

## 46<sup>th</sup> Dems **Nominating Convention**

Olympic View Elementary School

May 15, 2008

Javier called the **nominating convention** to order at 9:05 PM.

Javier explained that the State Party Executive Committee vote for a PCO-only nominating convention was 17-1, and Javier was the sole "no" vote in that decision. Javier would prefer a more inclusive process.

### **House Position #2.**

Jaime Clausen nominated Phyllis Kenney, seconded. No other nominations were made. **Motion** to close nominations. **Motion** to close nominations **passed**.

Norma Miller spoke on behalf of Phyllis. Phyllis was a strong supporter of education. She was a business owner, and a former migrant worker. Phyllis is a former chair of the 46th Democrats. Ken Jacobsen said he has worked with Phyllis for many years. Everything she wants is to give everyone the opportunity to succeed.

Phyllis said from the bottom of her heart, she appreciates everyone's support. Next year we will have a Democrat in the White House.

Phyllis was nominated by acclamation.

### **House Position #1**

Scott White nominated and seconded.

Gerry Pollet nominated and seconded.

Nominations closed.

Scott White

Phyllis spoke in favor of Scott. It's an "I or me" that we need, but a "we" that we need in Olympia.

Chad Lupkes spoke in favor of Scott - he will be the most effective representative we can send.

Chuck Sloane said Scott was very helpful in getting him active in public campaign financing.

Jan Ames worked with Scott for many years on the Executive Board. His experience and terrific skills in leadership and organizing ensure that Scott will be an outstanding legislator.

Scott thanked everyone. We are a family. We are in this together. We are fighting for our neighborhood values and our progressive platform. He has the support of the Washington State Labor Council, 21 state legislators and many others. His endorsements are a measure of his ability to build relationships. . The

endorsements that mean the most to Scott are the ones from regular voters and people in the district. Scott worked on state legislation. He has been part of teams that drafted countless pieces of legislation.

#### Gerry Pollet

Bob Ferguson said we have two strong candidates. Bob endorsed Gerry, because he can bring groups with different interests together to pass legislation. Bob said Gerry once supported Bob's opponent in a race, but the day after Bob won that election, Gerry contacted Bob to try to work together.

Betty Means said this is a rare opportunity to elect someone who knows the issues, and who knows how to organize all across the state. He has experience, he stood up to special interests, and he wins. Gerry and Janet have done tons of work for the District. Betty says Gerry is the best and she asks for everyone's vote.

Gerry said we are here because we care. We are getting people involved and mobilized to be the change we are dreaming about. We need to make a huge difference. We should have been doing it yesterday and need to be doing it tomorrow. Gerry loves to work for the public interest, working with advocates and Democrats across the state. We can make a difference, but we can't sit back and wait. We need real solutions with specific proposals, putting real solutions forward. Gerry has endorsements because he talks about specific proposals. As a legislator he will be with us.

PCOs filled out paper ballots and submitted them for counting.

Point of order: Must the ballots be signed? David McDonald said an accountability principle applies, and votes should be a matter of public record. Javier ruled that as long as PCOs signed in under the precinct, then the ballots do not need to be signed.

#### **Judicial Candidates.**

Barbara Mack is running for superior court bench, position 37. She has broad life experience in environmental issues. She was deputy undersecretary of interior in the Carter administration, then went to law school. She has been a prosecutor for 20 years, arguing many types of cases. It takes more than legal experience to be a good judge.

Suzanne Parisien, Superior Court judge, position #1. She has represented the State of Washington in King County and around the State. She worked on civil rights, discrimination, wrongful death and other types of cases. She takes her job very seriously. She also worked for Fortune 500 companies including Nordstrom. She supports early detection and prevention of breast cancer.

Ken Bradshaw is running for Position #1 of King County Superior Court. He went to public schools. He worked on felony cases, and reviewed several important cases he worked on. His community service record is extensive. He is endorsed by Bobby Bridge and other notable local public figures.

Michael Bond is running for Washington Supreme Court Position #3. He supports free speech, and opposes granting monopoly rights to large businesses. He supports our right of privacy. His blog can be found through [horsesass.com](http://horsesass.com)

Regina Cahan is running for position 10. A good judge is measured by experience. Regina has 10 years criminal law experience and 10 years civil law experience, representing employees and employers in employment law. She has the highest rating from the bar association. She is endorsed by Phyllis Kenney and the King County Labor Council. Many of her opposing counsel also endorsed her, a measure of her integrity.

Results from the tally committee for Position #1

Gerry Pollet is nominated.

Gerry Pollet 329

Scott White 326

Gerry announced he would support all endorsed candidates being on the sample ballot, and that he would share resources with Scott. [Secretary's note: Given the confusion in the room as the meeting ended, Gerry later clarified the statement he made at end of meeting. The point he was making is that he would share resources from state party that resulted from this, if the effort was made to withhold them, and insist all endorsed candidates are on the sample ballot.]

Passing the hat collected over \$300.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Minutes by Stan Sorscher