

The 11th District Journal



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The 11th District Journal is published on a monthly basis as a means of notice of general membership meetings. It is published and distributed about 10 days preceding general meetings pursuant to District Bylaws.

This special digital edition of the 11th District Journal is different from the snail mail version with the addition of two complete pages regarding Legislative, County, Congressional, State and National Convention information. There are active links to keep you informed of the rapidly changing situations. **Attention**, a new location for the **King County Convention** at West Seattle H.S. Information is available on pages 4,5 & 8. **Tell Everyone!** Regards Newsletter Editor: Jim Flynn

11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

[Susan Kruller](#)

EVERYONE is still buzzing about the February 9 Precinct Caucuses! There is something unique to the American Experience when it comes to assembling Democrats from all of our neighborhoods and communities to talk about the future of our country – and electing delegates to carry the voice of the Grassroots to higher levels in the Democratic Party.

Many believed the race for the Democratic US Presidential Nominee would be a “done deal” by the time they got to the Washington State caucuses. Turns out Super Tuesday only set the stage for a record turnout of 3806 excited attendees in our district. Nearly four times the previous caucus! Two and a half times more than originally expected statewide - with a total of around 250,000!

We are very grateful to our **Caucus Chair George Summers**, who organized and led all of our Conveners: Don Bennett, Barbara Chadwick, Dave Cockrill, Terry Cockrill, Jim Flynn,, Jay Hollingsworth, Martha Koester, Chuck Laney, Margarita Prentice, Azziem Underwood, George himself and Yours Truly. Countless volunteer hours were contributed behind the scenes by those listed and many other faithful PCOs and member volunteers to facilitate the caucuses. Thank you all!

Delegates from our 11th Legislative District Precinct Caucuses will advance to the 11th Legislative District Caucus on April 5, 2008 starting at 10:00 a.m. Preparations are underway to hold our Legislative District Caucus at the International Association of Machinists Hall (IAM) 9125 15th Pl. S, Seattle WA 98108. In that session it will only be about electing delegates. We will take a volume of 629 Delegates/Alternates down to a group of 36 Delegates and 18 Alternates who will advance to the Congressional District Caucuses and the 2008 State Convention.

The breakout from our Legislative District to the Congressional District Caucus is as follows:

CD 7 - 16 Delegates; 8 Alternates

CD 8 - 6 Delegates; 3 Alternates

CD 9 - 14 Delegates; 7 Alternates



Transitioning to the 11th Legislative District Caucus requires one more round of equally devoted volunteer work from our membership. Martha Koester and Alene Brede are heading up the core of our Credentials Committee. They are proceeding with the credential database and creating the credential process right now. Looking ahead, we will need a team of 8-10 people to help out with check-ins/assisting the Credentials Committee. We will need a Tally Team. We will need people to stand by and assist delegates during their campaigning and elections in the breakout sessions - to provide information/support on proper procedure. I will need a person or two to help me line up any elected who drop by to speak. We will also need a couple of people to facilitate the food tables/donation baskets. We will hold one or two preparation meetings in March so everyone knows their role well. If you are not an elected Precinct Caucus Delegate or Alternate and feel you can fill a in at one of above duties on April 5, please send me an e-mail or give me a call.

Also be aware **King County Democrats Convention has changed to Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. at West Seattle H.S.** Any and all resolutions and platform procedures will be addressed at that session.

Upcoming Programs

Be sure to attend our next General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 7p.m. – Carpenter’s Hall.

Right at the top of the meeting, we’ll feature our own Senator Margarita Prentice covering the highlights of the 2008 Legislative Session. There has been a lot of activity around the bills we’ve been watching, so this will be a chance to get the final status and have Margarita debrief us on what went on behind the scenes for decisions. Then we will present Port of Seattle Commissioner Lloyd Hara, who asked for an opportunity to visit with us. In 2007, he was elected Vice President of the Commission. Hara’s focus as a Commissioner is on financial performance of Port airport and seaport operations, speed and efficiency of cargo operations and reducing the use of the property-tax levy. He also supports vigorous environmental programs to protect air and water quality. You’ll want to hear his update on the Port of Seattle.

We continue to bring you speakers that we think help you remain current and better understand the local, regional and national political landscape. Hope to see you there to take advantage of a membership with these kinds of privileges.

GO DEMS!

Susan Kruller - Chair

11th Legislative District Democratic Organization

LOCATION CHANGE

King County Democrats Convention

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2008 - 2:00 pm through 6:00 pm

West Seattle High School Gymnasium (newly renovated facility)

3000 California Avenue SW - Seattle 98116

Welcome to the 11th Legislative Democratic Organization

You are Invited to attend the Monthly Meetings and engage in democracy in action!

Your dues enable you to receive the district newsletter, help us defer our meeting expenses, and support our efforts on behalf of Democratic candidates.

We provide or participate actively in fun and informative opportunities to reach out to Democrats and other voters in the 11th District.

Your volunteer efforts will further our goal of active members in all of the 11th District precincts.

We welcome you!



The newsletter is also available online in PDF format at the [11th LD website](http://www.11thldems.org) with an email reminder. The digital format is in color with active links. You can save a copy to a folder on your computer or print a copy for personal use.

There are some great new features at the 11th LD web site. Join the Discussion Group and be heard by the entire membership. You will find it at <http://www.11thldems.org>

Some members of the 11th LD Dems are receiving the monthly newsletter via email with a link to a PDF file. If you would like to also receive the electronic version, in color with active links, send me a [email message](#) with: Newsletter in the subject and you will be added to the emailing list. james.flynn@comcast.net

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(Make checks payable to the 11th District Democrats)



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___ Regular Membership \$15.00	___ Family Membership \$27.00
___ Captain Membership \$50.00	___ Living Lightly \$6.00
___ Liberty Membership \$100.00	___ Subscription only \$10.00
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(Please list all household names joining if membership is for Family or Sponsor)

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Zip Code: _____

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Send to: 11th District Democrats % Chuck Laney Treasurer:

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DELEGATE and ALTERNATE Next Steps:**Legislative Caucus, County Convention, Congressional Caucus and State Convention Information**

Any Democrat can be nominated at each level even if they had not been elected as a delegate from a previous level. However, only Delegates (and Alternates seated as Delegates) may vote at a given level. *For example, if you are seated as a Delegate at the 11th LD Caucus, then you can vote on any matters at that caucus. If you are not a seated Delegate, then you may not vote at that caucus. However, you may **run** for Delegate or Alternate for the next level—Congressional District Caucus and State Convention.*

*** If you are interested in being a National Convention Delegate you should submit your letter of intent even if you are not elected to be a Congressional District Delegate. Go to www.wa-democrats.org or call 206-583-0664 to learn more details about this from the Washington State Democratic Party.

Blue and yellow "Certificates of Election" were given to delegates and alternates at the precinct caucuses. If you did not get one or lost yours, then do not worry—the certificates are not required for participation at the County Conventions and Legislative District Caucuses. While they may help in determining if you were elected a delegate they are not essential. The Democratic Party has your names and will go from that list.

You will be notified by the Democratic Party of each meeting in the process. The Rules require that notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance to each delegate and alternate and to the news media by the appropriate chair of each organization through each stage of the process.

Precinct Caucuses were held on Saturday, February 9th. The Precinct Caucuses elected 628 delegates and their alternates to the 11th Legislative District caucus and the King County Convention.

11th Legislative District Caucus will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the International Association of Machinists (IAM) Hall, 9125 15th Place South, Seattle WA 98108. The business of the [11th Legislative District](#) caucus shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the Congressional District caucuses **and** the 2008 Democratic State Convention. There will be a suggested donation at registration of ten dollars (\$10.00). Payment of the donation shall not be condition of participation or election.

A packet with proposed rules and delegate information will be sent out approximately 10-20 days prior to the 11th LD Caucus.

King County Convention will be on April 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at West Seattle High School Gymnasium (newly renovated facility), 3000 California Avenue SW, Seattle 98116. The business of the county convention shall include the adoption of a platform or resolutions. Delegates to the [county convention](#) shall be the duly elected delegates and their alternates from the precinct caucuses within the county.

Congressional District Caucuses will be on May 17, 2008 at 10 a.m. The 11th Legislative District elects delegates and alternates that are sent to their respective one of three Congressional Districts: the 7th Congressional District, 8th Congressional District and 9th Congressional District. Congressional District Caucus locations will be listed on the Washington State Democratic Party website at www.wa-democrats.org

The principal business of the Congressional District Caucuses shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the National Convention. The State Chair shall appoint a chair and a secretary for each congressional district caucus. Each [congressional district caucus](#) shall also elect one Presidential Elector, an alternate Elector, and one member of the State Party Judicial Review Board.

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***** An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate or alternate to the 2008 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating his or her presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State Party by no sooner than March 5, 2008 and no later than May 2, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.**

Each candidate for district-level National Convention delegate or alternate may use up to three (3) minutes on his or her own behalf for nominating and seconding speeches and a speech by the candidate. The three (3) minutes may be allocated at the candidate's discretion.

State Convention is on June 19th, 2008 in Spokane. Notice shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance to each delegate and alternate and to the news media by the [State Chair](#).

The business of the State Convention shall include the election of (2) Presidential Electors and alternates, one male and one female each. Workshops may be held at the discretion of the State Chair. There will be approximately 2000 elected delegates and 1000 elected alternates to the State Convention.

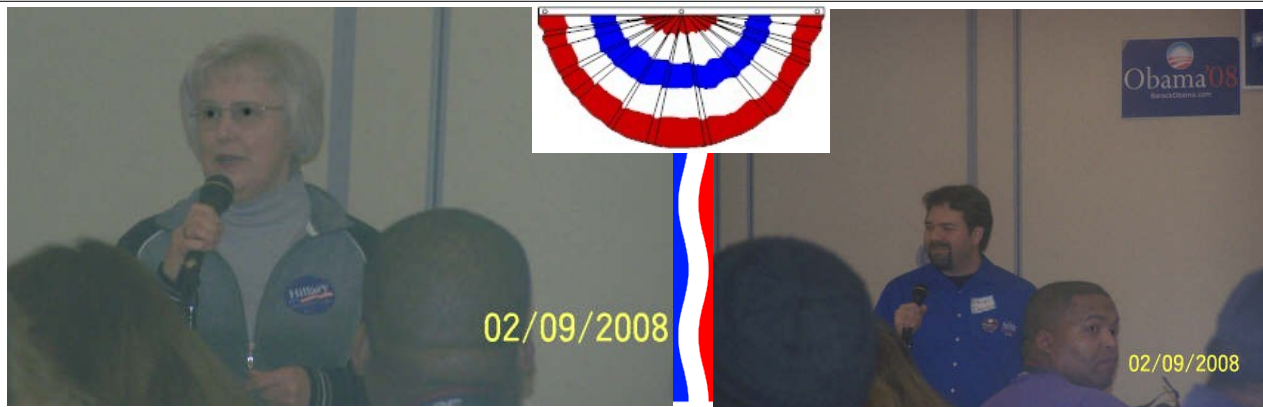
Each elected [State Convention delegate](#) shall be requested to pay a state convention registration fee. No person shall be excluded or disqualified at any level on the basis of non-payment of such registration or any fee

Democratic National Convention will be in Denver from August 25 through the 28th, 2008.

The complete schedule and details regarding the process are contained in the Washington State Delegate Selection Plan which you can go to online at www.wa-democrats.org or by calling the State Party at

(206) 583-0664.

***** YOUR LETTER OF INTENT TO STAND FOR ELECTION AS NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE PARTY BETWEEN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008 AND FRIDAY MAY 2, 2008 AT 5:00 P.M. TO ENSURE YOUR ELIGIBILITY**



The Southeast corner of the 11th LD met at Benson Hill Elementary School where two hundred thirty voters from eight precincts came to support their candidate on Saturday, February 9, 2008. Before the official precinct caucus started, campaign representatives spoke for three minutes on behalf of their candidate. Jeanette Millman persuaded some to consider Senator Hillary Clinton while Doug Davies tipped his hat to Senator Barack Obama in a dynamic appeal to our need for change.



Minutes

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
WEDNESDAY February 20, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North



7:00 p.m. Call to Order by 11th District Chair Susan Kruller, Flag Salute

M/S/A Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Proposed Agenda

Introductions: 11th Dist Rep. Zack Hudgins is enroute the meeting. King County Superior Court Judges Bruce Heller and Kim Prochanau appeared together before the members to talk about their experience and to answer questions.

Judge Heller spoke about his diverse experience with the court system including civil, labor and criminal, his ideal of being impartial and fair, and his respect for attorneys and jurors. He also pointed out the individual jurors had a remarkable understanding of their responsibilities. He surprised many of us with the new changes that have taken place in King County court proceedings like jurors allowed to take notes and ask questions.

Judge Prochnau came to us with over twenty-five years working in the court system including work with social and human concern, family law, and labor activities with her experience within the AFL-CIO. Her experience included teaching courses to new judges in a college class setting.

The Judges answered questions from the floor: Why Governor Gregoire appointed them; More questions specific to those called to serve on a jury, mileage can be extreme for some but balance of *Jury of Peers* must be considered; Jury selection process especially size of jury pool; Number of times called for Jury Duty; WA Institute on Public Policy hopes to save Taxpayers billions and reduce crime.

Motion by Treasurer Chuck Laney to suspend the by-laws and rules for allow endorsements **M/S/A** Unanimous

Motion for sole endorsement of Margarita Prentice for WA State Senate

Motion to amend the Motion to endorse, not sole endorsement – **M/S Not Approved**

M/S/A for sole endorsement of Senator Margarita Prentice

Program - Seattle City Council Member Richard Conlin addressed his position as President of the Seattle City Council. His goals of asserting his responsibility to the people started with listing the priorities of council members. The three themes of those priorities were *Safe Just Communities*, *Available Resources*, and making Seattle a *Livable City*. Councilman Conlin requested input from the floor to get a sense of issues concerning the 11th LD members. Some responses included the Time Line for his list of priorities; conflict between city offices and council members; taping executive board meetings and why it may be difficult financially for small, low budget councils; North Highline annexation; Life after the Sonics, Seattle Center and Key Arena.

.Break

Officer and Committee Reports

Caucus Over-still verifying results. 11th LD Caucus April 5 at 10.00 a.m. at the IAM Hall;

King County Convention has been moved to April 13th at 2 p.m. **West Seattle H.S.** (N.B. Change from IAM Hall)

Treasurer- Chuck Laney – Complete financial report and report of Caucus costs per submittal in record book.

Secretary – Jim Flynn – Benson Hill annexation to City of Renton starts March 1.

WSDCC Male-Azziem Underwood – WA Affirmative Action Plan – Showed Crab Feed slide show display

Officer Reports truncated to give the floor to Rep. Zack Hudgins - He just arrived from Olympia. Spoke about the Transportation Budget, Policy, Ferry system biggest issue and budget shortfalls. Sponsored bills and chairs committees to Test Kids for Lead, and a World Language Director.

WSDCC Female Martha Koester-Vote-builder resources; Activist Scholarships

KCDCC Male Chris Hintz –Attended Legislative Action Day in Olympia. Also attended a meeting featuring DNC Chair Dr. Howard Dean, we will follow the existing rules for super delegates

Old Business

New Business

Raffle Prizes

Good of the Order-John Gueverra requested a copy of the newsletter go to each interested party at the caucus. Or some sort of follow up for attendees.

George Summers awarded the 1st annual George Award to 11th LD Democratic Organization Chair Susan Kruller, one case of Dr Pepper

M/S/A Adjourn

From: **Angela Henry** <henry@wa-democrats.org>

Date: Wed, Feb 27, 2008 at 9:47 AM

Subject: Resolution approved by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee

To: cvc@wa-democrats.org

Dear Chair,

At its recent meeting on January 26, 2008 in Vancouver, WA the Washington State Democratic Central Committee approved the following resolution that merits your attention.

Resolution to Advise Elected Democrats Who Endorse Republican Candidates – Resolution 372-01 the Washington State Democratic Central Committee advises elected Democrats who endorse Republicans, that it directly undermines our party-building efforts, and that it may jeopardize any future organizational endorsement and financial support. The Washington State Democratic Central Committee urges all local Democratic parties to withhold an endorsement from any elected Democrat who endorses a Republican candidate.

Your hard work and commitment to these efforts are greatly appreciated.

Angela Henry

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Secretary

Jim Flynn

At the January general meeting 11th District Rep Zack Hudgins presented us with thirteen house bills that would place limitations on Port Districts within Washington State. The proposed legislations came about as the result of the public becoming aware of seeming improprieties with constructions contracts at SeaTac Airport. Rep Hudgins verbalized the people's concerns, *"It goes back to accountability. Making sure the economic engine of the Port of Seattle is running well. And that it's creating jobs, not simply taxing property owners and our county, in order to have more scandals in the newspaper. We want to be creating jobs, not creating scandals."*

Several new bills were added to the list since then, but unfortunately, at this writing, only two are under consideration. SSHB 3274 will mandate following guidelines suggested by the State Auditor. The second, ESHB 3259 would limit the Port of Seattle Industrial Development Corporation from funding or securing bonds until 2010. Not a big deal with major new construction on hold. If the legislature investigated the IDC they would find that it was formed in the late nineties, in conflict with the Port of Seattle Charter, to fund and secure bonds with banked levy revenue. With advice from his corporate friends, former Port CEO and current hedge-fund manager Mic Dinsmore put the package together, and the rubber stamp Port Commissioners made themselves the Board of Directors of the IDC. In 2002 they raised the levy rate on property to \$0.225 per \$1000 of value *in order to cover recent losses in the Real Estate Line of Business*. The Port's convoluted bookkeeping system makes it hard to prove but a closer look reveals that the real reason was to assure lenders of the ability of the Port to make repayment on the bonds in case of default and thereby get a higher bond rating while a closely held corporation instructed the Port on construction demands in a scheme called, believe it or not, *The Grand Alliance*, which privatized the Harbor Island Project.

Our representatives suggest that it takes three years of persistent effort to reach an agreement on any legislation and most proposals just fade away. Now that the Port of Seattle upper management is on the radar, the State must use its oversight authority, the Port of Seattle Charter, to make the Port of Seattle accountable to the taxpayers, and remove any suggestion of conflict of interest or scandal. We, the members of the 11th District Democratic Organization, must endorse candidates to the Port Commission who will support openness and accountability within the Port of Seattle.

PCO Activities

Larry Grubb



Pizza, PCOs, and Politics on March 22, Saturday 1PM to 5PM @ Mick Kelly's Pub in Burien.

Put the party back into the Party.

Mick Kelly's

435 152nd

Burien, WA

RSVP Larry G Grubb 206 243 3199

Saint Patrick was a gentleman
Who through strategy and stealth
Drove all the snakes from Ireland
Here's a drinkee to his health!
But not too many drinkees
Lest we lose ourselves and then...
Forget the good Saint Patrick
And see them snakes again!



11th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Saturday April 5, 2008

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order 10:45 p.m.

International Association of Machinists (IAM) Hall,

9125 15th Place South, Seattle WA 98108

Suggested donation at registration is \$10

Donations are encouraged to help cover costs, but NOT required

The 11th Legislative District Caucus is called by the authority and at the direction of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, and is bound by the Charter, By-Laws, Rules and Delegate Selection plan of the State Party. This handbill is for informational purposes only.

The caucus is for all delegates elected at the Democratic Precinct Caucuses of the [11th Legislative District](#) held February 9, 2008. The principal business of the caucus is the election of delegates and alternates to the 7th, 8th and 9th Congressional District Caucuses to be held on May 17, 2008 at 10 a.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe.

The Caucus Credentials Committee will seat qualified elected alternates in place of delegates who are absent at the beginning of the meeting. It is entirely possible that elected alternates from the precinct caucuses will be needed at the [Legislative District Caucus](#) to be seated as delegates, so alternates are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting

There are expected to be a total of 36 Delegates and 18 Alternates elected. Delegates will be allocated to the presidential candidates based on the stated preferences of the delegates in attendance (the same procedure as used at the precinct caucuses). Delegates are not "pledged under Party rules to the preference under which they were elected at the precinct caucuses.

Any registered voter of the 11th Legislative District (or resident who will be qualified to vote on November 4, 2008) may run for election as delegate to the [Congressional District Caucus](#) (need not be a delegate to the Legislative Caucus).

For more information about the caucus, including credentials and process, please check the 11th Legislative District website at www.11thliddems.org and continue to check it for updates. For questions about the caucus, please contact the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Chair Susan Kruller at 11demschair@gmail.com or 206-853-9330.

Upcoming 11th District Meetings

General Meeting: March 18, 2008 7:00 PM

Carpenter's Hall, 231 Burnett Ave North Renton

Executive Board Meeting: Thursday April 3 – 7pm

Carpenter's Hall, Renton

Official Call

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting

Tuesday March 18, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.

Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North

7:00 p.m. Call to Order Flag Salute

7:05 p.m.

7:10 p.m. Hot Topic – Senator Margarita Prentice: Washington State 2008 Legislative Session Highlights

7:30 p.m. Program - Port of Seattle Commissioner Lloyd Hara: Elected to the Port Commission in 2005, he was elected Vice President of the Commission in 2007. Hara's focus as a commissioner is on financial performance of Port airport and seaport operations, speed and efficiency of cargo operations and reducing the use of the property-tax levy.

Break

8:05 p.m. - Officer and Committee Reports

8:25 p.m. - Old Business

8:35 p.m. - New Business

8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes

8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order

9:00 p.m. - Adjourn