

DEMOGRAM

Next Membership Meeting:

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, July 19th

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



Primary Election is August 21st

Washington State's Primary Election will be held a month early beginning this year—on Tuesday, August 21st. This earlier date creates a whole new dynamic for campaigns *and* for grassroots Democrats. Candidates have been out in the community for months attending neighborhood meetings, listening to citizens and sharing their vision. Many local organizations (including the 46th District Democrats) have already held candidate forums and made endorsements. While August has historically been a popular time for pre-back-to-school vacations, it will now also be a busy political season.

The 2007 primary ballot is filled with several races for local office, including King County, Port of Seattle, Seattle City Council and Seattle School Board. Winning early support in the form of endorsements and showing well in the Primary Election can be an important momentum builder for a campaign. Once again, the 46th District Democrats' Endorsement Meeting was a great success, with over 150 members, candidates and supporters in attendance. Please have a look at Jan Ames' article on page 3 that summarizes our Endorsement Meeting. You can also find a complete list of our endorsements on our website at www.46dems.com. As always, we will have sample ballots and campaign literature for our PCOs to distribute. These will be available beginning on July 28th. (*Attention PCOs: more info on lit distribution on page 5*).

So whether you're shopping at the Lake City Farmers Market, joining neighbors for a BBQ, or walking through Magnuson Park, remember that this is election season... and please spread the word about our endorsed candidates and our Democratic values!

Thank you for your continued support of your local Democratic Party! Have a great summer! ~ **Scott White, Chair**



Howard Dean Visits Washington

On June 26 Democrats gathered in Seattle to hear DNC Chair and former Vermont Governor **Howard Dean** give us his impressions on the race for the White House and the [50 State Strategy](#).

Washington State Democratic Party Chair Dwight Pelz introduced Dean to an enthusiastic crowd. In his introduction, Pelz highlighted the many ways that Governor Dean's 50 State Strategy has benefited the Democratic Party in Washington State. Since Dean's strategy has been implemented, Washington State Democrats have participated in several national organizing events, welcomed terrific young Democratic talent to the State Party staff as well as more effectively spread the Democratic message to local communities.



In his speech, Governor Dean emphasized the importance of spreading the Democratic message. He urged attendees to get their neighbors to, "Join the Party," stating that, "As a part of the Democratic Party, we can't be content with what we have - we need to challenge the Republicans where they haven't been challenged before, and he congratulated us for winning races that no Democrats had won before 2006 - gaining seats around the traditionally red parts of the state the same way that the party has been taking seats in the red parts of the country."

Governor Dean highlighted the field of Democratic Presidential candidates, making the most important point of the evening: "All of our candidates are for a timetable and a resolution in Iraq... ALL our candidates are better than ANY of theirs"

While the Presidential election is over 15 months away, keep in mind that our Precinct Caucuses will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th, and that we have much work to do to be ready for the 2008 elections!

Next General Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 19th

7:00 Social ~ 7:30pm Meeting Begins

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

*** Special Guests ***

WA State Democratic Party Chair Dwight Pelz

King County Council Chair Larry Gossett

(See page 2 for more information about the July 19th Mtg.)



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Program for July 19th Membership Meeting:

- **WA State Party Chair Dwight Pelz**
- **KC Council Chair Larry Gossett**



Ensuring a large Democratic turnout will be a key to victory in Washington State and across the nation in 2008. Washington State Democratic Party Chair Dwight Pelz will join us to discuss the 2008 election and share his “Challenge from the Chair”—which is a challenge to register voters in the 46th LD leading up to the 2008 election.

Also joining us will be King County Council Chair Larry Gossett. Larry is up for re-election this year. He has been a tireless advocate for social and economic justice issues during his career. He will be providing us with an update on County issues.



7:00 Social and Snacks

7:30 Meeting Begins

Please join us for a informative evening with good friends and informative political discussions!

Movie Night

with the 46th District Democrats
presents:

Commander In Thief

**Explosive Documentary Presents Evidence of
Fraud in 2004 Ohio Presidential Election**

This documentary tells the story of the means used in Ohio and across the nation to steal the 2004 presidential election. From the RNC's nationwide campaign to disenfranchise American citizens, to the 2,600,780 votes cast for president but never counted, to forensic evidence of ballot switching. The evidence presented here should be seen as a warning that our democracy is in peril and that ordinary citizens must act to restore honesty and transparency in the American electoral system.

This is the fourth of regular film screenings sponsored by the 46th District Democrats. Discussion after film.

FREE Admission and Popcorn

7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 24th

Olympic View Church Social Hall ~ 425 NE 95th St
(Donations gladly accepted to help cover room rental.)

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

The 46th District Democrats' June **Endorsement Meeting** was a great success as a standing room only crowd voted to support candidates in a variety of races. The meeting was an important step in getting ready for the District's participation in the upcoming August 21 Primary Election and the November 6 General Election.

Chair Scott White called the meeting to order, and **Bill Barbee** led the pledge of allegiance. White asked for a moment of silence to recognize the more than 3,500 U.S. troops and countless civilians who have died in the War in Iraq.

White welcomed PCOs, new members, and first-time visitors. A straw poll on whether to have a general meeting in August showed a slight preference for canceling the meeting, although many members failed to indicate a preference either way.

White reviewed eligibility, voting processes, and dual endorsement provisions in the proposed rules shown on blue sheets distributed for the meeting. He noted that the name of Seattle School Board Candidate Harium Martin-Morris, running in District 3, had inadvertently been left off the list by the printer. The rules were unanimously proposed by the Executive Board and were published in the June Demogram. The rules were ratified by the membership as proposed.

Since several candidates have no opponents or no opponents eligible for endorsement, White proposed that the membership consider these unopposed candidates as a slate, unless any voting member wanted to have a discussion and an individual vote on any of them. The *proposed* slate of **sole endorsements** included:

Scott Noble	King County Assessor
Larry Gossett	King County Council, District 2
Larry Phillips	King County Council, District 4
Alec Fiskén	Port of Seattle, Position 5
Peter Maier	Seattle School Board, District 1
Harium Martin-Morris	Seattle School Board, District 3
Jean Godden	Seattle City Council, Position 1
Tom Rasmussen	Seattle City Council, Position 5
Sally Clark	Seattle City Council, Position 9

The only candidate suggested for individual discussion and vote was Peter Maier, whose name was thereby removed from the slate presented. The group then voted to **endorse the eight candidates remaining on the slate**.

Additional endorsements were made as follows:

Port of Seattle, Position 2:

Dual endorsement for **Gael Tarleton** and **Jack Block, Jr.**

Seattle School Board, District 1:

No endorsement for Peter Maier or Sally Soriano

Seattle School Board, District 2:

Dual endorsement for **Lisa Steubing** and **Sherry Carr**

Seattle City Council, Position 3

Dual endorsement for **Venus Velazquez** and **Bruce Harrell**

Seattle City Council, Position 7:

Dual endorsement for **Tim Burgess** and **David Della**

Members also voted to **support two King County Parks' levies**. Proposition 1, for operating costs, would replace the current levy that expires this year, while Proposition 2 is an open space acquisition levy.

Since the unexpected vacancy for **King County Prosecutor** occurred after the 46th District's candidate forum in May, the group suspended the rules to allow two eligible candidates for the position to speak. Candidates **Bill Sherman** and **Keith Scully** talked briefly about their experience, their priorities, and their plans for the office. They also responded to two questions, one about politics, values, and priorities and a second question about priorities regarding civil versus criminal cases. After their talks, the group voted for a **sole endorsement** of **Sherman**.

Since **Treasurer Donna Boysen** is out of the country, Scott reviewed a proposal by the Executive Board to revise the budget in order to provide \$1,600 for campaign contributions. A motion to **adopt the budget amendments was passed**.

Barbara Whitt encouraged individuals to turn out for the movie *Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers* to be shown on June 26, 7 p.m., at the Olympic View Church Social Hall. She also invited anyone to join her to represent the 46th District Democrat when she drives her "sticker-laden" truck in the Gay Pride parade to be held June 23 and 24.

Membership Chair Betty Means reported that 452 members now belong to the 46th District Democrats. The District's membership base is strong.

Advance planning and organizing by the Chair, Board members, and other volunteers made for a successful and smooth-running endorsement meeting.

The tasty desserts provided by candidates and Board members, along with the usual collection for the room rental, brought in over \$330 for the treasury. Special thanks to **Barbara Whitt** for managing the buffet.

For a detailed account of the candidate's statements and specific questions and answers, please see the meeting minutes at www.46dems.com. In the index on the left side, click "Resources" and then select "46dems Mtg Minutes".

By Jan Ames, Vice-Chair



Maple Leaf Summer Social

7-9:00 PM, Wednesday, July 25th
Maple Leaf Park

Come join your neighbors for ice cream!



Save a Tree, Go Online

An online version of the **Demogram** is available by sending your email address to:

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*The
46th District Democrats
and
King County Democrats
invite you to attend*



The 2007 Democratic Picnic

**Saturday, July 28th ~ 3:00-6:00pm
Lower Woodland Park ~ Shelter #1**



**Join Democratic friends, elected officials and candidates
for good food, cold drinks and lively conversation!**



**Suggested donation \$20 ~ Proceeds benefit King County Democrats
Contact Susan Sheary, KCDCC Chair at 206.622.9157 for more info.**

Resolution Supporting the Purchase of Election Equipment by King County

This Resolution was adopted unanimously by the Executive Board and is recommended for approval by the full membership

WHEREAS, the 2008 election will be one of the most important elections in the history of our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the Democratic Party to transition our electoral process in King County to all vote by mail to maximize voter participation and strengthen our democracy; and

WHEREAS, 38 of 39 counties in Washington state have already made the transition or are in the process of making the transition to an all vote by mail system to maximize voter participation and strengthen our democracy; and

WHEREAS, King County is considering purchasing new election equipment that will allow King County to transition to all vote by mail for the 2008 election; and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of Federal Law that any ballot tabulation election equipment used by King County be fully certified by the Federal Elections Commission prior to use in an actual election; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Federal Law, the election equipment being considered for purchase by King County will be fully tested and certified prior to use in an election; and

WHEREAS, if the election equipment being considered for purchase by King County does not receive the required certification, then it will be returned to the manufacturer at no cost to King County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the King County Elections Office has many public oversight mechanisms in place and has received national recognition as a leader in election management;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the 46th District Democrats urges the King County Executive and the King County Council to move forward and approve the proposed purchase of the new ballot tabulation equipment in time for testing, certification and use in the 2008 elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the 46th Legislative District Democrats urges the King County Executive and the King County Council to conduct a public demonstration of the new equipment after the testing period to prove the efficacy and accuracy of the equipment.

More resolutions on bottom of next page...

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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- \$100 "4600 Club"
- \$46 Friend of the 46th
- \$35 Couple/Family
- \$25 Individual
- \$5 Student/Retired/Fixed Income
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Resolutions for June 21 Mtg

Because the 46th General membership did not take action on resolutions at the June meeting, those resolutions will be carried forward to the July meeting for immediate action.

1. Resolution on Public Financing of Campaigns

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats/ King County Democrats hereby appeal to the Seattle and King County Councils to enact legislation providing as follows:

1. Directing Council staff to conduct a study in preparation for the re-implementation of public financing of campaigns, specifically including:
 - a. Review of the existing applicable local law,
 - b. Review of the cost of recent campaigns for all elective local offices,
 - c. Recommendations for updating the existing local law,
 - d. Estimating the cost of implementation and oversight,
 - e. Recommendations for funding public campaign financing as updated, and
 - f. A report back to the Council by November 15, 2007.

2. Directing the Council's lobbyists to provide support for local option public campaign financing legislation by the Washington State Legislature. **Submitted by Sarajane Siegfried**

2. Resolution On A First Step In A New, Positive Direction For U.S. Foreign Policy

Therefore, be it resolved that the King County Democratic Central Committee urge Congressmen Inslee, McDermott, and Smith, and US Senators Murray and Cantwell to initiate a move for the United States to lead, instead of military interventions, a world-wide effort to promote adequate health, food, housing, clothing and education, working toward a program of cooperation among all nations. **Submitted by Chad Lupkes**

Attention PCOs:

Literature Pick-up

Begins Saturday, July 28th

at Janet & Gerry's house — 7750 - 17th Ave NE
(just south of NE 80th on 17th NE)

Sample ballots and literature from our endorsed candidates will be available for pick up beginning on Saturday, July 28th. You can get everything you need from Janet and Gerry's porch. Please **do not** call to see if it is ok to come by. You can come anytime you like and everything is self service.

Be sure to sign out on the clip board that you took your lit. Most of the lit is for everyone, except for one school board race. This one is for only specific pcts. You will see a sign on the porch detailing which pcts this lit is for.

Support your local Neighborhood Farmers Market

- Lake City 3-7:00 every Thursday
- University District 9-2:00 every Saturday

Seattle Neighborhood Farmers Markets bring Washington State farmers into the city to sell their farm fresh produce. By providing direct-sale opportunities for local farmers, in-city farmers markets ensure that farmers continue farming our precious rural farmlands, keeping them economically viable and intact. The markets help provide a living wage for more than 140 of our region's small farmers. **More info at: www.seattlefarmersmarkets.org**



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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7:00 PM SOCIAL ~ 7:30 PM MEETING

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- Call to Order and Pledge
- Program:
 - WA State Party Chair Dwight Pelz
 - KC Councilmember Larry Gossett
- Resolutions
- Reports



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

www.46dems.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Thurs. July 19th, **46th Dems General Membership Meeting @** Olympic View Elementary School, 7:00pm Social, 7:30pm Mtg begins
- Sun. July 22nd, 7:00 pm **KCDCC Officers and Chairs Meeting @** Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org or 206-622-9157
- Tues. July 24th, 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
- Tues. July 24th, 7:00 pm **46th Dist Democrats Movie Night @** Olympic View Church. More info inside on pg. 2
- Sat. July 28th, 3-6:00 pm **KCDCC Summer Picnic @** Lower Woodland Park (near Green Lake) Shelter 1. More info inside on pg. 4
- Sat/Sun, July 28-29th, **Campaign Literature Available for Pick-up by PCOs @** home of Janet Miller & Gerry Pollet 7750 - 17th Ave NE (just south of NE 80th on 17th NE) More info inside on pg. 5
- Tues. Aug. 7th, 7:00 pm **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting @** Olympic View Community Church. Info: www.46dems.com
- August, **NO Regular Membership Meeting** — next Membership Meeting is Sept 20th — Enjoy the Summer!