

DEMOGRAM

Next Membership Meeting:

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, January 18th

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



Biennial District Reorganization at the January Membership Meeting

Per the Bylaws and Charter of the WSDCC, KCDCC and 46th District Democrats, we will hold our biennial reorganization meeting at our general membership meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2007. PCOs and members in good standing will vote to elect a new Executive Board for the 2007-08 term. The next two years are sure to be an exciting time for Democrats as we look to prepare for local elections in 2007, the Precinct Caucuses and Convention Cycle in early 2008, and finally the State-wide and Presidential Elections in fall 2008.

If you are interested in serving on the 46th Executive Board, then please contact Scott White, Chair. Complete info on the reorg—including proposed rules and relevant Bylaws—can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this Demogram. I hope you will join us on January 18th as we kick-off the new year!

Look at Everything We Accomplished!

Looking back over 2005 and 2006, the 46th District Democrats can be proud of many accomplishments. *Together* we have successfully advocated for our Party platform, advocated for adopted resolutions, worked hard to elect Democrats to office and worked hard to build our grassroots infrastructure.

Elections and Advocacy — Over the past two years the 46th distributed thousands upon thousands of educational fliers, campaign literature pieces and sample ballots. During these campaigns we also donated several thousand dollars to endorsed candidates. As a result, in both 2005 and 2006, we were victorious with nearly all of our endorsed candidates for public office and ballot measures. We also adopted more resolutions than

any other LD in the state, taking positions on a variety of local, state and federal issues.

Planning for the Future — In addition to our Elections and Advocacy efforts, we have kept an eye on the coming two year elections cycle and worked hard to continue growing the grassroots! We recruited and elected 141 Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) in 2006 and have maintained very high membership levels. We improved our District website (www.46democrats.com) and made several other administrative improvements to help run the organization. The 46th begins 2007 with a positive budget balance of well over \$5,000. In short, I am pleased to report that the 46th District Democrats are in very good shape. In fact, we are beginning the new year in a stronger position—both financially and organizationally—than ever before.

A New Challenge for You in 2007...

My challenge to each of you as we begin the new year, is to re-assess your own personal commitment to the community. Whether you are involved in the Democratic Party, the PTA at your child's school, your church or some other neighborhood organization, please look for ways to engage with and give back to our community. *Together*, we can create happy, healthy and peaceful futures for all!

THANK YOU!

It has been an honor to serve you as Chair during this past two-years. The 46th District Democrats is a special organization comprised of many wonderful people. We have much work to do to win back The White House in 2008. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming years! Happy New Year!

~ Scott White, Chair



THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 46TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS' BIENNIAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

Thursday, January 18th

7:00 Sign-in and Social ~ 7:30pm Meeting Begins

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

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Celebrate the Dream of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 24th annual region-wide Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration with Workshops, Rally, and March will be held on Monday, January 15, 2007 at Franklin High School. Join us to celebrate the dream of Dr. King!

9:30 Workshops

11:30 Rally

12:00 March

More info at: www.MLKSeattle.org



In Memoriam...



Noreen R. Boatsman passed away November 14, 2006 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born on the 4th of July in 1930 and raised in Kelso, WA. After completing high school, she pursued her love of art by attending Cornish College of the Arts. She married her high school sweetheart, Robert "Bob" in 1952. Together they raised their three sons in the Lake City area. Noreen was interested in all the arts and was extremely creative. She developed her painting skills and showed her paintings at several local galleries and hospitals. Noreen was active in the NW Kidney Foundation, PTA, was the founding member of the "Walkie-Talkies" and filled many roles at the Lake City Presbyterian Church. She served as a Democratic Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) for many years. Bob and Noreen loved to travel and saw much of the world together. Noreen also loved to attend plays, the Seattle Symphony, and any endeavor which involved her sons or grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all.



Time to Renew Your Membership for 2007



If you haven't already renewed for 2007, then please contact Betty Means, Vice Chair for Membership at 523-5702 or bmeans56@comcast.net

Rates for 2007 are as follows:

- \$5 student/senior/fixed income;
- \$25 individual;
- \$35 family;
- \$46 Friend of the 46th;
- \$100 4600 Club;
- \$500 Benefactor.

Your dues help support the Democratic grassroots, move forward the progressive policy agenda and help to elect Democrats.

Thank you!!!

More info on page 7.

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

Highlights of the November 16 general membership meeting included a discussion of results of the November 7 election and a preview by two 46th District legislators of the upcoming 2007 State Legislative session.



Chair **Scott White** welcomed those present. White noted that Democrats had “won big” in the November 7 election and the crowd responded with applause and cheers. He reminded members that with leadership comes responsibility and that leaders must be held accountable. This includes finding a way to get out of the war in Iraq. A moment of silence for the fallen soldiers and civilians in the Iraq conflict was observed.

White thanked everyone for the part every person in the room had played in working to make the victory possible. He gave special thanks to **Janet Miller** for her part in organizing the campaign in the 46th, along with **Aiko Akers**, 46th liaison from the Coordinated Campaign.



White said that while we should enjoy the victory, the next step is to begin immediately to build the infrastructure for both the

local city and county campaigns in 2007 and the presidential campaign in 2008. One of the major tasks ahead is to recruit PCOs for all vacant precincts.

White introduced special guest **Ivan Weiss**, chair of the 34th Legislative District. White complimented Mr. Weiss for “whipping the 34th District into shape.” The chair also introduced State Senator **Ken Jacobsen**, Seattle School Board Member **Sally Soriano**, and Port Commissioner **Alec Fisk**. Fisk, who will be up for re-election in 2007, sees economic development, environmental problems, labor, and tax questions as issues that face the Port.

Deputy Treasurer **Donna Boysen** reported that contributions in October totaled \$1,437, while expenses totaled \$1,563, leaving a balance of \$1,430. It is hoped that money coming in during the remainder of the year will make it possible to carry over \$2,500 for 2007 activities.

Membership chair **Betty Means** reported that the 46th currently has 165 voting members for the coming year—2007.

King County Male Representative **Dean Fournier** reported that a Democratic rally held October 24 at the Labor Temple replaced the regular King County October meeting.



No meeting of the State Committee was held during the past month. State Committeeman **John Webber** reported that unofficial results of the November 7 election show that Democrats now hold 62 seats out of 98 in the Washington State House of Representatives and 32 seats out of 49 in the Washington State Senate. Nationwide, Democrats hold 28 gubernatorial seats, while Republicans hold 22 seats.

Paul Clayton, from the State Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign, talked briefly about the Voter File. He is

committed to improving the Voter File and will e-mail a user survey that can be passed on to 46th PCOs.

Gerry Pollet introduced State Senator **Ken Jacobsen** and Representative **Phyllis Kenney**. Representative **Jim McIntire** sent his regrets at not being able to be present for the legislative discussion.

Senator **Jacobsen** reported that the upcoming Legislature will have a \$2 billion surplus to use in funding for the next biennium. He hopes that the Senate can work together on several issues, including transportation, K-12 education, higher education, natural resources, ocean policy, and timberland retention. He would like to focus on Puget Sound issues, including a cost of living for teachers. He said that Washington is paying the price for no new taxes for 10 years and definitely needs to invest in its infrastructure.

Representative **Kenney** thanked the District for helping in her re-election. She sees the following critical issues that need to be addressed in the upcoming session: changing votes on school issues to a simple majority, funding the Washington Learns’ program, making higher education more affordable, developing an affordable health care program (including preventive health care)



Senator Ken Jacobsen and Rep. Phyllis Kenney updated the 46th members on issues for the upcoming legislative session at our November meeting.

for every citizen in Washington, and solving transportation issues at both state and local levels. Members then had an opportunity to ask questions of both legislators. To read the question and answers, go to the District’s website at www.46dems.com.



Virginia Gunby reminded members that the 46th District had earlier adopted a resolution on SR 520 Development that opposed: 1) construction of an interchange to SR 520 over Marsh Island in the Arboretum; 2) conversion of Lake Washington Boulevard into a bridge/freeway access road, and 3) building of a freeway interchange to SR 520 on the University of Washington campus and the widening of either Montlake Boulevard or NE Pacific Street.

White reported that the 46th District reorganization that takes place every two years would occur at the regular general membership meeting on Thursday, January 18. He introduced and thanked the current Board and asked anyone interested in serving on the Board for the next two years to contact him or another member of the Board.



~ Jan Ames, First Vice-Chair



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WANTED: Volunteers to Serve on the 46th District Democrats Executive Board

Biennial Reorganization to be Conducted at the January 18th Meeting

Per the Charter and Bylaws of the WSDCC, KCDCC, and the 46th District Democrats, we will hold our biennial reorganization meeting at the regular meeting date in January. On **January 18th**, PCOs and members in good standing will vote to elect a new Executive Board for the 2007-08 term.

As many of you already know, the Executive Board is a **"working board"** that organizes many of the program items for meetings, endorsement processes, PCO training sessions, precinct caucuses and many other functions that support building our infrastructure to elect Democratic candidates. Being a member of the Executive Board is an important responsibility and all Board members are expected to contribute some amount of time to help accomplish the tasks at hand. The 2007-08 term will be an especially interesting time for the Board as there will be Precinct Caucuses and a Convention Cycle in support of the Presidential election in 2008.



A complete list of the Executive Board positions can be found on pages 2 and 5 of this Demogram. Per WSDCC, KCDCC and 46th District Democrat bylaws, only PCOs will be eligible to vote for the following positions: Chair, KCDCC Female Delegate and Alternate, KCDCC Male Delegate and Alternate, WSDCC Female Delegate, and WSDCC Male Delegate. PCOs *and* all members in

good standing will be able to vote for the remainder of the positions. Proposed rules for the meeting are listed below.

If you are interested in serving on the 46th Executive Board, then please contact me or any other member of the Executive Board. We would be happy to discuss the roles and responsibilities of any position.

I hope you will consider serving on the 46th Exec Board Team! This is YOUR District and we need YOU! ~ **Scott**

Proposed Rules for the January 18th Reorganization Meeting of the 46th District Democrats

1. Sign-in required at check-in. Different colored ballots issued for PCOs and Members in Good Standing (non-PCOs).
2. Eligible voters shall be as follows:
 - PCOs elected in September 2004 Primary Election
 - All Members in Good Standing for the 2007 calendar year, i.e. members who paid their dues "at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting at which the vote is held." (On or before December 28, 2006). Members in Good Standing for previous year (2006) may renew their membership up to the day of the meeting and retain voting rights for that meeting.
3. Meeting shall be called to order by the Temporary Chair. Temporary Chair shall preside until election of new Chair.
4. Temporary Chair shall review Proposed Rules with the body.
5. Credentials report.
6. Body shall vote to approve the meeting Rules.
7. Body shall vote to approve the Bylaws. (Note: Formal review and proposed changes to Bylaws will occur later 1st qtr '07)
8. Nominations of eligible candidates and elections shall be conducted in order for positions listed in Article V, Sections 1 and 2, subject to the requirements for eligible voters for each position.
9. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. For positions where only one candidate is nominated, election may be conducted by show of credentials or voice vote.
10. Process for nominating and electing all positions, except At-Large positions, shall include the following:
 - Call for nominations; close nominations.
 - 1 minute nomination speech and 1 minute seconding speech for all candidates; order of speeches determined by order of nominations.
 - Speakers for all races may be PCOs, Members in Good Standing or candidates.
 - A majority vote is required to be elected to office.
 - If a race has more than two candidates and no candidate receives a majority vote, then the top two shall compete in a run-off election.
11. Process for nominating and electing At-Large positions shall include the following:
 - Call for nominations; close nominations.
 - 1 minute nomination speech and 1 minute seconding speech for all candidates; order of speeches determined by order of nominations.
 - Speakers for all races may be PCOs, Members in Good Standing or candidates.
 - Voters MUST vote for five candidates on one ballot. Ballots that do not have five candidates named shall be considered spoiled and shall not be counted.
 - Top five vote getters are elected.
12. If an election results in a tie vote, then there shall be one run-off between the tied candidates. If the run-off election results in a tie vote, then the winner shall be determined by lot.
13. Only one person shall be elected to and hold any office listed in the bylaws.

Relevant Sections From the 46th District Democrats Bylaws for the Biennial Reorganization Meeting on January 18th

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of the organization shall include the following, to be elected by majority vote of eligible voters present at the biennial reorganization meeting – or, to fill a vacancy, at another District meeting – after appropriate notice as required by Article IV of these Bylaws:

- a. Chair
- b. 1st Vice-Chair
- c. Female Delegate to the KCDCC Executive Board
- d. Male Delegate to the KCDCC Executive Board
- e. Female Alternate to the KCDCC Executive Board
- f. Male Alternate to the KCDCC Executive Board
- g. Female Delegate to the State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC)
- h. Male Delegate to the WSDCC

Only elected or appointed PCOs may be elected to the offices listed in Subparagraphs a-f of this Section, while any member in good standing may be elected to the offices listed in Subparagraphs g and h. However, only elected or appointed PCOs may vote for any of the foregoing offices.

Section 2: Additional officers shall include the following, to be elected by majority vote of eligible voters present at the biennial reorganization meeting – or, to fill a vacancy, at another District meeting – after appropriate notice as required by Article IV of these Bylaws:

- a. Two 2nd Vice-Chairs
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer
- d. Sergeant-at-Arms
- e. Five District Executive Board Members-at-Large

Any member in good standing may be elected to the foregoing offices.

Section 3: All officers shall serve until the next biennial reorganization meeting or until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Section 4: The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the organization, shall preside over its meetings, supervise the preparation of its newsletter and other public announcements, and shall represent the District on the KCDCC Executive Board. In addition, the Chair shall serve as a deputy treasurer.

Section 5: The 1st Vice-Chair shall serve in the absence of the Chair and perform other duties as may be assigned by the Chair. The 1st Vice Chair shall also serve as a deputy treasurer. The two 2nd Vice-Chairs shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Chair.

Section 6: The Secretary shall take and maintain minutes of District and District Executive Board meetings. The minutes shall be posted for public inspection. The Secretary shall also assist the Chair in managing the organization's incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Section 7: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, recording, safekeeping and disbursement of the organization's financial resources. The Treasurer shall manage the organization's bank account(s) and prepare appropriate reports to the Public Disclosure Commission. The Treasurer shall make an oral financial report at each regular District meeting and submit a written report monthly for filing in the minute book.

Section 8: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for maintaining order at District meetings and shall take charge of arranging tables, chairs and other meeting hall facilities.

Section 9: The five District Executive Board Members-at-Large shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Chair.

Section 10: The two Delegates to the KCDCC Executive Board shall represent the District on the KCDCC Executive Board and report back on the business of that organization.

Section 11: The two Delegates to the WSDCC shall represent the District on the WSDCC and report back on the business of that committee.

Section 12: Prior to each biennial reorganization meeting, the District Executive Board shall propose procedures for conducting the election of officers at that meeting and shall cause those procedures to be published in the meeting notice sent to each member no less than 10 days prior to the meeting. To the extent adopted by the general membership and in compliance with the procedures referred to in Article IV, Section 2, those procedures shall govern the election of officers.

ARTICLE VI – VOTING

Section 1: Elected, appointed and acting PCOs shall be entitled to vote at all District meetings. In accordance with state law (RCW Chapter 29.42, Political Parties) and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington (Article IX, Legislative District Organizations), only elected and appointed PCOs may vote for the offices listed in Article V, Section 1 of these Bylaws, or to fill legislative vacancies or adopt or amend District Bylaws.

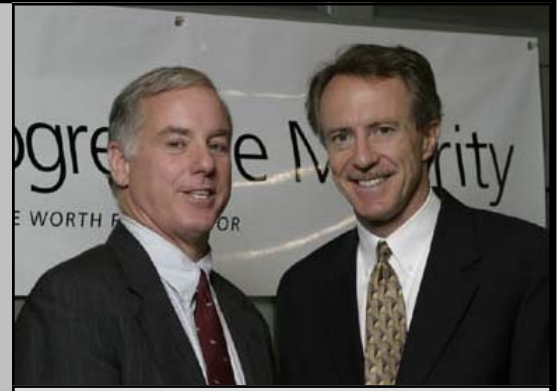
Section 2: All members in good standing shall be entitled to vote for the offices listed in Article V, Section 2 of these Bylaws, and on all other items up for consideration at District meetings. Those who are not PCOs may vote, provided that the appropriate annual dues have been received at least 21 days in advance of the meeting at which the vote is held.

Section 3: Proxies shall not be recognized in voting on any District business.

Rep. Jim McIntire Donates to Grow the Grassroots in the 46th

Our own State Representative **Jim McIntire** has made a very generous and important donation to the 46th District Democrats. In December, Jim donated **\$2,000** to the 46th, asking that the donation go towards the building and maintenance of the Democratic grassroots infrastructure! This represents the single largest donation ever received by the 46th District Democrats. Most importantly, it will go a long way to help ensure victory in 2008.

Representative McIntire is known for being a strong proponent of progressive policies in Olympia. He has worked on key issues such as tax reform, as well as funding for education and human services. His vision and commitment to ensure long-term success for Democrats and progressive policies is impressive. So the next time you see Jim, be sure to tell him "thank you" for his support!



Above: Rep. Jim McIntire (right) pictured w/ DNC Chair Howard Dean. McIntire is a strong supporter of grassroots Democrats.

46th Holiday Party a Huge Success!

46th District members, friends, and elected officials gathered together on December 10th to celebrate the end of another successful year for Democrats here and throughout the country. The food was delicious, the beverages were refreshing and the auction was exciting! 2006 was a busy year for the 46th District Democrats as we all worked very hard to push forward the progressive agenda and elect Democrats into office. It truly was a great way to end the year!

The end-of-the-year Holiday Party was held at the Meadowbrook Community Center for the first time and everyone seemed to enjoy the location. Several people had positive comments about the new venue.

Items for the live auction were donated by the following elected officials: Senator Ken Jacobsen, Representatives Phyllis Kenney and Jim McIntire; King County Councilmembers Larry Gossett and Bob Ferguson; Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels; Seattle City Councilmembers Nick Licata, Jean Godden, Peter Steinbrueck, Richard Conlin, David Della, Jan Drago, Tom Rasmussen and Sally Clark; Port Commissioner Alec Fiskien; and Washington State Democratic Party Chair Dwight Pelz. In addition, many items for a silent auction were donated by 46th Board members and other District members. Silent auction items ranged from homemade cakes and crafts to great books to wine to chocolates! Thank you to everyone who donated items and who purchased items in both the silent and live auctions. Revenue from the holiday party totaled \$2,131 and gives us a strong financial foundation as we head into 2007.

Special thanks goes to everyone who made the party so successful, including: Elected officials and members who donated items for the two auctions, all who donated and purchased auction items, all who brought potluck dishes, everyone who helped with set-up before and clean-up after the party, and all those who attended. Thank you to our members of the Holiday Party Planning Committee: Jan Ames, Gail Chiarello, Pat Emerson, Sylvia Haven, Chad Lupkes, Barbara Whitt and Scott White, for organizing the evening. Finally, special thanks goes to Chair Scott White for his work as "auctioneer extraordinaire."

Thank you for a wonderful 2006 and best wishes to all for a happy, healthy, peaceful and Democratic 2007!



King County Dems Vote on Reorg

PCOs from the 46th District along with other PCOs from throughout King County met on December 2nd for the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) Re-Organization. The meeting was held at the Aerospace Machinists Union Hall in south Seattle.

Susan Sheary was re-elected Chair for a second term. Other officers elected include: Rob Dolin, 1st Vice-Chair; Joel Ware, 2nd Vice-Chair; Sharon Mast, 3rd Vice-Chair; and Emily Willoughby, 4th Vice-Chair. Gurine Nordby was elected King County State Committeewoman and Javier Valdez was elected State Committeeman. Chuck Laney was named Treasurer. Scott White, Chair of the 46th, was named as co-chair of the Legislative Action Committee.

Elected officials who spoke at the re-organization meeting included Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels; County Councilmembers Dow Constantine, Bob Ferguson, and Julia Patterson; Port Commissioner Alec Fiskien; and State Democratic Chair Dwight Pelz.

Chairwoman Suzie Sheary has done an outstanding job of re-building the KC Dems and we look forward to an ambitious new term!

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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 "2007" appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You are a dues-paying member of the 46th Legislative District Democrats for the coming year. If "2007" does not appear, we hope you will send in your Membership Dues today in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to: **"46th District Democrats"** & mail to: **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435 JOIN TODAY!**

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- \$500 "Benefactor"
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- \$ _____



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Resolutions to be Considered at January 18th Meeting

1. Resolution stating support for DNC Chair Howard Dean:

WHEREAS, the 2006 midterm election was an overwhelming success for Democrats across the Country, with Democrats regaining control of both the House and Senate in Congress, capturing 6 additional governorships from Republicans, while retaining all 14 of their contested governorships, and gaining majorities in seven additional state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Howard Dean delivered on his promise to invest in rebuilding the party in every state in the country, including Red states, and has hired, trained, and deployed seasoned organizers and communications specialists to every state well in advance of the midterm elections, and also delivered on his promise to rebuild Democratic voter files and get-out-the-vote infrastructure, and that these party-building efforts enabled Democrats to take advantage of the wave of public sentiment against Republican rule in Congress even in states and districts that were not originally thought to be competitive; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party still has much work to do to be ready for the 2008 and other future election opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats support the Democratic National Committee's 50-State Strategy, and expresses its appreciation to Chairman Howard Dean for his persistence and leadership in executing this program, and for his ongoing commitment to revitalizing the Democratic Party throughout the entire United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats urge the Washington State Democratic Party to concur in this position and forward this position of support on to the Democratic National Committee.

Submitted by Chad Lupkes and Scott White

2. Resolution in support of Hotel Workers negotiating a contract with the Westin Hotel in Seattle:

Whereas "Hotel Workers Rising" campaign includes contract negotiations with the Westin Hotel in Seattle, and

Whereas a successful settlement in this difficult and protracted cycle of negotiations will set a standard for living wage jobs in the increasingly important hospitality industry, and

Whereas hotel workers in cities with unionized hotels enjoy higher wages, better benefits, fewer on the job injuries and better job security than workers in cities without unionized hotels, and

Whereas the Westin chain of hotels has settled good contracts in San Francisco and other cities along the lines sought in Seattle, and

Whereas the issues at stake here are related to job safety, rights for immigrants, protections for LGBT workers, and

Whereas a good contract at the Westin will set a standard for other responsible employers in the Puget Sound region to follow, and

Whereas community support is a major part of the overall campaign to settle a fair contract, and

Whereas community events have drawn great support for the Hotel Workers Rising campaign through the months of negotiations, and

Whereas the workers negotiating committee is considering a boycott of events held at the Westin as one tactic among many that they might invoke in the future to persuade the Westin to conclude negotiations, and

Whereas the Westin is an excellent meeting facility where many progressive organizations hold meetings and events, and

Whereas the 46th Democrats may participate in various events at the Westin throughout the year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats would honor a boycott of the Westin by not scheduling, sponsoring or participating in any events in that facility while the boycott is sustained by the Hotel Workers Rising campaign, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event we enter into an agreement with the Westin Hotel to schedule meetings in that excellent facility, the 46th Democrats would include in any contractual language a provision (force majeure clause) that would allow us to cancel or postpone the event without monetary penalty if a boycott or other job action is in progress on or about the date of the meeting.

Submitted by Stan Sorscher



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH AT OLYMPIC VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 PM SOCIAL ~ 7:30PM MEETING

**Items for January 18th
 Membership Meeting**

- Call to Order and Pledge
- Reorganization / Election of Officers
- Reports
- Resolutions
- Good of the Order / Adjourn



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 Membership for 2007**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Mon. Jan 8th, **Washington State Legislature Convenes 2007 Regular Session** in Olympia. More info at: www.leg.wa.gov
- Mon. Jan 15th, 11:00 am **MLK Day—Rally and March** @ Franklin High School. More info: www.MLKSeattle.org
- Thurs. Jan 18th, **46th Dems Reorganization Meeting** @ Olympic View Elementary School, 7:00pm Social/Sign-in, 7:30pm Mtg begins
- Sun. Jan 21, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Officers and Chairs Meeting** @ Renton Carpenters Hall-231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org or 206-622-9157
- Tues. Jan 23, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Regular Meeting** @ Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org or 206-622-9157
- Sat. Jan 27, **WA State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) Meeting** in Olympia. Reorganization meeting to elect State Party Officers. More info at: www.wa-democrats.org or (206) 583-0664
- Tues. Feb 6th, 7:00 pm, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting** @ Olympic View Community Church. Info: www.46dems.com

**Please check our Website for all the latest information,
 meeting minutes, activist tools and calendars at:
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