



# The 11th District Journal



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## 11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Susan Kruller

Here we go! With the 11th Legislative District Democratic re-organization process complete, we now have our 2009- 2010 Officers and Appointed Leaders installed and working on our Executive Board. Many thanks to the King County Democratic Central Committee for carrying out the responsibilities of running the reorganization meeting for us! Congratulations to those coming back to serve and those newly elected/appointed!:

- Susan Kruller** – Chair
- Jay Hollingsworth** - Vice Chair
- Kathy Pouncy** - Treasurer
- Chuck Laney** - Deputy Treasurer
- Karen Patterson** - Secretary
- Azziem Underwood** - State Committeeman
- Martha Koester** - State Committeewoman (also our Membership Chair)
- Dennis Moyers** - King County Representative- Male
- Chris Hintz** - King County Representative - Male Alternate
- Rosemary Quesenberry** – King County Representative - Female
- Brook Lindquist** - King County Representative - Female Alternate

- Brendan Donckers** - Parliamentarian
- Don Bennett** - King County Legislative Action Committee
- Marvin Rosete** - King County Endorsement Committee
- PCO Activities** - PCO Activities Chair
- George Summers** - Membership Retention Chair
- Alene Brede** - Webmaster

We are still looking for our next **Newsletter Editor**. No one is more motivated to assist and reward the person who aspires to this position than yours truly (as I produced the newsletter this month in addition to my regular duties). I know that the past Newsletter Editor and I will make sure the job is easy to understand and execute. The process is really fun and built for success. Officers and Appointees send in all the new articles and information each month, the Newsletter Editor puts it all into a prepared template - then sends it to the printer electronically. Last step is to get them all to the USPS to bulk mail them. Please contact me if you think you want to grow your involvement in the organization in a job that makes you an Executive Board Member and always keeps you informed first!

### Upcoming Programs

\*\*\*Make sure to participate in the **King County Democrats Legislative Action Day** in Olympia **Monday, February 16, 2009!!** Our own King County Legislative Action Committee Representative, Don Bennett, is working hard to coordinate opportunities for you to visit our legislators while they are in a working session. There is quite a line up of activities, including a luncheon where many of our legislators break out to come talk exclusively with our group. Read the details in the ad on Page two and contact Don if you want to sign up or carpool to the event. Also, while you are in the area, you may want to attend the WSDCC (state party) Crab Feed at St. Martin’s College in Lacey - starting at 5:00 p.m.! Go to <http://www.wa-democrats.org> or call the office at 206.583.0664 for more information on how to sign up and join in the fun!

\*\*\* Be sure to attend our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 17, 2009 – 7 p.m. at Carpenter’s Hall**. We will hear from Lloyd Hara - Seattle Port Commissioner. He notes that we’ve come a long way in the first term . . . promoting “major league” enterprise audit standards; pushing for social justice and environmental stewardship; and beginning to reform the Port’s business culture under new leadership. . . but we have a long way to go. Don’t miss this chance to learn what’s happening with the Port now and what’s on the horizon. We’ll also bring back our Hot Topic section of the program - and this month is a doozy! HB 1490 (SB 5647) the Transit-Oriented Development Bill - crafted to create incentives for dense, affordable, walkable development around mass-transit hubs. We will hear from the Seattle Displacement Coalition on what may be an ill-intended impact and adverse outcome for South Seattle communities within our district. Should be a good exchange of information to determine whether this “Density Bill” good for 11<sup>th</sup> LD residents? We will also present the 2009 Budget, Schedule and announce proposed By-Law changes. Don’t miss!

The 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization is on it’s way and we’re motivated! We have a great US President and Governor, we have a solid delegation in the US Congress! I hope to see you February 17 as we make plans to forge ahead locally!

GO DEMS! Susan Kruller - Chair, 11<sup>th</sup> 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!**

Visit our web site: <http://www.11thliddems.org/>

**Coming up: King County Democrats  
Legislative Action Day  
Feb 16, 2009  
Cherberg Building - Meeting Rooms ABC**

- 9:30 to 10 AM - arrive, sign in, get coffee and tea
- 10:00 to 10:30 AM - Overview of day, brief introductions, lobbying tips
- 10:30 to 11:00 AM - Marty Brown - Legislative Liaison for Governor. Gregoire
- 11:00 to 12 Noon - Overview of Legislative Action Agenda and priority bills
- 12:00 to 1:15 PM - Lunch and Brief Presentations by King County Legislators
- 1:15 to 4:00 PM - Meet with individual Legislators to discuss Agenda

For more information and/or to RSVP, please contact [Steve Zemke](#). We do need to know how many people to prepare for, so please let us know if you will be able to attend.

**Larry Grubb, 11th LD Dems, PCO activities**

The King County Democrats' Newsletter is available at:  
<http://www.kcdems.net/>

In Memoriam: Long-time Renton PCO, Bruce Hulse, passed away in November. He missed by us all.

**2009— 2011 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board**

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**WSDCC quarterly meeting January 23<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Olympia***Election of WSDCC officers*

Mark Mintz of the Snohomish County Democrats ran for chair against Dwight Pelz. The final vote was Pelz 98, Mintz 64 and 4 abstentions.

Sharon Smith of Spokane challenged incumbent Vice-Chair Eileen Macoll and won 107 to 59.

Secretary Luis Moscoso and Treasurer Habib Habib were elected without opposition. Habib is now being open about his middle name "Hussein."

Elections Committee, Communications Committee, Affirmative Action Committee

Rules Committee Technology Committee memberships have not been reassigned yet, owing to the very recent election of committeemen and women.

The previous chair of the Technology Committee mentioned that Washington State has 10 times the average number of VoteBuilder PCO accounts. There is a substantial amount of new data from 2008 that has not yet been integrated into VoteBuilder. Given that state party resources, like budgets everywhere, are under serious stress, we will need to ask for more resources from the Democratic National Committee. I spoke with DNC representatives Lona Wilbur and Sharon Mast about trying to find out which DNC members are working on technology. Apparently our national organization does not have a technology committee. I find this disturbing, and I feel a resolution or two coming on.

*DNC reports*

Dave McDonald is on the Rules Committee. Donna Brazile is in charge of ongoing voter registration. New Chair Tim Kaine gave a speech partly in fluent Spanish.

Ed Cote is on the Executive Committee. There was a substantial amount of electoral analysis. Obama has turned over his supporters list to the DNC, which plans to make a priority of keeping newly active people involved. There was lavish praise of Howard Dean, and a commitment by incoming chair Tim Kaine.

Sharon Mast is on the Resolutions Committee. There was effective microtargeting of voters in 2008. There were 24 million new voters under 20, and 13 million names on the volunteer email list. The DNC raised \$330 million as well.

Martha Koester

11<sup>th</sup> LD State Committeewoman



**Upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> District Meetings**

General: Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7:00 PM  
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

**Executive Board Meeting: Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**  
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

**Official Call**

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday February 17, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

**Carpenter's Hall – 421 Burnett Avenue North  
Renton, Washington 98057**

Proposed Agenda  
(Endorsements will be considered)

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

7:05 p.m.  
Approve Past Minutes/Approve Agenda  
Announcements and Introductions

7:10 p.m. – Hot Topic: HB 1490 (SB 5647) Transit-Oriented Development Bill - would create incentives for dense, affordable, walkable development around mass-transit hubs. Is this "Density Bill" good for 1<sup>st</sup> LD residents?  
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8:00 p.m.  
Break

8:10 p.m. - Brief Officer and Committee Reports

8:30 p.m. - Old Business

8:40 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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