



30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General
Monthly Meeting
April 1, 2009
First Wednesday of
each month 7 – 9 P.M.
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March 2009 Meeting Report

Our guest speaker was Eric Faison, Deputy Mayor of Federal Way.. He gave an interesting presentation on the state of the City and then answered questions.

There will be a vote in the future regarding changes to the By Laws, in particular relating to Standing Committees (5 of them).

The Budget Committee came up with a proposed budget, which was forwarded to the Executive Board.

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Guest speaker for the April 1st regular general monthly meeting will be Larry Phillips, King County councilmember, District 4, (downtown Seattle, Queen Anne, Magnolia, Ballard, Crown Hill) and a strong advocate for light rail.

A Silent Auction will be initiated at the 4/1 meeting. Rules and regulations will be provided.

The King County Democratic Central Committee hosted PCO Training on Saturday, March 7 at Renton Carpenters Hall 231 Burnett Avenue North, Renton. *The following report was provided by Donna Cirincione.*

If you thought you knew everything there was to know about Vote Builder you are in for a pleasant surprise. The web wizards in the KCDCC have been hard at work implementing new tools to help PCOs with maps of their precincts.

Vote Builder has its own function for mapping precincts that is very limited.

Now we can use the KCDCC web site to access “i maps” with enhanced capabilities for focusing on the exact area within your Precinct map that you want to view just by drawing a box around that area.

Doing that will also save the addresses and phone numbers for that specific area called a “turf” so you can save them and have multiple lists to share with those helping you or to plan out your strategy. This is a really cool tool with more features than just those that will be a wonderful help to PCOs.

Of course there were lessons on Vote Builder basics such as how to retrieve a walking list, which boxes to select to sort your search in various ways, how to enter the data after you have recorded it, and much more. There are handouts available to download on the KCDCC website at:

<http://wademchairs.org/kcdems/documents/pcotraining20090129.pdfweb>.

Before the workshop, candidates for King County Executive, Dow Constantine and Larry Phillips; candidate for 8th Congressional District Representative Suzanne DelBene, and 46th Legislative District Representative Scott White addressed the audience.

It was time well spent at this efficiently organized and nicely presented PCO Training Workshop.

If not you, then who?

Thinking of running for an elected office?

Want to learn to work on campaigns?

Just wonder how the whole thing works?

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NWPC-WA 2009 Campaign Training
Saturday, April 11, 2009
8:00AM-6:00PM
University Women's Club
1105 6th Ave.
Downtown Seattle

For more information and to Register Online today go to: www.wpcnet.org. Hurry, Seating is Limited!

Tracking bills of interest to Democrats before the Washington State Legislature- Steve Zemke

Weekly Update on Issues and Bills - The March 12 deadline for bills to be reported out of one house or the other has passed. While a number of good bills will have to wait for the next session for action, **a good number are also alive and kicking and need our attention.** This attention includes not just keeping them moving, but avoiding bad amendments and trying to add good amendments. **Please check bill status at www.leg.wa.gov** as it can and does change on a daily basis. Also budget issues will now rise to the forefront.

[HB 1517](#) - changing requirements for the restoration of the **right to vote** for people convicted of felonies. Passed the House on March 12 on a vote of 53 to 43. Now in Senate Government Operations and Elections. (Companion Senate Bill 5534 died in Rules.)

[SB5518](#) and [HB 1614](#) - **Invest in Clean Water Bills** - from Margaret Shields we **learn that** although these bills did not get out of committee they are still alive.

The Invest in Clean Water environmental priority IS still alive for the session. I checked with Washington Environmental Council www.wecprotects.org on this and got confirmation. Although the bills have not been passed out of either House, **the measures are deemed necessary to implement the budget**, so they can still be considered and are alive. **1614** is in House Rules and **5518** is in Senate Ways & Means. No action is expected on these bills until the very last week of the session when any big fee bills will be considered during the final budget decisions.

[SB 5895](#) - the Homeowner's Bill of Rights passed the Senate by a 25 to 24 vote. It has been referred to the **House Judiciary Committee.**

Update and Action on Predatory Lending –

Identical bills have passed out of their House (**SHB 1709**) and Senate Committees (**SSB 5920**) **These bills are weaker than what we need**, but they are an improvement.

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SUPPORT PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING.

Campaign cash – and its source – often decide who wins a court seat. In 2006, **more than \$4 million was spent, mostly by special interests, chasing three seats** on the court. It's alarming, it's a nationwide trend – and it demands reform. This year, at our urging, the Legislature considered twin bills (House Bill 1738 and Senate Bill 5912) that would establish optional public financing of campaigns to our state's Supreme Court.

Unfortunately the bills fell victim to the budget shortfall. **We need public financing** of campaigns so that candidates can run, and win, on the strength of their character and commitment to law and public service, rather than the strength of their pocketbooks or backing by heavy hitters. This applies to our courts – and as well to Congress, state offices and legislative races.

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Any registered voter residing within the 30th Legislative District who declares him/herself to be a Democrat may become a voting member upon payment of Annual Dues.

CALENDAR

Wed 4/1 30th District Democrats *Regular General meeting*, 4016 S 352 St
(1/2 mile west of Military) 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Doors open 6:30 P.M.

Wed 4/8 **REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR RAFFLE/FOODBANK**
Exec Board Meeting, Meridian Court, 31420 23 Ave S, 7:00 P.M.
(Newsletter meeting 6:30) This meeting will now be held on the
2nd Wednesday of the month (not Thursday).

Sat 4/11 8 AM to 6 PM Nat'l Women's Political Caucus WA Campaign
Training Univ Women's Club 1105 6 Ave Downtown Seattle
www.wpcnet.org Learn to work on campaigns/run for office etc.
Fri,Sat 4/24-25 WSDCC 2nd meeting of the year Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza
Tacoma,WA 1 888 862 3255

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