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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

[Susan Kruller](#)

UNBELIEVEABLE! Together our lil 'ole 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization made it possible for 1250 Democrats to come together, seat 628 Delegates to have a "voice and vote" and it was all in order to select 36 Delegates and 18 Alternates who will represent us by advancing to the Congressional District Caucuses and the 2008 State Convention! We're talking record-breaking levels here and we were happy to facilitate it!

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

CD 7 - 16 Delegates; 8 Alternates

CD 8 - 6 Delegates; 3 Alternates

CD 9 - 14 Delegates; 7 Alternates

We wish ALL of our elected Delegates and Alternates the very best going forward! You have our trust and confidence at the next level to do what is best for the Democratic Party!

We are very grateful to all of our volunteers! Be sure to thank Alene Brede and Martha Koester when you see them next, - they co-chaired the Credentials Committee, Chuck Laney chaired the Tally Committee (handled candidate sign ups and made sure we were sound financially. Rosemary Quesenberry ably stood in to help with membership sign ups and PCO filings for election in November. Vice Chair Jay Hollingsworth kept Yours Truly in line with the Rules Committee results. Kudos to Jeannette Kelley for taking on the Food & Beverage duties – along with the BIG RAFFLE! Larry Grubb worked behind the scenes to make sure we had a special label wine for raffle – along with many, many donors who gave other worthy raffle prizes. Margarita Prentice, Bob Hasegawa and Zack Hudgins - as always – made their contributions to the caucus – and we were thrilled to have them along! Again, countless volunteer hours were contributed behind the scenes by those listed and many other faithful member volunteers to facilitate this caucus. We are also ever-thankful to the International Association of Machinists (IAM Local 751) for their complete support and the use of their beautiful facility! Thank you all

Also be aware King County Democrats Convention **has changed** to Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the West Seattle High School Gym (recently renovated and a BIG space). Any and all resolutions and platform procedures will be addressed at that session by the same delegates and alternates that attended the legislative district caucus.

Upcoming Programs

Be sure to our next General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, April 15 at 7p.m. (we know – that's tax filing day; come on by for a little relief after you put it in the mail) – Carpenter's Hall.**

Right at the top of the meeting, we'll feature 8th Congressional District Candidate Darcy Burner. She'll talk about the 2008 campaign and how you can get more involved. Then we will present a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) presentation on Education Funding statewide. As many of you know, the largest portion of the annual State of Washington budget goes to education, so this will be an interesting overview on how that works and some alternatives ideas

We continue to strive to bring you the very best speakers, addressing topics you need to know about – so you can stay informed! 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

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!

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

The newsletter is also available online in PDF format at the [11th LD website](#) 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.

[Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd](#) said that the administration blueprint "would do little if anything to alleviate the current crisis." "What we need to do immediately is deal with the foreclosure crisis." He added that while regulatory overhaul "needs to be done, generally speaking it's going to take some time" and that a failure of a regulation scheme was not what led to the current credit problems. "It was a failure of leadership," he said.

The [Paulson plan](#) does not lack big ideas. It would allow insurance companies to opt out of state regulation in favor of a proposed federal insurance regulator.



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Minutes

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 **M/S/A** Approve previous minutes **M/S/A** Approve Agenda

Flag Salute

Introductions: Bob Hasegawa, Kathy Keene

Susan Amini - running for King County Superior Court-Position 1. 17 yrs trial experience including family law, immigration, criminal defense and personal injury. Ms Amini has served in the capacity as Judge Pro Tempore since 1994.

Jim McIntire - running for State Treasurer (D) 30 years of financial experience critical to office of State Treasurer including federal, state and local governments on bond and tax finance in both public and private sector. Jim would appreciate our support providing leadership, accountability and cost effective financing needed to meet the fiscal challenges ahead and protect the best interests of taxpayers.

Hot Topic – Senator Margarita Prentice: Washington State 2008 Legislative Session Highlights

Good Session, sixty days are supposed to be supplemental, credit Zack Hudgins for Transportation. Bob Hasegawa, Zack Hudgins and Senator Prentice work together and support each other and a frugal approach to the legislative session. Supporting the Governor is important but separation of power must be considered. **Highlights:** 884 Million in reserve; Money for Libraries; Gang Bill-oppressive and needed revision; Handling of human remains related to indigenous people; Autism-DVD for distribution for families, teachers, superintendents; Lucy Lopez center in Kent to help transition into USA; Channel 119 Spanish Language support; Program for National Literacy; Health Care (No task force); WA Floods; Pharmacist Plan B (not passed); Domestic Partnership (Live and Let Live approach); Climate Change—

Q&A – Plan for teacher parity; pay raise for prosecutors; PERC meeting support.

John Ladenberg – Candidate for Attorney General – Legal experience includes Private Practice, Tacoma City Council, Pierce County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Landenberg's family were early Pierce County pioneers of the City of Edison, now Tacoma. John has worked Capital cases on both sides of the aisle. As AG, he will see that young families get needed support.

Q&A – DUI check points, Municipal Court, Complaint System, Mortgage Fraud

Program - Port of Seattle Commissioner Lloyd Hara: 2007 was a good year for the Port even with State Audit. Topics Covered: Third Runway, Sea Port container traffic, Merged Operations as Regional Port, Fisherman's Terminal growth, New CEO's 1st Anniversary, New Leadership and Direction. Virgin Airlines, NW Airlines.

Q&A Establish Chief Procurement Officer, Resolution 3181 for Delegation of Authority; State Audit; Contracting for Ports; E Commerce LOB profitability; Flight Patterns into SeaTac.

PCO Appointments: M/S/A following candidates: Karen Patterson RNT-11-0986, Diane Ferguson TUK-11-2751, Stephanie Bowman SEA-11-1947, Mary Evers- Glasgow, Lawrence Freeburn BUR-11-0377 THANKS FOR GETTING INVOLVED!

11th LD Rep Bob Hasegawa – Financial Projections, affected legislation, Capital Budget issues, Apprentice Training Center, Aviation HS, Housing Trust Fund – Affordable Housing, City of Renton SBA, English Language Program, Boeing, Public Finance Campaigns, Tax Reform

Break

Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer Report Chuck Laney Put the 2008 Budget before the body for a vote per Submittal

M/S/A Expenditures

KCDCC Female Jeanette Kelley – Raffle logisitcs at LD Caucus, Great Prizes, Donations Needed! Contact Jeanette at kelley51201@comcast.net

PCO Activities – Larry Grubb – PCO event at Mic Kelleys March 22nd

Webmaster – Alene Brede– Need help for sign-in at LD Caucus (handed out a sign up sheet; will take more volunteers)

11th LD Rep Zack Hudgins – 335 bills for Governor Signature, Supreme Court ruling on Top Two system for primary.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Raffle Prizes

Good of the Order

Adjourn 9:15 p.m.

Statement on the Supreme Court Decision

From Dwight Pelz, Chair, Washington State Democratic Party

March 20, 2008

On March 18, 2008 the United State Supreme Court issued an opinion reversing the summary judgment of the United States District Court in Seattle which had held that I-872 was unconstitutional on its face. The Supreme Court opinion does not hold that I-872 is constitutional. Rather it holds that until the State actually implements the top two primary and provides a ballot design for use under the initiative the question of constitutionality cannot be determined. That is, the Initiative is still vulnerable to "as applied" challenges.

Five of the Supreme Court Justices indicated in their opinion that if the implementation of I-872 creates a risk of widespread voter confusion about whether candidates stating a Democratic preference are in fact the Democratic nominees then the Initiative would be subject to strict scrutiny and thus would almost certainly be unconstitutional. Two of the other Supreme Court Justices indicated that I-872 would be subject to strict scrutiny unless the State implements I-872 in such a manner that "no reasonable person" could be confused about whether a person stating a Democratic preference is a member of, approved by or a candidate of the Democratic Party. The remaining two Justices simply stated flat out that it was impossible to implement I-872 in a constitutional manner.

The Supreme Court also reaffirmed our right to nominate our candidates by whatever process we choose since I-872 removed the requirement that we nominate candidates in a public primary. The Court confirmed, however, that under I-872 there will be no designation on the ballot as to which candidate is our nominee; only an indication as to which party a candidate personally prefers. It remains to be seen whether the form of that preference statement will cause confusion when actually used on ballots. That is one of the "as applied" issues still to be decided by the courts.

Our challenge to the Initiative is still pending in Court. In its 2005 opinion the District Court in Seattle expressly reserved for further proceedings any "as applied" challenges related to the actual implementation of the Initiative.

Because the State no longer requires us to select our candidates in an unconstitutional blanket primary and has indicated that it will not conduct in 2008 the "Montana" style primary that has been in use for the past three years, party organizations should plan on nominating candidates pursuant to the rules adopted by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee in April 2005. These rules generally provide that PCOs will vote on nominations at meetings held prior to May 23, 2008. The nominating process is separate from the current process of selecting

Friends,

When I was elected, our highways were in a state of neglect. At the end of 2004, only 12 Nickel-package highway projects had been completed.

But since 2005, I've been taking on the challenge of transportation and getting results. Today, we have 128 completed highway projects.

You and I share the same priorities and goals for our highways: increase safety, reduce congestion and ensure maintenance. I've signed several bills, some as recently as today, which will help us continue to get results to achieve these goals.

Replacing SR-520 is a top priority, and this year we've made tough decisions and significant progress. We decided that state and federal resources will pay for about half of the replacement. Drivers who use the bridge will pay for the other half with tolls. I also requested several changes to the 520 replacement proposal that reduced the construction timeline by four years and saved between \$500 and \$700 million.

Replacing our aging fleet of ferries is also a priority, and earlier this year I authorized three new car ferries to be built. The first of these ferries is scheduled to be delivered in 14 months. This ferry construction program is historic in our state.

We are also getting results to ensure the safety of drivers on US 2 from Everett to Stevens Pass by partnering with local community groups, businesses and emergency service organizations.

Highway construction projects to increase safety and reduce congestion will also be done to Seattle's Viaduct, I-82 in Yakima and Spokane's Riverside university district.

I'm going to need your help in 2008 to keep taking on these challenges and getting results. I hope I can count on you.

Thanks,



Governor Chris Gregoire

P.S. Read more about how I'm getting results that keep our jobs here where they belong.

http://www.thedailyworld.com/articles/2008/03/04/local_news/01news.txt

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Upcoming 11th District Meetings

General Meeting: April 15, 2008 7:00 PM
Carpenter's Hall, 231 Burnett Ave North Renton

Executive Board Meeting:
Thursday May 1 – 7pm
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

Official Call

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Tuesday April 15, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North
Proposed Agenda

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

7:05 p.m.
Candidates for King County Superior Court

7:10 p.m.
Hot Topic – 8th Congressional District Candidate Darcy Burner - What's
ahead for Election '08 – What to expect and how to get involved!

7:30 p.m.
Program - Barbara Billinghamhurst - PTA-sponsored Ed Funding presenta-
tion. The largest part of the legislative budget goes to education, so this
will be an important opportunity to gain insight about the subject!

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

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