

# DEMOGRAM

**Next Membership Meeting:**

Olympic View Elementary

February 16, 2006

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



### 2006 Begins with Issues Summit

The year has gotten off to a great start, as over 100 people attended our 2nd Annual Issues Summit at our general membership meeting on January 19th. The Issues Summit was a precursor to our precinct caucuses in that it allowed people to talk about updates to our platform and priorities to focus on in 2006. By identifying the top two priorities in each issue area, we have created a focused list of key action items that our District and individual members can engage in as activists. Many thanks to the members of the Executive Board for their work to facilitate the small group discussions and make the meeting a success. Highlights from the meeting can be found inside on page 3.

### Dwight Pelz Elected as New State Chair

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee elected a new state Chair at the meeting on January 28th in Kent. **Dwight Pelz**, a lifelong activist, former State Senator and King County Councilmember, was elected to replace Paul Berendt who announced his resignation in December. Pelz inherits approximately \$600,000 in debt, which is a reduction from the \$1.8 million in debt that was incurred during the court case over the governors election. Dwight's profile and letter of introduction to Democrats are inside on page 5.

### Precinct Caucuses to be held March 4, 2006

At 2:00pm on Saturday, March 4th, the 46th District Democrats will host the **2006 Precinct Caucuses** at locations throughout North Seattle. Precinct Caucuses happen only once every two years, but are a great opportunity to meet with your neighbors to discuss the issues of our Party Platform, and to help prioritize those issues for consideration at the County and State Conventions. People are encouraged to bring draft resolutions and platform plank

ideas to their caucus meetings. The 46th District Democrats set records with about 7,000 caucus participants in 2004—let's all do our part to make this year's caucuses a success. More information on the Precinct Caucuses can be found inside on page 4.

The Precinct Caucuses will be followed by the 46th LD caucus on April 22nd. The resolutions and platform ideas that come out of the Precinct Caucuses will be forwarded to our Platform and Resolutions Committee who will roll them into a draft platform for consideration on April 22nd. The 46th LD Caucus will be followed by the King County Convention on May 6th and the State Party Convention on June 3rd in Yakima.

### Opportunities for Activism and Involvement in 2006

Another fun endeavor that we will be implementing this year is an *Activism 101* training session to educate people on methods to influence policy and ensure that their voices are heard. Dates and locations are TBD, but you can look forward to a lively discussion on how to lobby effectively, strategies for sending a powerful message and resources that are available in the community.

In addition to the caucus cycle and activism efforts, the 46th has several standing committees that do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to make our District run smoothly. Whether it is connecting with neighborhood groups through the Community Outreach Committee, tracking our budget through the Finance Committee, or recruiting new Democrats through our PCO and Membership Committee, we can find a job for you. Please look at the list of committees on page 2 and consider volunteering.

We have much work to do in 2006! I look forward to working with you!

*Thank You and Peace... Scott*



## Next General Membership Meeting

**Thursday, February 16th**

7:00 Social ~ 7:30pm Meeting Begins

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

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

**New State Party Chair Dwight Pelz and  
Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen**

**PROGRAM: Precinct Caucus Training**



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## 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 for your support!



## Congratulations to



## Gail Chiarello and Javier Valdez

for being semi-finalists in the Seattle City Council appointment process to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilmember Jim Compton. Gail and Javier are both tremendous community activists and dedicated Democrats. Their participation in the appointment process helped raise the awareness of many community issues. It is this kind of grassroots activism that helps to strengthen our neighborhoods and build our community. Way to go Gail and Javier!!!



## Scott White Honored for 10 Years of Service to Citizens of King County

Our own Chair, Scott White was honored by the King County Council for his 10 years of professionalism, integrity & outstanding service to the citizens of King County. Scott has worked for the Council as senior policy staff and as Chief of Staff. At a formal ceremony, leaders and advocates from the Environmental, Labor, Human Services & Civil Rights communities, Democratic Party, as well as County Staff, all thanked Scott for his leadership on some of the toughest issues facing the region. Nice Work, Scott!

## 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. Phone numbers/emails listed in the left column.

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

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

## Issues Forum at January Meeting a Big Step Towards Platform and Action

*By Gerry Pollet, Vice Chair for Programs*

Our second **Issues Forum**, held at our January meeting, was a big step forward to update the Platform of the 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats and create an action agenda. Over 100 people came together in 8 small groups. Each group took one area of our platform, discussed updates, and proposed two top priorities for our district to take action on during the coming year. Our discussions groups were joined by **Rep. Jim McIntire, County Council Chair Larry Phillips and City Council Member David Della**.

From the work done at the Issues Forum, and the resolutions or proposals for platform planks that Democrats bring to the Precinct Caucuses on March 4th, our Platform and Resolutions Committee will prepare an updated proposed Platform for the District. This will be considered for adoption, along with resolutions, at the 46th Leg District Caucus on April 22nd. The effort that went into the Issues Forum by executive committee members and attendees was a fabulous demonstration of how we, as Democrats, start the discussion of what we stand for right in our communities. Executive Committee members who facilitated each group sought input from numerous "allies" and advocacy groups on their agendas for state and federal legislation and city/county proposals.

One new idea coming out of the Program Committee discussions to plan for the agenda is to have an Action Agenda item in each upcoming Demogram – suggesting one simple thing you can do to promote our Democratic Platform and agenda that month. Suggestions will be from our Legislative Action committee.

A sampling (just a sampling) of the platform changes, and issue action priorities proposed:

**Foreign Policy:** Top action proposed is for inclusion in this month's Demogram, a call to members to email the City Council in support of the Exit Iraq resolution currently sponsored by the Church Council of Seattle and the interfaith network of Concern for the People of Iraq. The 46th's Foreign Policy Platform Group's draft formulation of such a resolution is: "The City of Seattle rejects the concept of the 'War on Terror' and calls for immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq." Email addresses for all Council Members are on our website: [www.46dems.com](http://www.46dems.com) - where you will find a great tool for contacting elected officials.

*Please take a few minutes to compile an email and then use our website to send it!*

**Civil and Human Rights and Justice:** had 8 proposals for updating our Platform, the top 3 being:

- The place for religious instruction is one's family and chosen religious institution(s), not the public schools. Creationism – by any name – is not science and has no role in a science course.
- We demand an end to warrantless governmental eavesdropping on telephonic and electronic communications within the United States, and prosecution of those who have ordered such activity.
- We condemn the use of military tribunals and the indeterminate detention of "enemy combatants," practices at the heart of a parallel system contrary to established legal procedure and the rights and protections at the heart of the American identity.

**Environment, Energy and Transportation:** Top two actions are to have 46<sup>th</sup> Dem members petition to help place the Alternative Energy ballot initiative on this November's general election ballot; and, to oppose the upcoming property rights/takings initiative.

Platform updates include updating our support for Light Rail to reach Northgate (before our children become grandparents, ed. note) and oppose the plan to use the Arboretum for an expanded Highway 520 and interchanges.

**Health:** Update the Platform beginning with:

Health care being (is) a basic human right,(.) it (It) is a fundamental responsibility of government to ensure the health and safety of its citizens. As noted by the U.S. General Accounting Office, "If the U.S. were to shift to a system of universal coverage and a single payer, as in Canada, the savings in administrative cost would be more than enough to offset the cost" [of the change in system]. Therefore, we call for...:

Support the Fair Share Health Care bills – requiring large employers to spend a minimum percentage on their employees' health benefits: SB 6356 & HB 2517

**Labor and Economic Justice:** Top legislative action priorities:

Comprehensive workers' Bill of Rights

Overhaul tax system to be more progressive

**Education:** Discussion focused on new platform planks:

Defining "basic education" – recognizing that "basic education" is a right, but we need to have it defined to give life to this right, and for common understanding.

Encouraging initiatives for teacher retention

One of several action items proposed is to communicate our support to other education advocates who are leading educational agendas.

**Social Services:** This group reported out: We are all very concerned about the huge underfunding of social services, the case loads, the budgetary needs that have accumulated and how these individuals are showing up in our hospitals, jails & detention centers when they could be better treated with services and prevention.

- Fund transitional services for foster children 18-25
- Fully fund and implement foster care reforms required under the court settlement (Braam case)
- Decriminalize mental illness and fully fund mental health treatment (including 2006 \$7M cuts to King County's MH budget)
- Help end homelessness by funding State Housing Trust Funds an additional \$100M to cut the backlog

Your resolutions and platform plank suggestions are welcome – this was just the start of the process! Bring them to your precinct caucus, or send them to the platform and legislative action committee chairs listed in the Demogram and webpage [www.46dems.com](http://www.46dems.com).

*by Gerry Pollet; Vice Chair for Programs*



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# Precinct Caucuses to meet on Saturday, March 4th

Grassroots will meet at locations around the 46th LD to discuss Platform and Resolutions

It is time once again for our Precinct Caucuses! At **2:00pm on Saturday, March 4, 2006**, precinct caucuses throughout the state will convene for one of the largest grassroots events of the Democratic Party. The principal business of the precinct caucuses is two-fold:

1. discussion and action on platform and resolutions, and
2. the election of delegates and alternates to the 46th LD caucus (to be held on April 22nd) and to the King County Convention (to be held on May 6th).

## Locations, Locations, Locations...

The 2006 Precinct Caucuses will be held at 7 different locations in the 46th LD. There are a few ways to find the meeting location of your precinct. Not sure what precinct you live in? Check your Voter ID card or call King County Elections at 296-VOTE.

1. Check our website at: [www.46dems.com](http://www.46dems.com). Click on the **2006 Caucus** link and look for your precinct number.
2. Contact your PCO. If you have a PCO, then give them a call—they will know where to go on March 4th.
3. Attend the 46th District Democrats Meeting on February 16th at Olympic View Elementary School. We will have a map and a complete listing sorted by precinct of all the meeting locations.
4. Check your mail. Postcards will be mailed out late February to all past Caucus attendees with your mtg location.

Meeting locations for Precinct Caucuses are as follows:

### **Broadview Thompson Elementary**

13052 Greenwood Ave N

Areas: Carkeek (14 pcts), 1st Cong Dist. (15 pcts)

Site Coordinators: Dana O'Day-Senior\*, Rene Murry

### **Daniel Bagley Elementary**

7821 Stone Ave N

Areas: Greenlake (15 pcts), Phinney (15 pcts)

Site Coordinators: Mark Saporito\*, Lauri & Pete Serafin

### **Northgate Elementary**

11725 1st Ave NE

Areas: Northgate (18 pcts), Haller NW (12 pcts)

Site Coordinators: Sylvia Haven\*

### **Eckstein Middle School**

3003 NE 75th St

Areas: Wedgwood (16 pcts), View Ridge (13 pcts)

Site Coordinators: Bev Marcus\*, Jim Leonard

### **Nathan Hale High School**

10750 30th Ave NE

Areas: Jackson Park (15 pcts), Lake City (19 pcts)

Site Coordinators: John Kelly\*, Gad Levy

### **Bryant Elementary**

3311 NE 60th St

Areas: Bryant (19 pcts), Laurelhurst (16 pcts)

Site Coordinators: Jan Ames\*, Kathryn Gardow

### **Wedgwood Elementary**

2720 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St

Areas: Meadowbrook (19 pcts), Maple Leaf (19 pcts)

Site Coordinators: Virginia Gunby\*, Scott Reiman

**NOTE: We will go over the precinct caucus process and locations at the membership meeting on February 16th.**



**Above:** Masses of Democrats swamp a local elementary school for the highly successful Precinct Caucuses on February 7, 2004. Scenes like this were common throughout North Seattle. What can you do to help keep the momentum going in 2006?

## Let's Make 2006 a Year to Remember...

In an event that was completely unprecedented in Washington State history, tens of thousands of people attended precinct caucuses throughout the state in 2004. As many of you will recall, in the 46th Legislative District alone we saw approximately 7,000 people attend precinct caucuses in north Seattle. Many new friends were made as neighbors came together to discuss the issues of the day and their favorite candidates for president. This was an exciting time for everyone as John Kerry received the most delegates both in the 46th and the entire state, and then went on to win the Democratic nomination.

*Please let your voice be heard and plan to attend your precinct caucus on Saturday, March 4th.* Platform issues and resolutions are the main items to be discussed and we will also elect delegates to the 46th LD Caucus and King County Convention. Again, the precinct caucuses are a community event and a great opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together in an effort to strengthen our communities!



## King County Democrats proudly present the *Annual Honors Banquet*

**Special recognition honoring former Governor  
Mike Lowry and many special guests!!!**

Friday, February 17, 2006  
6:00 Reception and Silent Auction  
7:00 Dinner Service  
8:00 pm Awards  
Spirit of Washington Event Center  
233 Burnett Ave. S., Renton

For tickets and additional information,  
contact Susan Sheary at 206-622-9157



# Dwight Pelz Elected State Party Chair

The WA State Democratic Central Committee met on January 28th and elected **Dwight Pelz** as our new State Chair to replace Paul Berendt who retired after 11 years of service to the Party.

Born in Seattle in 1951, Dwight Pelz has spent the past 30 years serving the citizens of Washington as a grassroots activist and elected official. Highlights include:

- **1975** Worked on initiative to fund education via corporate tax
- **1976** Worked on the state-wide nuclear safety initiative
- **1977** Organized the statewide initiative campaign which repealed the sales tax on food.
- **1978-1983** Executive Director of Light Brigade, a grass-roots group fighting the WPPSS Nuclear Plants.
- **1983-1988** Founder and Executive Director of Washington Fair Share, a statewide citizens organization, now known as Citizen Action.
- **1989-1990** Union Organizer for IFPTE Local 17 and Laborers Local 1239
- **1991-1997** Member of the State Senate representing the 37th District.
- **1997-2005** Member of the King County Council.
- **2003-04** Chair, Dean State Field Committee, 37th LD for Dean.



Dwight and his wife Beth.

Dwight comes into the job with broad experience as a grassroots organizer, fundraiser, issues advocate, manager and elected official. All of these skills will be needed to be successful in this very difficult position. Come meet Dwight in person at the 46th District Democrats meeting on February 16th at Olympia View Elementary.

Dwight recently sent out the following letter via email and on the State Party website:

*Dear Washington State Democrat,*

*I am writing to thank you for the tremendous honor of being chosen Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party. It was a hard fought campaign, but also one in which we had a constructive discussion on the future of our party.*

*Over the past six weeks I have had the opportunity to travel to over twenty communities, to meet personally with hundreds of Democrats, and to speak on the phone many more party activists.*

*I heard stories of what divides us as Democrats, but learned far more about what unites us. We are all concerned about the future of our country – a country which appears to be turning its back on the middle class.*

*Democrats in Washington support health insurance for our families, pensions for those who were promised them, college loans for our children, and Social Security and Medicare for all retirees. We know that these investments are critical to 90% of the families in America – that to cut them is to cut our middle class. We know that America is wealthy enough to afford good roads, good bridges, and good schools. We challenge a war with no strategy and no end in sight.*

*We are committed to re-electing Sen. Maria Cantwell, and confident that our grass-roots troops will defeat their millions of dollars of advertising funded by out-of-state interests. We are determined to expand the Democratic majorities in the State House and Senate this year. We will challenge Bush cheer-leaders McMorris, Hastings, and Reichert with excellent candidates and excellent campaigns.*

*Thank you again. I will be traveling the state deliberately and frequently in the months ahead, so that we can meet once more.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dwight Pelz*



**Please join special guests  
DNC Chair Gov. Howard Dean and  
Gov. Christine Gregoire at the  
Washington State Democrats Annual**



## **PCO Training and Crab Feed!**

Presidents' Day — February 20, 2006 — St. Martin's College Pavilion, 5300 Pacific Ave NE, Lacey

**10:00am-5:00pm PCO Training** facilitated by Professor David Domke — \$10 includes lunch

**5:00pm Crab Feed** w/ Gov. Dean, Gov. Gregoire and many special guests — \$40 per person, \$10 kids 12 and under

For more info and RSVP contact Shawna Ousse at: [shawna@wa-democrats.org](mailto:shawna@wa-democrats.org) or 206-583-0664

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# ON DECK: Agenda & Resolutions for Feb 16th

The meeting on Thursday, February 16th will include the following main items:

- **Committee Reports**
- **Special Guest:** Dwight Pelz, new WA State Party Chair
- **Special Guest:** City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen
- **Presentation:** Precinct Caucus Training
- **5 Resolutions** (see below and next page)

## 1. Purpose and Values Statement

WHEREAS, at the 1956 Democratic National Convention Eleanor Roosevelt addressed the delegates and said: "It is absolutely imperative the Democrats come back to power. Our Party must live!" It is even more imperative today as we prepare our 2006 platform issues. Platforms generally are very lengthy documents which do not give the public a true picture of "Democrats' Purpose & Values". I believe Democrats need a statement which provides a clear choice to voters between Democrats and Republicans. I believe the 46th District Democrats can craft such a statement which could be used as a state and national model in our battle against Republican ideology. Independent voters and disgruntled Republicans need to be convinced voting Democratic is their best choice!

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 46th District Democrats Platform Committee prepare a brief "Purpose & Values Statement" to be distributed and evaluated at our March 4th Precinct Caucuses and promote the document to be used throught the county, state and nation.

*Submitted by: Nancy Malmgren*



## 2. Supporting Veterans Needs

WHEREAS, Senator Patty Murray, as ranking Democratic member of the Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee, has led the battle of funding for veterans needs. It is imperative the 46th District Democrats recognize her leadership and promote the needs of the veterans from the grassroots level. Senator Murray was able to increase the Veteran's Administration Budget in 2005, but that budget does not meet the current needs of returning veterans, nor does it meet the needs of veterans with emerging problems from previous wars such as Gulf War Syndrom, increase in Post Tramatic Stress Disorders (PTSD) and increased needs related to vocational rehabilitation and job placement. It also does not adequately provide for family and financial difficulties adequately because of extended service required of our National Guard and Reserve veterans. Nor does it provide for Community Based Outpatient Treatment Clinics for veterans in remote locations in our state such as tribal lands and N. Central Washington. These inequities need to be addressed.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 46th District Democrats support a funding base that will remedy inequities in veterans needs and firmly and vocally support Senator Patty Murray's efforts to provide the very best, most comprehensive care and service to our veterans as a contrast to the current Republican policies of reducing services and avoiding responsibilities.

*Submitted by: Nancy Malmgren*

## 3. Impeachment of President Bush

WHEREAS, misleading the United States into war, violating human rights protected by treaty law and the Constitution, and spying on US citizens without warrants, are high crimes and misdemeanors that are abuses of State power and are impeachable offenses; and there is reason to believe that President George W. Bush may have misled the nation into war by manipulating or withholding material intelligence information and/or falsifying the threat that Iraq presented to the American people; authorized a policy of torture; and spied on US citizens contrary to statutes and without obtaining warrants;

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration represented as certain fact that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and intended to use them and that Iraq provided assistance to al-Qaeda, while knowingly withholding material qualifying and countervailing information that would make the asserted causes for war appear to be speculative or uncertain;

WHEREAS, President Bush either knew the representations were false or that it was materially misleading to withhold qualifying and countervailing information, and recklessly led us into war disregarding the likelihood that the reasons for going to war would be wrong or non-existent;

WHEREAS, torture is contrary to the US Constitution, our traditions and ideals, the common law, customary international law and US treaty obligations including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,; the United Nation Convention Against Torture, and the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions; and degrades those who practice it, yields unreliable information, constitutes punishment without trial, encourages torture by others of our own citizens and military personnel, and has no part in any nation claiming to represent democracy or to lead in a struggle against terrorism;

WHEREAS, President Bush has engaged in or authorized a policy of torture, and cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment; and has stated that prohibitions against torture should not apply to foreigners outside the US; directed his vice president to oppose Congressional acts prohibiting torture and condoned the practice of sending persons to the custody of other governments known or expected to engage in torture; or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;

Whereas, the US Constitution and federal statutes prohibit spying or eavesdropping on US citizens in the US without a court order or a warrant; and President Bush admits to conducting a spying program that clearly violates the law in this regard;

Whereas, this nation has often been under threat of attack, and using the threat of attack to justify violation of law arrogates to the executive branch the power to act lawlessly and could lead to the downfall of our democracy and civil liberties; and it is incumbent upon all to resist and remedy such violations, else greater violations be committed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the 46th District Democrats that the House of Representatives shall institute an investigation into the IMPEACHMENT of President George W. Bush for high crimes and misdemeanors including misleading the nation into war, authorizing torture, and spying on US citizens.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be forwarded to all US Representatives and Senators representing areas served by this organization who shall be asked to respond in writing within 30 days as to what action they will take in furtherance of said IMPEACHMENT investigation.

*Submitted by: Cleve Stockmeyer*

# ON DECK: More Resolutions for Feb 16th (continued)

## 4. Censure of Senator Cantwell for Her Refusal to Support the Alito Filibuster

WHEREAS, at our January 19, 2006, membership meeting, the 46th District Democrats unanimously passed and forwarded a resolution to Senators Cantwell and Murray urging them to "use any means at their disposal to stop his {Alito's} confirmation, including a filibuster";

WHEREAS, the January 19 resolution provided numerous reasons why the confirmation would pose a threat to our fundamental rights and freedoms provided by the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the filibuster, in effect, provided the only means to stop the confirmation of this extremist judge;

WHEREAS, Senator Cantwell refused to support the filibuster, voting "Yes" on the January 31 cloture motion, contributing to the failure of the filibuster on the Alito nomination;

WHEREAS, the Senator's refusal to support the filibuster was especially unexpected and deplorable in light of the Senator's repeatedly-stated concerns about the dangers of extremist judges, and her vote to close debate rendered futile her eventual "No" vote to confirm Alito's nomination based on his extremism;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 46th District Democrats issue a resolution of censure to Senator Maria Cantwell, declaring in no uncertain terms their profound disappointment in the Senator's refusal to support the filibuster as well as the belief that her action will likely have an important, detrimental effect on her base of support.

*Submitted by: Beverly Marcus, Dana O'Day-Senior, Martha Dye-Whelan, Jim Mullins, Kenneth Pick, Chad Lupkes, Barbara Whitt, Carlos Nunes-Ueno, Kurt Hulse, Gail Chiarello*

## 5. Supporting Retention of Low-Income Housing for the Disabled

WHEREAS, the 46th District Democrats recognize the need to preserve and protect low-income housing, particularly housing for those with disabilities;

WHEREAS, over 20 years ago the Coast Guard gave property

located at 40th Avenue NE and 50th to the City, specifically located at 5020 and 5120 40th Avenue NE, and there were over 50 community meetings to determine how the land should be used and it was determined that the community wanted affordable housing for disabled people;

WHEREAS, the property was acquired by United Cerebral Palsy, Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House to develop housing for individuals with disabilities and later United Cerebral Palsy (now Provail) became the owner and operated the property under a Project Based Section 8 contract;

WHEREAS, in 1998, Provail asked HUD to be released from its Section 8 contract to allow it to sell its property to the highest bidder, thus displacing the long term tenants with disabilities occupying the 12-unit complex that had been designed specifically to meet the needs of the disabled;

WHEREAS, the Provail Burke Gilman tenants immediately mobilized to save their homes and by 2001 had generated support from Congressman Jim McDermott, Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata, the Laurelhurst Community Club, the Ravenna-Bryant Comm Assoc, the Hawthorne Hills Comm Council and others;

WHEREAS, in 2001 Provail agreed to work in good faith to sell the property to a tenant endorsed nonprofit housing developer to allow the tenants to keep their homes;

WHEREAS, the Northeast District Council, representing 20 community and business organizations in northeast Seattle supports efforts of the Provail tenants to keep their homes;

WHEREAS, with the loss of the Provail Section 8 housing at this location, it is unlikely that low-income housing for the disabled will be replaced in the 46th District or elsewhere in Seattle.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 46th District Democrats support the Provail Burke-Gilman tenants in their efforts to keep their homes, to retain the Burke-Gilman housing under Section 8 contracts for low-income disabled people and to write to appropriate public officials and departments and others on any possible means to preserve the housing for this purpose.

*Submitted by: Jeannie Hale, Gail Chiarello, Lynn Ferguson, Bonnie Miller, Jorgen Bader and Jody Chatalas*

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING — CAUCUS TRAINING AND GUEST SPEAKERS!  
 THURSDAY, FEB. 16TH AT OLYMPIC VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 7:00 PM SOCIAL ~ 7:30PM MEETING**

***Time to Renew  
 Your Membership***

If you haven't already renewed for 2006, then please contact Betty Means, our Vice Chair for Membership, at 523-5702 or [bmeans56@comcast.net](mailto:bmeans56@comcast.net).

Membership rates: \$3 student/senior/fixed income; \$15 individual; \$25 family.

Thank you for your support!!!

**Agenda for Feb. 16th  
 Membership Meeting**

The meeting on Thursday, February 16th will include the following main items:

- **Committee Reports**
- **Special Guest:** Dwight Pelz, new WA State Party Chair (see page 5)
- **Special Guest:** City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen
- **Presentation:** Precinct Caucus Training Session (see page 4)
- **5 Resolutions** (see pages 6-7)



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



- Thurs. Feb 16th, **46th Dems General Membership Meeting @** Olympic View Elementary School. 7:00pm Social, 7:30pm Mtg begins. Guest speaker: Dwight Pelz. Program: Caucus Training.
- Fri. Feb 17th, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Honors Banquet @** Spirit of Washington Event Center, 233 Burnett Ave. S., Renton. More info at: [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org)
- Mon. Feb 20th, 10:00am-5:00pm **WA State Dems PCO Training @** St. Martin's College Pavilion, Lacey. Special appearance by DNC Chair Gov. Howard Dean. Contact Shawna at 583-0664 for info.
- Mon. Feb 20th, 5:00pm **WA State Dems Annual CRAB FEED @** St.Martin's College Pavilion, Lacey. Tickets: \$40 person, \$10 kids. Guest: Howard Dean. Contact Shawna at 583-0664 for info.
- Tues. Feb 28th, 7:00pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Executive Board Meeting @** Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org)
- Sat. March 4th, 2:00pm **Precinct Caucuses.** Locations on Pg 4. More information at: [www.46dems.com](http://www.46dems.com)
- Tues. March 7th, 7:30pm, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting @** Olympic View Community Church. Info: Scott White 363-9522

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