



The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Kate Kruller

March is packed with political activity for Democrats. Save room on your schedule for March 14 and March 16! If ever you needed an opportunity to “make a difference” to how the Democratic Party operates, the next two meetings are for you! What you do will affect us locally and carry forward to the county and state level. That’s BIG!

11th Legislative District Democratic Caucus is at the IAM Hall in South Park on March 14. Don’t miss this! Doors will open at noon for registration, and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. In that session, we will elect our 22 delegates and 11 alternates who will go to the County Convention in April and the State Convention June 26 with a credential to vote! Anyone can do this – as long as they live in our district, are a registered voter, and sign the registration sheet stating that you are a Democrat! Anyone from the public can attend and observe the meeting in a non-voting capacity.

This is a MUCH SIMPLER PROCESS THAN 2008! No chaos at the precinct level. You throw your hat in the ring, say why you should be a delegate, and if enough credentialed voters agree, you could be elected a delegate! If you are elected as a delegate or alternate, you go straight on to the County and State Conventions. All you have to do is show up and see what is possible!

11th Legislative District General Membership Meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 at Carpenter’s Hall in Renton. Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) should attend as we will vote on proposed by-law changes presented at the last meeting. See the detailed list of proposed changes later in this newsletter. We’ll get wrap-up reports from Olympia on the session and learn more about what passed and why.

Precinct Committee Officers: Remember not only to attend the next two events but be sure to read more inside this newsletter about the online registrations run for PCO again this year! No fee – and the process can be done on your computer! You can ask questions about it at our meetings or at King County Elections.

I can’t name names at this moment, but our speakers have all been great so far this year, and we have more of the same in March. Expect a lot of key elected officials and candidates for offices to show up at both of these events! They talk directly with you. You ask any questions you have. You get straight answers. You get contact information to follow up on issues that concern you. It’s exciting to experience it. I hope you take us up on the opportunity.

Upcoming Programs

*****11th Legislative District Democratic Caucus: Sunday, March 14, 2010 – 1 p.m. at the IAM Hall.**
9125 15th Place S., Seattle, WA 98108, 206-763-1300

*** **11th Legislative District Democrats General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2010**
– 7 p.m. at Carpenter’s Hall. 231 Burnett Avenue North in Renton, WA, 98057

The 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization is made up of people who care about their community, make their voice heard by voting, and help make changes for the good! These are your kind of people. You should take the chance to meet them! I hope to see you at the next event!

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!

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11TH Legislative District Monthly Meeting Minutes**Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.****Carpenters Hall – 231 Burnett Avenue North
Renton, Washington 98057****7:00 p.m.****Call to Order
Flag Salute****7:05 p.m.**Approved Past Minutes/Approved Agenda
Recognitions/Introductions**7:10 p.m.**

Membership voted on WSDCC State Convention committee member selection. Martha Koester (Credentials), Chris Hintz (Platform), Kate Kruller (Rules) and Jay Hollingsworth (Affirmative Action). MSA. The convention date is Saturday, June 26, 2010 in Vancouver, Washington.

All members please plan to attend the caucus at the IAM Hall on March 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Twenty two delegates and eleven alternates will be selected at the time for the state convention. Kate Kruller, Chair explained the process to the membership.

7:30 p.m.Richard Conlin- Seattle City Councilman/Council President expressed his thanks and gratitude to the 11th LD for the endorsement during his campaign last year. Mr. Conlin serves in this position on the council for a two-year term during which he plans to focus on the following: economy, local business/ support local small business, green jobs, look for federal grants to help businesses, the city's budget, keeping a strong police force, and to find ways that low income citizens can benefit from green jobs. His vision also is for the City of Seattle to reach out to other cities to build regional cooperation. The membership had the opportunity to ask questions which covered many subjects such as the seawall, maintaining neighborhoods, library hours, South Lake Union, safety riding local transient, education, and broadband access in the Beacon Hill area.**8:00 p.m.****Break**

Thanks to Marvin and his committee for the delicious food we had during the break.

8:15 p.m.

Kate introduced proposed By-Law amendments that will be considered in March, this was then followed by a discussion. MSA.

8:30 p.m.The 11th LD Nominating Convention will be held in May and additional information will be made available soon.**8:40 p.m.****Officer Reports**

Martha Koester and Azziem Underwood provided a report of the WSDCC Quarterly Meeting. Don Bennett shared with the membership a recap on Legislative Action Day down in Olympia. We would like thank them for their continued service.

If you are interested in serving on any of the activist committees that were mentioned in the January minutes, please, contact Jay Hollingsworth, Vice-Chair.

8:45 p.m.

Raffle Prizes

8:50 p.m.

Good of the Order

9:00 p.m.

Adjourned

Proposed 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization By-Law Changes

March 16, 2010

*Note: There are eight proposed changes to lines in six sections to the 11th Legislative District By-Laws up for consideration at the General Membership Meeting on March 16, 2010. Details of the proposed changes are below. For a full copy of the 11th Legislative District By-Laws without changes, go to www.11thlddems.org
Reminder: Only Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) will have voice and vote during this consideration.*

Article II: Membership

Section 3: Annual Dues / Subscriptions are:

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| a) Household Membership (2 individuals at same address) | \$27.00 |
| b) Individual Membership (1 individual) | \$15.00 |
| c) Student or Senior (1 individual) | \$15.00 \$10.00 |
| d) Low-Income, Permanently Disabled (1 individual) | \$ 6.00 |
| e) Supporter Only, no voting rights (per address) | \$10.00 |
| f) Dues are payable in February of each year. A member joining after February may prorate their dues payment for the remaining quarters of the year. Memberships shall be valid through January of the following year. | |

Section 4: Dues are payable in February of each year. A member joining after February may prorate their dues payment for the remaining quarters of the year. Memberships shall be valid through January of the following year.

Article VIII: Elections and Voting

Section 4: Elections for each position shall be held individually. To be eligible for nomination, a qualified candidate must be present or have submitted a signed statement indicating a desire to be nominated. A qualified candidate is a member in good standing, living within the boundaries of the 11th Legislative District.

Article XII: Operations and Rules

Section 1: The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall have authority to sign checks on behalf of the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization (for bank policy and liability purposes only, the title "President" may be substituted for title Chair).

Section 3: Campaign contributions may be made only to an endorsed candidate, ballot measure, or initiative or referendum signature campaigns. The Executive Board shall determine contribution amounts, based upon the financial health of the organization and the General Election ballot. All campaign contributions must ~~first~~ be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 6: Emergency votes on endorsements of candidates may be held electronically and be validated by a vote at the next General Membership Meeting. A two-thirds vote of members responding is required.

WSDCC meeting in Seattle 1-30-2010

The party has struggled with the question of how to do nominations ever since the top two primary system was installed. Since candidates can call themselves whatever they want, how do we make sure that people who call themselves Democrats are in fact Democrats? At last fall's meeting, it was decided that state committeemen and women would sort themselves by congressional district and make formal nominations in January if they were prepared to do that. There was a move to change nomination process to give PCOs a role, but that failed. As expected, incumbents in the 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, and 9th Congressional Districts were nominated. Suzan DelBene received the nomination of the 8th CD and Jay Clough the nomination of the 4th CD. There are several candidates running in the 3rd and none at all so far in the 5th, so those groups postponed their decision until later.

Unfortunately, with Democrats as with many other organizations, when the agenda rolls around to financial matters and long columns of numbers, eyes roll around in heads and meeting attendees drowsily refer the details to the handful of numbers junkies in attendance. This time, the line items indicating 5% pay raises for all office staff drew some attention due to the very unfavorable fundraising environment of the past year. A proposal to raise pay only for those now making less than \$60K was made, but the motion was defeated. The argument against was that the people at the state office work hard and deserve the money. I certainly agree, but I don't see where the issue of who deserves what comes into it—if that were the only factor involved, I'd say they deserve 20%. 2008 was a very good year owing to an exciting primary and an intensely motivating general election, but 2009 was much weaker. Local LD and county organizations raise a lot of money at caucuses, but we don't have any "interesting" presidential primaries scheduled until (hopefully) 2016, and off-year caucuses aren't nearly as well attended. In the meantime, I think we need to watch what we spend at all levels.

Resolution status

2009-2: **Resolution Requesting Investment of More Resources into the VoteBuilder Project by the Democratic National Committee**, passed last year. DNC representative Sharon Mast intended to take this to the meeting in January. I'll follow up with her on it. The bottom line is that our state techie Patrick can't do by himself what he and Wes used to do together. States don't have the cash, so we need to ask the national party to invest more in technology.

2010-1: **Resolution to End the U.S. Occupation and Air War in Afghanistan**. This was combined with a similar resolution, revised, and passed.

2010-2: **Resolution to Recognize the Vietnamese-American Heritage and Freedom Flag**. I didn't submit this to the state Resolutions Committee as it relates to Seattle and surrounding areas. However, I ran into Linh after he attended the Asian/Pacific Islander Caucus, and he said had brought up the issue there, and that the caucus would be interested in taking up the cause. Perhaps we should do a special outreach for the LD caucuses with Vietnamese translators. I attended the event that Linh invited us to in January, and mostly Vietnamese was spoken.

2010-3: **Resolution on Raising State Revenues to Avoid Devastating Cuts to Essential Services**. Despite the best efforts of the Legislative Action Committee, more than one version found its way to the state meeting. They were combined and the resolution passed.

2010-4: **Resolution on Changing the Senate Health Care Bill as Proposed by the Congressional Progressive Caucus**. This went to the floor and was not passed. Seems that more people are concerned with not giving the Republicans a neener-neener moment than with passing legislation that will badly damage our own party's electoral prospects. The excise tax on existing benefits is as deeply unpopular as the public option is popular.

<http://fdlaction.firedoglake.com/2010/02/22/public-option-dramatically-more-popular-than-senate-bill-so-obama-pushes-senate-bill-without-public-option/>

- In Nevada, only **34%** support the Senate bill, while **56%** support the public option.
- In Illinois, only **37%** support the Senate bill, while **68%** support the public option.
- In **Washington State**, only **38%** support the Senate bill, while **65%** support the public option.
- In Missouri, only **33%** support the Senate bill, while **57%** support the public option.
- In Virginia, only **36%** support the Senate bill, while **61%** support the public option.
- In Iowa, only **35%** support the Senate bill, while **62%** support the public option.
- In Minnesota, only **35%** support the Senate bill, while **62%** support the public option.

WSDCC meeting in Seattle 1-30-2010 (Cont'd)

On the plus side, a letter urging the Senate to adopt the public option has been signed by 20 senators already. Cantwell and Murray have not signed, so keep those calls and emails coming in.

2010-5: **Resolution to Defend Social Security Against Possible Future Attacks on This Essential Program.** The Resolutions Committee referred this back to us as the Senate amendment that was its subject was voted down before the quarterly meeting. However, we should all keep watching this issue, as Obama has appointed a presidential committee as an alternative.

http://www.alternet.org/story/145725/obama_pick_for_budget_commission_is_a_very_ominous_sign%3B_a_social_security-medicare_slasher

Candidate (Including PCOs) Online Filing

King County Elections now has online candidate filing for precinct committee offices. There are many benefits to filing online:

- Candidates can file from the convenience of their home.
- Candidates can only file for the precinct in which they are registered to vote.
- Current filings will be available on the web faster and more frequently with online filings.

Candidate filing dates

Online

Beginning June 7 at 9 a.m. and ending June 11, 2010, at 4 p.m.

In-person

Beginning June 7 at 8:30 a.m. and ending June 11, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

King County Elections contact information

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11th Legislative District Democratic Caucus

March 14, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.

The 11th Legislative District Democratic Caucus is scheduled for 1 p.m. on March 14 at the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 751 Hall (IAM Hall - 9125 15th Place S., Seattle, WA 98108, 206-763-1300).

On the agenda is the election of delegates and alternates to attend the county convention and state convention. Input on platform issues and resolutions will also be accepted in written form to advance to the county convention. Speeches from 2010 candidates and elected officials will also be heard at this event.

The 11th Legislative District includes parts of the cities of Burien, Renton, Seattle, Tukwila, SeaTac, and unincorporated King County. To receive a credential to participate with a vote, attendees must be registered to vote in the 11th Legislative District and sign a pledge declaring they are a Democrat.

The district is currently represented in the state House of Representatives by Bob Hasegawa and Zack Hudgins and in the state Senate by Margarita Prentice - all Democrats.

Doors to the event open and registration begins at 12:00 p.m., with the meeting scheduled to be called to order at 1:00 p.m. For more information watch for updates at www.11thliddems.org

11th LD Democratic Vice-Chair

Jay Hollingsworth

I support Bob Hasagawa's efforts in this session of the State Legislature. I want to reduce and eliminate the Sales Tax and replace it with an Income tax. This is the solution for all you people who want to pay less taxes, and all you "Tea Baggers."

Sure, we the people, pay too much! The middle class, the working people, fixed income seniors, and poor have to give up too much of their income to taxes instead of supporting themselves and their families.

Remove as many of the Tax Exemptions for banks and all other businesses as possible. Start taxing Professional services. Are there any loopholes that these businesses use to avoid paying taxes? Close them. Only raise sales tax as a last resort after all other revenue raising measures are enacted.

Bob's bill to create a State Bank is a good one. It is the best way to control our own money and resources.

Official Call

11th Legislative District Democratic Caucus Meeting
Saturday March 14, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 751 Hall
IAM Hall - 9125 15th Place S., Seattle, WA 98108, 206-763-1300

Note: Sign-in to run for Delegate/Alternate and registration for voting credentials begin at 12:00 noon. To receive a credential to participate with a vote, attendees must be registered to vote in the 11th Legislative District and sign a pledge declaring they are a Democrat.

Proposed Agenda

1:00 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Appointment of the Temporary Chair
- Recognitions/Introductions/Speeches from Elected Officials
(as feasible throughout the meeting)

1:10 p.m.

- Principal Business of the Caucus and who may participate is stated
- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Close of Registration Time is announced (at approximately 1:30 p.m.)

1:30 p.m.

- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Report of the Rules Committee
- Adoption of the Rules of the Caucus
- Election of the Permanent Chair
- Announce Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms appointments

1:45 p.m.

- Announce Delegate and Alternate Allocation
- Read Rules for Election of Delegates and Alternates
- Accept Nominations for Delegates from Candidate Sign-in Sheet

2:00 p.m.

- Balloting and Tabulation of Results
- Announcement of the elected Delegates/Alternates

2:30 p.m.

- Remind Delegates/Alternates of County Convention/State Convention Dates/Times
(distribute accommodation information as possible)
- Remind Delegates/Alternates of State Convention Fee (\$50)

2:45 p.m.

- Collect any Platform/Resolution input in writing (forwarded to the County Convention)

3:00 p.m. - Raffle Prizes

3:15 p.m. – Delegate items for Good of the Order

3:30 p.m. - Adjourn

Official Call

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
Tuesday March 16, 2010 - 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.
Approve Past Minutes
Approve Agenda
Recognitions/Introductions
- 7:10 p.m.
Introduce proposed By-Law amendments that will be considered (only credentialed Precinct Committee Officers have a voice and vote)
- 7:30 p.m.
Key Speaker - TBD
- 8:00 p.m. Break
- 8:10 p.m.
 - 11th LD Caucus Meeting – Results
 - King County Democratic Convention – Date/Details/Process
- 11th LD Nominating Convention – Date/Details/Process
- 8:30 p.m. Officer Reports
 - Platform/Resolutions Status – Chris Hintz, KCDCC Male Rep/State Convention Platform Committee Member
 - Legislative Recap – Don Bennett
- 8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes
- 8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order
- 9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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