

46th District Democrats
General Meeting minutes
Olympic View Elementary School
June 18, 2009

Chad Lupkes called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM

David Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chad welcomed PCOs, members and new members.

Motion to approve minutes from last month's meeting. **Motion passed** by voice vote.

Chair's Report. Chad thanked everyone who marched for health care. King County Dems will march in the Gay Pride parade. Chad invited everyone to the Summer party on July 11. Our next general meeting will be August 20 at the Olympic View Church.

Bylaws Committee Report. Dean Fournier explained a proposed change in the Bylaws, where Roberts Rules of Order conflict with our own rules. The proposed change would make it clear that our own standing rules will supercede Roberts Rules of Order.

Motion to adopt the change in our bylaws. **Motion passed** by show of cards, without objection.

Endorsement procedures. Handouts were distributed, showing our endorsement procedures. Members make endorsements, but members can share their time with candidates. The rules allow 3 minutes per nomination. Endorsement rules were accepted by a show of cards.

Chad discussed our process for suspending the rules.

Seattle Mayor.

Jan Drago, nominated by Peter Shapiro, seconded by Tim Keller.
Joe Mallahan, nominated by Gerry Pollet, seconded by Shanna Sawatzki
Michael McGinn, nominated by Peter Dury, seconded by Lynch
Greg Nickels, nominated by Ken Jacobsen, seconded by John Webber,
Norman Sigler, nominated by Steve Hadley, seconded by Jason Osgood.

Peter Shapiro introduced **Jan Drago**. Jan thanked us for our support over the years. We endorsed her in 1991. She loves Seattle but she is worried about our future. Seattle has lost trust and respect by citizens for leaders. Jan wants us to have a different leadership style to restore confidence of people in City Hall. She has a different style. "The Seattle Way" turned out to be "Chicago Way" that alienates people. Jan will restore the standing of the Department of Neighborhoods. Jan asked for our support and thanked us.

Gerry Pollet, spoke in favor of **Joe Mallahan**. Gerry met Joe Mallahan during the Obama campaign. Joe was very active in his commitment to global change and local change. Gerry reviewed Joe's campaign issues. Joe is a business leader, but Joe's values are progressive. Shanna Sawatzki introduced Joe Mallahan. Joe was born and raised in the Northwest. He asked for our support.

Peter Drury has known **Michael McGinn** for a long time. He introduced Michael. In tough times, we need to make good choices. Michael talked about priorities for schools and kids. He would also like a broadband system. We should also oppose bad choices. Michael opposes the Alaska Way tunnel, so we can say yes to other priorities. Michael worked on the Parks Levy, and wants to improve our quality of life. He worked on the light rail ballot measure. Let's tap into that passion and intelligence. Michael asked for our vote.

Senator Ken Jacobsen nominated **Greg Nickels**. Ken thinks Nickels is the best mayor we've had since Ken has been in Olympia. Ken looked back at the history of light rail, and highlights of Greg Nickels' career in politics. Replacing the viaduct will make our waterfront much better. Mayor Nickels led the national Mayors' Conference. John Webber spoke in favor of Mayor Nickels' workable and achievable ideas. The tunnel approach is good design. John asked us to support the mayor.

Steve Hadley nominated **Norm Sigler**. Norm worked at Alaska Airlines. His top priorities are education, transportation and the economy. We should fix our schools. Steve introduced Norman Sigler. The Mayor should listen to voters. Norm intends to form partnerships and coalitions. This is a time for change. We need to do something different, and decide what we want the city to look like. Norm would appreciate our support.

Results:

Mayor - 1st ballot

Drago	16
Mallahan	46
McGinn	25
Nickels	31
Sigler	8
No endorsement	3

Nickels and Mallahan advance to a second vote.

Mayor - 2nd Ballot

Nickels	39
Mallahan	76
No endorsement	9

Motion by John Webber, seconded, for dual endorsement of Mallahan and Nickels. Joe Mallahan spoke in favor of dual endorsement. Joe acknowledged the fine work of Mike McGinn and Greg Nickels and asked for dual endorsement. Ken Jacobsen said we have two strong candidates and we should have a dual endorsement.

Michael McSheedy spoke against, saying he stands against a dual endorsement for Greg Nickels, who did not come to the meeting.

Motion failed 66 for, 52 against - **no endorsement in mayor's race.**

City Council Position 4.

Sally Bagshaw, nominated by Scott White, seconded by Lisa Domke

David Bloom, nominated by Sarajane Siegfriedt, seconded by Kathryn Lewis
Dorsal Plants, nominated by Cheryl Klinker, seconded by Kathy Bentson

Scott White nominated **Sally Bagshaw**. Scott worked with Sally at King County. Sally is a community leader. Professionally, she was the lead civil attorney, managing a staff of about 100 people. Sally has a proven ability to find solutions to difficult problems. Sally was a huge Obama organizer. Scott introduced Sally. She is a pilot, who volunteers a lot of her time. She introduced Lisa Domke. Lisa spoke highly of Sally's integrity and accomplishments.

Sarajane Siegfriedt met **David Bloom**, working on housing issues. Sarajane talked about housing organizations where David was active as an organizer. David's values include listening to neighbors. Kathryn Lewis said she is blown away by David's commitment to public service. Kathryn introduced David. He has the endorsement of several other Districts, and he lives in our District. We are spending too much on large capital projects, and not enough on housing and living wage jobs. David asked for our support.

Cheryl Klinker nominated **Dorsal Plants**. Dorsal will be a strong advocate for neighborhoods. Dorsal works on homeless issues. Cheryl introduced Dorsal. Dorsal said he is part of the community and wants to give back to his community. He served in the military for that reason. When he came home, he realized the fight was here, as well, because 40 homeless people died for lack of shelter. Neighborhoods are suffering. Dorsal is willing to fight for neighborhoods. Dorsal learned in Iraq to lead by example, and never ask someone to do what he would not do himself. He will take on the issues that matter to us. Dorsal asked for our support.

Results: 1st Ballot - City Council Pos 4

Bloom	72
Bagshaw	37
Plants	14
No endorsement	1

Bloom and Bagshaw advance.

2nd Ballot

Bloom	85
Bagshaw	38

Bloom is endorsed.

City Council Position 6

Nick Licata, nominated by Barbara Whitt, seconded by Steve Zemke
Barney Kaplan, nominated by Nels Petersen, seconded by Thoe
Jessie Israel, nominated by Jean Godden, seconded by Sheila Kohls

Barbara Whitt nominated **Nick Licata**. Barbara has known Nick for 15 years. Nick has made a difference. He has done more for the citizens of the City than anyone else. Nick has passion and intelligence, and unwavering commitment to citizens. Nick supports

open and transparent government. Nick Licata thanked Barbara and Steve for nominating him. Nick has worked with many neighbors in the District to get results and make Seattle a better city that respect everyone. We should make decisions in an open manner. Nick reviewed his endorsements, to date, and asked for our support.

Nels Petersen turned his time over the **Marty Kaplan**. Marty asked for our endorsement. Marty is an architect. Serving on the City Council will be an obligation to serve the City. That's the way he has practiced architecture. He has worked on city problems all through his career - land use, transportation, affordable housing, for instance. He gets things done. In 1971, he joined Victor Steinbrueck to help save the Market. He is an early advocate of green and sustainable design. On the Planning Commission, he worked on plans for Northgate.

Jean Godden nominated **Jessie Israel**. Jean has known Jessie for a long time, and is her great friend. Jessie has enthusiasm and energy. They met working to elect women in Morocco. Jessie works on progressive issues. Sheila Kohls wants Jessie to bring energy to the City Council. Sheila introduced Jessie. Jessie supported Nick Licata in the past. She decided to run to move the City forward. She comes up with answers and forms the coalitions we need. We need to support women and families, but we've been cutting those programs. Jessie reviewed her endorsements. She asked for our support.

Results of 1st ballot - City Council Pos 6

Nick Licata,	79
Barney Kaplan,	7
Jessie Israel	35
No endorsement	1

Licata and Israel advance to a second ballot.

Results of second ballot:

Licata 87
Israel 32

Nick Licata is endorsed

City Council Position 8

David Miller, nominated by Janet Miller, seconded by Steve Zemke
Robert Rosenkrantz, nominated by John Lombard, seconded by Marilyn Griffin
Rusty Williams, nominated by Pat Emerson, seconded by Kempf
Michael Brian, nominated by Stan Moffett, seconded by Drury
Jordan Royer nominated by Shierk, seconded by Virginia Gunby
Bobby Forch, nominated by Rusty Williams, seconded by Wall

Janet Miller says **David Miller** is a really great smart guy. David lives in the 46th District and he will represent our values. He has endorsements from other Districts, and is a very hard worker. Steve Zemke says David protects trees and worked on the Maple Leaf Community Council. David has a record as a fighter, and he is a proven organizer. David has attended our meetings. He listed some of his endorsements. We want a well-rounded candidate. He would be really proud to have our endorsement.

John Lombard nominated **Robert Rosenkrantz**. John has known Robert a long time. Robert shares John's focus on finding solutions for the environment and the community as a systematic whole. John asked for our vote. Robert said he brings a problem-solving attitude to the race. He will restore balance to City decision-making. Seattle can be a word leader in clean technologies. We need someone to drive it forward. He balances budgets the right way by budgeting carefully over time. Neighborhoods should not get stuck with the bill. He will return power to neighborhoods. He asked for our support.

Pat Emerson nominated **Rusty Williams**. Rusty is a life-long Democrat and grew up in the District. He is a dedicated steward of the City. Council members cover a lot of issues, and Rusty can do that. He also has a sense of humor. Rusty thanked Pat. He has been campaigning for a long time. Character and honor are not debatable. Leaders need integrity honesty and sacrifice. Rusty can look us in the eye and tell us he will do the right thing.

Stan Moffett nominated **Michael O'Brien**. They worked together as Sierra Club volunteers. Mike says we need to close the gap between reality and political reality. We need affordable housing, better schools, and reliable transportation. Our current leaders will cut bus service, but spend billions on a tunnel. Michael chaired the Sierra Club, and he successfully challenged political reality with the transportation ballot measure, and helped pass a transit-only measure. We know what good solutions look like. We need the political will to make those priorities.

Virginia Gunby nominated **Jordan Royer**. Our City Council needs change. Jordan is an experienced person who can make good outcomes. This is an important time, and we need good people on the Council. Jordan said we have great candidates in these races. We look for perspective. Jordan has kids in public schools. Our schools need our support. Jordan worked on Barbara Boxer's campaign, and he has worked in the maritime industry. He has a history of bringing people together. He asked for our support.

Rusty nominated **Bobby Forch**. Rusty met Bobby on the campaign trail. Bobby has a great heart. Rusty introduced Bobby. Bobby is new to this neighborhood, and he appreciates having the opportunity to introduce himself. Bobby grew up in Tacoma. Bobby talked about his parents. They taught him loyalty, hard work and other strong values. Bobby worked to create jobs, helping small businesses get city services. Bobby asked for our support.

Results of first ballot for City Council

Miller	51
Rosenkrantz	12
Williams	6
O'Brien	16
Royer	11
Forch	17
No endorsement	2

Bobby Forch and David Miller advance to the next ballot.

Results of the 2nd Ballot:

Miller	67
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Motion for dual endorsement for Miller and Forch. **Motion for dual** endorsement passed.

King County Executive

Larry Phillips nominated by Malgren seconded by Scott White
Dow Constantine, nominated by Ken Jacobsen, seconded by Stockmeyer

Scott White nominated **Larry Phillips**. King County needs a leader, a manager, and someone who is committed to being the best representative of the people. Larry is ready to start on day one. Larry has been walking neighborhoods for many years. Shanna Sawatzki said Larry has been completely accessible. Dow and Larry are great candidates. Their positions on issues are similar, but their approaches are different. Shanna introduced Larry Phillips. Larry would be honored to earn our support. Larry fights for our values. He worked on GMA and Sound Transit. He asked for our support.

Ken Jacobsen nominated **Dow Constantine**. They served together in the State Legislature. Ken knows Dow is ready for any challenges we meet in the future. Dow is a progressive Democrat. Dow talked about his endorsements so far in the race. He works for working family, the environment, for climate change legislation and he will change the culture at King County. He challenged Susan Hutchinson in her race. He asked for our support.

Results of 1st ballot

Larry Phillips	50
Dow Constantine	58
No endorsement	4

Phillips and Constantine advance to a second ballot.

Results of second ballot

Phillips	56
Constantine	47

Motion for dual endorsement by Shanna Sawatzki. **Motion passed** by show of credentials.

Chad accepted a challenge of the chair's decision regarding the first vote on the mayor's ballot. The body will vote on the challenge after we finish with the primary races.

Port of Seattle, Position 3

Rob Holland, nominated by Scott White, seconded by Jordan Royer
Al Yuen, nominated by Nels Petersen, seconded by Ruth Williams.

Scott introduced **Rob Holland**. Rob is a Democrat. He is committed to economic and social justice. Rob is running for jobs. He worked at the Port. It's critical that the Port pays attention to the public. We should wean the Port off the tax levy. We should reduce the Port's environmental impact, using green practices. We should train people for jobs of the future. Integrity is critical. Rob reviewed his endorsements. This is a crisis and gives us an opportunity. He asked for our support.

Nels introduced **Al Yuen**. Al has watched the Port for the last 10-15 years. Al has business experience, and he knows operations. He owns 5 businesses and runs a real estate company. Al solved problems with the City regarding traffic and budgets, by listening to residents in neighborhoods. Al visits our trading partners overseas, hosting elected officials on trips as part of the Sister Cities program. Al has always represented communities, He asked for our support.

Results of 1st ballot

Holland	83
Yuen	13

Rob Holland is endorsed.

Port of Seattle Position 4

Max Begich, nominated by Ken Jacobsen, seconded by Sarajane Siegfriedt

Ken Jacobsen served with **Max Begich** in the legislature. Max was a longshoreman. We need a more bottom-up approach. He is pro-labor, and pro- civil rights. He has several endorsements. He's been in the race for 10 days.

Motion to vote by acclamation. **Max Begich endorsed** by a show of credentials.

Court of Appeals, Div 1, Dist. 1, Seat 3.

Annie Ellington, nominated by Freedheim, seconded by Stockmeyer
Brief statement in favor of **Annie Ellington**.

Ellington endorsed by a show of credentials.

Reusable bags

Motion to approve voting bag ballot measure. Margaret Shields spoke in favor of the ballot measure. Some stores would have a 20-cent fee, which would be spent on education, bags for low-income people. Voluntary measures are fine, but we use 350 million bags in Seattle each year in Seattle. Linda Greenwood said the reality is that plastic is a major problem. Linda is concerned about eating fish that have been eating plastic. Heather Truman spoke in favor of the motion.

Jordan Bader spoke against the measure, which applies to paper bags as well as plastic. Better would be to give an incentive for using your own bag. Jordan was a box boy. This will affect a lot of stores. The City will get sued and we will need to defend.

Motion passed by a hand count of credentials.

Mayor's race again

Matthew McSheedy had objected to our second ballot in the Mayor's race, due to the decision to include "no endorsement" in the ballot. Chad had ruled that we would accept the vote as counted, including the "no endorsement" option in the ballot. Chad asked the body to uphold his ruling. By count of credentials, Chad's ruling was upheld, 52-29.

Motion by Sarajane Siegfriedt to direct our delegates to the King County meeting to vote in favor of Mallahan.

Opposed. Dave McDonald object to "directing" delegates. Delegates normally use their best judgment. We should not "back-door endorse" a candidate by directing our delegates action.

For. Sarajane brought up the issue of carrying literature for the mayor's race if the District makes no endorsement. A lot of members voted for Mallahan. The will of the body was clear, but not 2/3rds.

Motion failed by a show of credentials.

The City Council and City Attorney races will be considered at the August General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 PM.

Minutes by Stan Sorscher