

DEMOGRAM



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



General Election on November 8th will Shape Seattle's Future

Elections in odd numbered years, such as 2005, are often called an "Off Year Election" because they typically involve races for local office and do not include federal or state campaigns. Don't be fooled! The people we elect to local offices such as the Port Commission, City Council, Mayor, School Board, County Council and County Executive will frequently make decisions that have a greater impact on our daily lives than many federal or state office holders. As a result, the outcome of the general election on November 8th will have a major impact on the future of our region, as the winners will help set the vision for our city, county, port and public schools. Democrats must work hard in the next month to ensure we are victorious and ensure that our platform will help inform this vision.

The candidates who are best qualified to move our platform forward are endorsed by the 46th District Democrats and are listed on page 3 of this Demogram. Our endorsements cover all of the races and nine different ballot measures.

A Call to Action

We have accomplished much as a district organization in 2005 and but there is still much work to do as we approach the General Election. We need your help in these final weeks to elect our endorsed candidates and to approve or defeat ballot measures.

What can you do if you are a member...? Last month I asked each of you to have a conversation about the issues and the candidates with at least two friends. The goal was to explain why you vote Democrat, convince your friends of the importance of voting Democrat and increase the total number of progressive voters at the polls. **In these final weeks I'm asking every member of the 46th to share our endorsements listed on page 3 with 10 friends.** If each member does this, then this action strategy will potentially reach and influence over 6,000 voters!

What can you do if you are a PCO...? If you are a PCO, then we need you to pick up your bundles of campaign literature (including your 46th District Democrats Sample Ballots) and deliver them to the voters in your precinct. **Materials will be available for pick-up by PCOs on Janet's porch at 7750 17th Ave. N.E. beginning on Friday, October 21st.** If each PCO delivers literature, then this action strategy could potentially reach and influence over 45,000 voters!

Are you willing to fight for your values? Are you willing to work to ensure that our platform moves forward? Are you willing to stand up and let your voice be heard? Victory depends on YOU! I hope you will take the time to spread the word about our progressive candidates because so much is at stake.

Peace and Thanks ~ Scott



Next General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 20th

7:00 Social ~ 7:30pm Meeting Begins

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

SPECIAL PROGRAM: Members of Rep. Jim McDermott's finance team discuss *Boehner v. McDermott* -- a long-running and widely misreported civil suit that could cripple Jim financially and deprive you of many cherished First Amendment freedoms. **Please join us!**



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Please check our Website for all the latest information, meeting minutes, and calendars: **www.46dems.COM**

A Call for Content

Please send us ideas, articles and pictures for this newsletter and our website. This is your district organization, and we want to know what you are doing to help engage, educate and empower the people in our district and beyond! Please send to: **chadlupkes@gmail.com** Thanks!

Executive Board Vacancy to be Filled at Membership Meeting on Oct. 20th

Long time 46th District Democrat **Patrick Hogan** has moved to Shoreline. Thank you Patrick for all of your hard work on behalf of the Democratic Party!

Patrick's departure leaves a vacant "At Large" position. If you, or someone you know is interested in serving on the 46th District Democrats Executive Board, then please contact Scott White at **scott.white46@comcast.net** We are an active and hard working Executive Board. The At Large position is open to any female or male member in good standing. The process for electing the At Large position on October 20th will be as follows:

- Open floor for nominations
- Two-minute speech by each candidate
- Open floor to questions of candidates for up to 10 minutes
- Officer elected by majority vote of eligible voters present

Please consider joining us as a member of the Executive Board!



Action Committees

Here is a list of committees at work within the 46th LD Democrats. Remember, this is YOUR party. If you would like to get involved in any of these committees, please contact the chair of that committee.

Program Committee	Gerry Pollet (Chair) Scott White (Vice-Chair)
Legislative Action & Research Committee	Sarajane Siegfriedt (Co-Chair) Chad Lupkes (Co-Chair)
Community Outreach Committee	Bev Marcus (Chair)
Finance Committee	Gail Chiarello (Chair)
Membership & PCO Committee	Betty Means (Chair) Janet Miller (Vice-Chair) Jan Ames (Volunteer Coordinator)
Bylaws Committee	Dean Fournier (Chair)
Platform & Resolutions	Jim Mullins (Chair)

In Case You Missed It... Life in the Fabulous 46th!

Endorsements for November 8th General Election

The 46th District Democrats held our General Election Endorsement Meeting on Thursday, September 29th. It was a very long agenda, and thank you to everyone who stayed until after 10:00 to get everything done. The 25 separate votes for endorsement set a new record for a single meeting, but it ensured a thorough and fair process.

Offices and ballot measures are listed here along with the **endorsed candidate or position**. Each endorsement requires a two-thirds (66.6%) vote of the body. Complete endorsement rules and additional information on the 46th District Democrats can be found at www.46dems.com

Offices:

King County Executive

- **Ron Sims**

King County Sheriff

- **No Endorsement**

King County Council, Dist. 1

- **Bob Ferguson**

King County Council, Dist. 2

- **Larry Gossett**

King County Council, Dist. 4

- **Larry Phillips**

Port of Seattle, Pos. 1

- **Lawrence Molloy**

Port of Seattle, Pos. 3

- **Richard "Rich" Berkowitz**

Port of Seattle, Pos. 4 (dual)

- **Patricia "Pat" Davis**
- **Jack Jolley**

Seattle Mayor

- **No Endorsement**

Seattle City Attorney

- **Tom Carr**

Seattle City Council, Position 2

- **Richard Conlin**

Seattle City Council, Position 4

- **Jan Drago**

Seattle City Council, Position 6

- **Nick Licata**

Seattle City Council, Position 8 (dual)

- **Dwight Pelz**
- **Richard McIver**

Seattle Monorail Authority, Pos. 8

- **No Endorsement**

Seattle Monorail Authority, Pos. 9

- **Cleve Stockmeyer**

Seattle School Board, Dist 4

- **Michael DeBell**

Seattle School Board, Dist 5 (dual)

- **Jane Fellner**
- **Mary Bass**

Seattle School Board, Dist 7

- **Linda Thompson-Black**



Ballot Measures:

WA State Initiative Measure No. 330 concerning claims for personal injury.

- **Reject**

WA State Initiative Measure No. 336 concerning medical malpractice and insurance.

- **Support**

WA State Initiative Measure No. 900 concerning performance audits of governmental entities.

- **Reject**

WA State Initiative Measure No. 901 concerning amending the Clean Indoor Air Act.

- **Support**

WA State Initiative Measure No. 912 concerning motor vehicle fuel taxes.

- **Reject**

King County Measure authorizing a property tax levy at \$0.05 per \$1,000 to fund health and human services.

- **Take No Position**

Seattle Monorail Measure to build a monorail from Dravus in Interbay to Alaska Junction in West Seattle.

- **Take No Position**

Seattle Monorail Measure to increase the number of elected Board members.

- **Support**

Seattle Advisory Measure #1 concerning health care access and quality

- **Support**

Legislative Action Starts Here—and Now

by Sarajane Siegfriedt, Legislative Action Co-Chair

Now is the time to start thinking about the 2006 state legislative session. Legislative committees are holding meetings and activist groups are contacting their members and their legislators, prioritizing their shopping lists. What is your #1 issue, your “mission?” To avoid being overwhelmed, you’ll need to narrow your scope.

Pick an Interest Group

A partial list of those groups who monitor human services action in Olympia has been posted at the 46th Democrats’ website: www.46dems.com. The Children’s Alliance www.childrensalliance.org is one of the best. The Statewide Poverty Action Network www.povertyaction.org stakes out unique ground on behalf of poor people. WA State Coalition for the Homeless sethdawson@att.net is an especially effective alert list.

A list for the environment might start with WashPIRG www.washpirg.org. Earth Share of Washington www.esw.org lists 12 citizen advocacy and watchdog organizations, including Puget Soundkeepers Alliance www.pugetsoundkeeper.org and Heart of America Northwest www.heartofamericanorthwest.org. Some, like the Washington Environmental Council www.wecprotects.org provide Olympia monitoring services. Pick your issue(s) and contact and/or join an action-oriented e-list.

Research the Legislature

Become familiar with the legislative process. Lots of background information is available at the main website for the legislature: www.leg.wa.gov. Look up your 46th District legislators, read their biographies and what committees they sit on. You can be most influential with these legislators, in these committees, because the voices of constituents (YOU) always speak the loudest. Enter their addresses in your email address book. Call them for coffee, before Thanksgiving. Once the session starts you’ll probably only get 15 minutes—in Olympia.

Then check out the committees that deal with your key issue. What meetings and work days are scheduled? What major pieces of legislation passed last year, in the first year of the biennial legislature, and what is still on their plate? What reports are available? You can email the committee staff or the responsible state office and ask these questions.

About 2,000 bills will be introduced in the next session, and fewer than 25% will become law. You can’t track them all, so pick your interest area—for this year. An experienced lobbyist sending email alerts will tell you when a bill has been introduced, or “dropped,” when committee hearings are being held and when your comments will be the most helpful, when votes are taken and when to thank the legislators who supported your bill.

Email has changed access

Email has completely changed advocacy and our access to our legislators. Most of the representatives use laptops to read their email on the floor between votes. You may receive a congratulatory update directly from the House floor! Computers are not allowed in the Senate, and Senators have more staff.

E-mail advocacy etiquette: Always include the bill number in the message line. Be succinct. Always be respectful, beginning with Dear Senator or Rep (or Governor). Include your complete street address, so a legislator can tell if you are a constituent, and can follow up by mail.

Go to Advocacy Day in Olympia

Most advocacy groups schedule an Advocacy Day (or more) in Olympia. The Children’s Alliance’s Have A Heart for Kinds Day and the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance’s Housing Advocacy Day are in February. If you can, take the day to meet face to face and get familiar with how everything works. The day will include orientation to the process and the issues, handouts for you and leave-behinds for your legislators. You will gain a new appreciation for how hard they work and how much they are interested in your opinions as a constituent.



The 46th LD Democrats Finance Committee Invites
Members of the 4600 Club to an

“Afghan Saroukh”

An Appreciation for Members of the 4600 Club

at the home of Pat Emerson

4919 NE Princeton Way

Seattle, WA 98105

November 13, 2005 4:00-6:00PM

Afghanistani and Pakistani delicacies will be served.

“West Meets East” at the Wine Table

If you are not a member of the 4600 Club,
this is an opportunity to upgrade your membership.

(RSVP to 206-527-1613 evenings or to

First Person: The poor shamed us into seeing them

Guest Opinion-Article by Janet Pelz

Hurricane Katrina showed us faces the Republicans never wanted us to see -- the elderly, the infirm, the poor. The ones with no car to get them out of the city before the storm hit, the ones unable to pay for hotel rooms until the waters receded. The ones with no health insurance to recover from the ravages of insulin shock, kidney failure or dehydration. The ones lying face down in the cesspool or dying of heatstroke in the Superdome.

These are the people the Republicans have been teaching us to disdain, if not hate, since President Reagan decried the moral laxness of the Welfare Mom.

And for the past 25 years, they've been successful. As long as the poor remained out of sight, they could be described in whatever undeserving light the Republicans chose, and the rest of us would be unwilling to challenge them.

This second Bush administration was to be the conservatives' crowning glory. They would finish slicing government to the bone, sacrificing environmental protections, critical infrastructure investments, health and human services, all to massive tax cuts. Yes, the long climb back from the precipice of the New Deal was within reach.

That is, until the poor came out of hiding and shamed us into seeing them.

The neoconservatives had sold us their theory -- each of us should take care of ourselves. Citizens (at least those morally upstanding enough to be wealthy) could do better for ourselves than the government could do for us. They touted the ownership society, where we privatize our own piece of Social Security. They advocated that each of us pay for our own health care rather than requiring our employers to contribute. They rejected environmental regulation at the expense of what we could do

with our own property.

Their theory works just fine for the families sheltering multimillion-dollar estates for their children. It works for Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott, who will rebuild that one home destroyed in the hurricane.

But for those who work full time for Wal-Mart, receiving minimum wage with no health or other benefits, their theory is as sound as the Lake Pontchartrain levee.

It is the faces of these Wal-Mart workers, janitors and child care providers, however, that we watched during the past weeks. They were the ones desperate for someone to pull them off the roof, get help for their neighbor, reunite them with children they put in a helicopter gurney.

It was these people, whose black faces may not be the color of our own, whose English may not be as refined. We can't ignore that their fear, their devotion to family and their outrage in government is the same as ours. That's why their presence on television is so threatening to the Republicans' agenda. We can't hate those who are as worthy, as human, as we.

Yes, the response for this natural disaster was shameful. But the man-made disaster that put these American citizens in the vulnerable position of becoming the hurricane's victims is that much more shameful.

The poor in this country deserve more than a contribution to the Red Cross. They deserve a government that gets them not just off the roof but also out of the margins of American society and into the sun that shines on the rest of us.

Janet Pelz is a member and Democratic PCO in the 46th legislative District. This article was printed in the Seattle P-I on Monday, September 19, 2005.

Show Your Commitment to the 46th District Democrats.

Please take a moment to look at your name as it's printed on this newsletter's Address Label. If "2005" appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You are a dues-paying member of the 46th Legislative District Democrats. If "2005" does not appear, we hope you will send in your Membership Dues today in the enclosed envelope. We need the help and support of everyone as we organize and strengthen our base in preparation for the 2005 elections. Make checks payable to: **"46th District Democrats"** & mail to: **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435**

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Learn About the Candidates for Seattle School Board

The Seattle School Board has a critical community responsibility—providing the leadership necessary to ensure the quality and safety of our public schools. Check out these forums to learn more about the candidates:

- **Mon., Oct. 24th - 7 p.m.** Garfield High School PTSA sponsors School Board candidate forum, location to be announced. (Community Center or school, both near corner of 23rd and Cherry.)
- **Tues., Oct. 25th - 7:45 p.m.** School Board candidate forum, part of the "State of the Arts" event at West Seattle High School, 3000 California Ave. SW.
- **Wed, Oct 26th - 7:00 p.m.** Sponsored by the Maple Leaf Community Council, at Olympic View Elementary School, 504 NE 95th

Please check our website or contact the Seattle Council PTSA at (206) 364-7430 for more information.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Thurs. Oct 20th, **46th Dems General Membership Meeting @ Olympic View Elementary School.** 7:00pm Meet and Greet, 7:30pm meeting begins. More info at: www.46dems.com
- Tues. Oct 25th, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Executive Board Meeting @ Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave.** More info at: www.kcdems.org
- Tues. Nov 1st, 7:30 pm, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting @ Olympic View Community Church.** Info: Scott White 363-9522
- Tues. Nov 8th, **General Election Day — Don't forget to vote!**
- Fri-Sat. Nov 11-12th, **WSDCC Fall State Committee Meeting @ Ocean Shores, WA.** Info: Shawna Ousse at (206) 583-0664
- Sun. Nov 13th, 4:00-6:00 pm, **"Afghan Saroukh" — An Appreciation for Members of the 4600 Club @ home of Pat Emerson, 4919 NE Princeton Way.** If you are not a member of the 4600 Club, this is a great opportunity to upgrade your membership. (RSVP 206-527-1613 eves. or circe@drizzle.com at 206-523-0715)

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