATULATIONS!**
- The following **PCO candidate** will be voted on at the Sept. 18th meeting: **MATT TAYLOR 46-1285**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **PRIMARY ELECTION—Tues., Sept. 16th**
Don't Forget to Vote!!!
- **46th LD Democrats—General Membership Mtg**
Thurs., Sept. 18th at 7:30 pm
Olympic View Church
- **Washington State Democrats Maggie Awards**
Sat., Oct. 4th 5:00pm Meany Hall, UW Campus
Contact: Matt Sullivan (206) 583-0664.
- **46th LD Executive Board Meeting**
Oct. 7th 7:30 PM @ Olympic View Church
Contact: Scott White (206) 363-9522
- **Sen. Patty Murray's Birthday Party**
Fri., Oct. 10th 5-7pm Carpenter's Hall
209 Vine St. — Donations accepted.
Contact Judson Grief (206) 286-9199.
- **KCDCC Honors Banquet with Presidential Candidate Dennis Kucinich.**
Sun. Oct 12th Reception 5:30pm Dinner 6:30pm
Seattle Hilton Hotel Ballroom
Contact Scott White (206) 363-9522.
- **GENERAL ELECTION—Tues., Nov. 4th**
Don't Forget to Vote!!!



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