

# DEMOGRAM

MONTHLY MEETING

Olympic View

Elementary School

August 5, 2004

7:30PM

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR: Next Steps Towards Victory in November

***With the caucus and convention cycles past us, we still have much work to do to prepare for the elections this November...***

The endorsement of the 46th District Democrats is one of the most coveted in the region—and, with over 180 Precinct Committee Officers delivering literature to 30,000 voters on behalf of endorsed candidates, our is one of the most influential endorsements by a grassroots organization in the state. Candidates want our endorsement, and we put candidates through a rigorous process before they can receive our stamp of approval.

All candidates must fill out the King County Democratic Central Committee questionnaire to be eligible. In most cases, candidates also visit one of our regular district meetings to speak to the membership and answer questions about their campaign. Finally, at the endorsement meeting, candidates must be nominated by members in good standing or PCOs; members and PCOs opposed to a certain campaign may speak against the nomination. These lively debates inform, inspire and rally votes for and against any given campaign. Make no mistake, a candidate must EARN the endorsement of the 46th District Democrats.

***Work of PCOs & 46th District Members is Critical to Victory in November.*** Even



though the 46th LD is solidly Democratic, it is critical that our district vote heavily for Democratic candidates and progressive ballot measures to help swing statewide elections. The stakes are especially high in our elections for President and U.S. Senate, and in our statewide races for Governor and Attorney General. This is where our PCOs and members of the 46th help determine the outcome of elections!

Once the endorsements are in place, PCOs and members get the word out to our neighborhoods about the need to support Democrats in both the primary and general elections. Fortunately, 2004 has been a banner year for the recruitment of PCOs in the 46th and around the state. We deliver literally thousands and thousands of sample ballots and pieces of campaign literature to the doorsteps of voters in northeast Seattle!

If you are reading this, then chances are that you already are a PCO or a member of the 46th. But I want to remind everyone that the stakes in the elections this fall are incredibly high. National security, jobs, public education, civil rights, equitable tax structures and many other issues are up for grabs. Please do your part to encourage your neighbors, friends, family, co-workers and strangers on the street to vote Democrat!

Scott



46<sup>th</sup> District  
DEMOCRATS

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 5th 7:30 PM**

Olympic View Elementary School ~ NE 95th St. & 8th Ave. NE

***ENDORSEMENT MEETING!***

***PCOs and Members are encouraged to come vote on endorsements.***

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## Open Positions on the 46th LD Exec Board!

The 46th District Democrats are looking for two (2) energetic and dedicated individuals to serve on the Executive Board as **At Large Members**. As you probably already know, the 46th is one of the most active, well organized and solidly Democratic legislative districts in the entire state of Washington. One of the secrets to our success is the hard work of our volunteer Executive Board members.

Serving on the "Exec Board" is an important job and requires a time commitment outside of the regular monthly district meetings. All Executive Board members are expected to attend Exec Board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. At Large members are assigned a variety of projects ranging from helping organize events, to stuffing envelopes for mailings, to making phone calls to recruit Democrat PCOs.

These two vacancies came about by the resignations of Peter Steinbrueck and Gayatri Eassey. Peter offered his resignation on June 17 because of the heavy demands on his schedule related to his work on the City Council. Gayatri offered her resignation on July 6 because she has moved out of the 46th LD boundaries. We wish them both the very best and appreciate their commitment to the Democratic Party!

If you are interested in running for one of the At Large positions on our Executive Board then please contact Scott White, District Chair, at 363-9522. **The elections for these two positions will be held at our General Membership meeting on August 5th at Olympic View Elementary.**

**Endorsement Meeting:**  
**Thursday, August 5th 7:30 PM**  
**Olympic View Elementary School**  
**NE 95th St. & 8th Ave. NE**  
**(Across the street from the church)**

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—LIFE IN THE LIVELY 46TH!

## The June 17th general membership meeting ...

The meeting was called to order at 7:37PM. **Jan Ames** led the flag salute. **Chair's Report Scott White** provided the meeting schedule for the coming months. Per our normal summer schedule, there will be no general membership meeting in July. The **endorsement meeting will be held on Thursday August 5th**. All regular meetings will be at Olympic View Elementary School for the rest of the year! Scott also let us know that there will be a 46th District Democrats "Watch Party" for when John Kerry gives his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention. This should be a fun event!

**State Party Report:** The State Convention was held June 5th in Tacoma. **The 46th had a GREAT showing. All 46th District seats were filled and EIGHT members of our district will be serving as delegates and alternates to the National Convention.**

**King County Report:** **Sarajane Siegfriedt** updated the crowd on the County/State platform process. For the first time, the platforms address the whole issue of human services. There was also an important resolution about aggressive military recruiting in schools that was passed at the state convention.

**Membership Update:** **Betty Means** reported we have 726 members paid for the year—more members than anytime in memory! (**REMINDER: Dues MUST be paid on or before July 15th in order to be eligible to vote on endorsements.**)

**Treasurer's Report:** **Kristin Mitchell** gave another well organized report of good financial news for the 46th. Our June income was \$360, expenses were \$890.90, balance is **\$13,151**.

**PCO Report:** New PCOs **Josh Castle** (2091), **Ben**

**Kaufman** (2126), **Don Monroe** (2220—replacing Ruth Stinton), **Thom Brook** (2232), **Anne Norment** (2332), **Chris Kaikos** (2346), **Cameron Collins** (2378), and **Don Horman** (3252) were appointed. (**REMINDER: The deadline to file as a PCO for the 2004 ballot is Friday, July 30th.**)

**Guest Speakers:** Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate **Christine Gregoire** was the featured speaker. She gave a strong speech about her three main priorities going into Olympia next year — education, health care, and the economy. She said that a world-class education system is a key component of a dynamic, growing economy and addressed the need to give every person in Washington access to affordable health care. She answered numerous questions ranging from off-reservation casinos and gambling to a state income tax to charter schools. We also had updates from the **Patty Murray and John Kerry campaigns**. Both asked for volunteers and interested people to contact the campaign. **Sen. Ken Jacobsen, Rep. Phyllis Kenney, and Rep. Jim McIntire** all gave brief campaign updates and mentioned their upcoming campaign kick-offs.

**George Scarola** from **I-884** gave an update on the initiative, which will impose a 1¢ sales tax to provide for stable education funding and create the state "Education Trust Fund." **Betty Means** gave an update on **I-297** which will prevent Washington from becoming a toxic waste dump. Also, we heard a brief update on **R-55**, which would (for the third time) get rid of charter schools. **Joel Hanson** of the **Steelworkers** was on hand to talk about USWA's new Associate Member program. This is an exciting new program which offers an opportunity to dramatically grow union membership all over the country and offers benefits to members without being steelworkers. The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm. (*Contributed by Jamie Corning and Scott White*)

## THEY'RE GOING TO BOSTON!!!!

### **46th National Delegates:**

**David McDonald**, DNC Member  
**Lisa Domke**, Kerry delegate  
**Craig Soucy**, Kerry alternate  
**Jim Mullins**, Kucinich delegate

*Party Leaders/Elected Officials (PLEOs)  
and At-Large delegates:*

**Sen. Ken Jacobsen**, Kerry PLEO  
**Javier Valdez**, Kerry PLEO  
**Marie Yamamoto**, Kerry delegate  
**Gayatri Eassey**, Kerry Alternate

# 2004 Proposed Endorsement Procedures

## I. Eligibility to Vote

To be eligible to vote, or to speak at the endorsement meeting, you must be either a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO), or a resident 46<sup>th</sup> District voter who has paid dues at least 21 days in advance of the endorsement meeting (on or before July 15th for August 5th meeting; on or before August 25th for September 16th meeting.) **For purposes of these endorsement procedures, PCOs and resident 46<sup>th</sup> District voters who have paid dues at least 21 days in advance shall be called "eligible voters".** Voting by proxy is not allowed.

## II. Eligibility for Endorsement

To be eligible for endorsement, a candidate must file as a Democrat or, in the case of non-partisan races other than judicial races, identify themselves as a Democrat. In addition, for a candidate to be eligible for consideration (with the exception of Presidential and national office candidates) he/she must submit and sign the King County Democrats' candidate questionnaire. This questionnaire must be submitted to the Chair of the 46th District Democrats by August 3, 2004. (Check King County Democrats web page [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org) for questionnaire.)

## III. Endorsement Requirements

Endorsements require a vote of 2/3 of the eligible voters present and voting. Abstentions are not considered votes, and will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast. Voting will be by written ballots issued to eligible voters before the vote. (A vote by show of hands may be called in the case of a Third Ballot as described in IV.B.3.)

## IV. Endorsement Procedures – Candidates

### A. Nominations

1. For each race with candidates, the floor will be open to nominations/seconds for all eligible candidates and "No Endorsement". Only eligible voters may make motions to endorse/nominate or speak on behalf of an endorsement/nomination. A motion to close nominations shall be out of order.
2. For each motion to endorse, a nomination speech of no more than two minutes and a seconding speech of not more than one minute will be allowed. Speakers shall identify themselves prior to making nomination speeches on behalf of any candidate or ballot measure. Eligible voters may NOT cede their time to anyone ineligible to vote at the meeting. Members will hear all nomination/seconding speeches on behalf of all candidates or "No Endorsement" for that race before the vote.
3. All eligible candidates who are nominated and "No Endorsement" will be an option on the First Ballot.

### B. Voting

1. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or "No Endorsement." If any nominated candidate or "No Endorsement" receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If neither a candidate nor "No Endorsement" receives 2/3, then we will move to a second ballot. (Note: In the case of a race with only two candidates, the First Ballot is eliminated and we begin with the Second Ballot.)
2. Second Ballot: The top two choices receiving votes from the First Ballot shall be on the Second Ballot.
  - a. Top two options are *both* candidates: If either of the two candidates receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If not, then move to Third Ballot.
  - b. Top two options are a candidate *and* "No Endorsement": If either of the two options receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If not, then no endorsement in the race is made.
3. Third Ballot: If no choice in the Second Ballot received 2/3, then a motion for dual endorsement will be entertained. This motion must pass by 2/3. If not, then no endorsement in the race is made. A show of hands may be called in the case of a Third Ballot.

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## 2004 Proposed Endorsement Procedures—continued

### V. Endorsement Procedures – Ballot Measure

#### A. Nominations

1. Ballot Measures include all initiatives, referenda, levies, and other races without candidates. A Ballot Measure may only be nominated for consideration in the form it would appear on the ballot. Nominations for a specific endorsement to support or oppose a Ballot Measure are not in order, as the endorsement—“Support”, “Reject” or “Take no position”—will be determined by the voting.

2. For each motion to consider a Ballot Measure, a speech of no more than two minutes and a seconding speech of not more than one minute will be allowed for each of the 3 positions “Support”, “Reject” and “Take no position”. Only eligible voters may make motions to endorse/nominate or speak on behalf of an endorsement/nomination. Members will hear all speeches for that Ballot Issue before the vote.

#### B. Voting

1. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for “Support”, “Reject” or “Take no position”. If any option receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If no option receives 2/3 we move to a Second Ballot.

2. Second Ballot: The top two choices between “Support”, “Reject” or “Take no position” will appear on the Second Ballot. If either option receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If no option receives 2/3, then the position of the 46th District Democrats will be “Take no position”.

### VI. Endorsement Meeting Schedule

A. The general membership meeting held on August 5, 2004 will consider endorsements for:

1. Races and ballot measures on the September 2004 Primary Election Ballot, and
2. Ballot measures on the November 2004 General Election Ballot and for which the 46th District Democrats have passed a resolution indicating some level of support.

B. The general membership meeting held on September 16, 2004 will consider endorsements for races on the November 2004 General Election Ballot.

## Show Your Commitment to the 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats. JOIN NOW!

Please take a moment to look at your name as it is printed on this newsletter’s Address Label. If “2004” appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You are a dues-paying member of the 46<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats. If “2004” 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 “**46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats**” & mail to **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435**

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\$15 Individual

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## CALLING ALL PCOs:

The following candidates for PCO will be voted on at the August meeting:

- **Melodie McCutcheon** (2276)
- **T.J. Read** (2348)
- **Ben Kaufman** (2126)

New PCOs elected at the June 2004 meeting:

**Josh Castle** (2091)  
**Ben Kaufman** (2126)  
**Don Monroe** (2220)  
**Thomas (Thom) Brook** (2232)  
**Anne Norment** (2332)  
**Chris Daikos** (2346)  
**Cameron Collins** (2378)  
**Don Horman** (3252).

Know someone who would like to be a PCO? Please contact Janet Miller at [gerry-pollet@msn.com](mailto:gerry-pollet@msn.com) or at (206) 518-0078.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Thurs. July 29th Democratic Nat'l Convention Watch Party!** See Sen. Kerry deliver his acceptance speech on the last night of the convention. 5-8 PM at the Ramada Inn, 2140 Northgate Way.
- **Tues. August 3rd: 46th LD Executive Board Mtg,** Olympic View Church. 7:30PM. Info: Scott White (206-363-9522)
- **Thurs. August 5th: 46th LD Endorsement Meeting,** Olympic View Elementary School. 7:30PM. Info: Scott White (206-363-9522)
- **Tues. August 17th: King County Democrats Endorsement Meeting,** Seattle Labor Temple. 7:00PM. Contact: Greg Rodriguez at 206-622-9157 or [greg@kcdems.org](mailto:greg@kcdems.org)
- **Remember:** No General Membership Meeting in July. Our Endorsement meeting will be held on the *first* Thursday in August... August 5th.

*Check our district website for more information*

[www.46dems.org](http://www.46dems.org)



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**(ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHURCH)**