

30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General
Monthly Meeting
December 1, 2010
First Wednesday of
each month 7 – 9 P.M.
4016 S 352 St. 98001
½ mile west of
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For the December 1 Regular General Meeting

Your 30th LD Executive Board unanimously approved a recommendation to the membership that we participate in a South King County Democrats Dinner being planned for early 2011. This is the only business scheduled for the General Meeting on December 1, 2010. After this very brief bit of business, we will enjoy an evening of Holiday festivities including a “pot-luck” dinner and socializing. There may even be some surprises. This is an opportunity to bring your family and friends to help us celebrate. We encourage you to bring something to share for the “pot-luck” (ham and turkey will be provided).

Official Call to King County Democrats Reorganization Meeting

The official call to the County and Legislative District Re-organizations has been loaded at the KCDCC website, home page - top story (www.kcdems.org) or you may access here,

<<http://wa-demchairs.org/kcdems/2010/officialcall.20101204.pdf>>

Links have been provided to the Call, PCO appointment procedure, and the presentation on re-organization and redistricting from the KCDCC October meeting.

Emails are being sent to all elected PCOs who filled in email addresses with their online applications; those PCOs who don't have email addresses or have invalid email addresses will be provided with hard copies via USPS.

Any inquiries should be directed to this email address or 425.255.2679.

Thank you,
Susan Sheary
KCDCC Chair
November 13, 2010

Election Results

The results of the November 2 elections will be certified on November 23. As of print time candidates endorsed/issues by the 30th LD Dems are faring thusly:

US Senator-Patty Murry (winning) Congressman-Adam Smith (winning)
State Senator-Tracey Eide (winning) State Rep Pos 1-Mark Miloscia (winning)
State Rep-Pos 2-Carol Gregory (gaining) State Sup Court-Charlie Wiggins (winning)
SE District Ct-Pos 2-David Meyer (winning) Darrell Phillipson (losing) (dual endor)
SE Dist Ct-Pos 6-Matt Williams (winning) SW Dist Ct Pos 2 Susan Mahoney 1
(winning)

Initiative 1053-**NO** (losing) Initiative 1082-**NO** (winning)
Initiative 1098-**YES** (losing) Initiative 1100-**NO** (winning)
Initiative 1105-**NO** (winning) Initiative 1107-**NO** (losing)
Referendum 52-**YES** (losing)

Our record 11 wins 6 losses

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Rep. Mark Miloscia will Challenge Frank Chopp for House Speaker Position

Source: The Seattle Times (thanks to Jean Matthew)

In a move that surprised fellow members of the State House in Olympia, our 30th LD Representative, Mark Miloscia, announced on Tuesday, November 9 that he would challenge Frank Chopp for the House Speaker position.

Many in the State House feel that Mark doesn't have a chance of taking the position away from Chopp, who has been the Speaker since 1998 – the same year that Mark was first elected to the State House.

In his news release Mark said, "We need change. Our Democratic leadership has proved incapable of offering true hope to the people of Washington State and the vision and plans needed to address the growing problems we face during the greatest crisis in 80 years. Not one significant piece of government reform has passed the last two years. ... This failure cannot continue."

In a later phone interview with Seattle Times Olympia bureau reporter, Andrew Garber, Mark acknowledged his long-shot status and said, "Frank is very well-liked. He's a good person. He's everybody's best friend down there. And he did way better than expected managing all the elections. But I'm looking at other measures. ... What's Frank's plan to save the state?"

Carol Gregory Catching Up in Ballot Counting

As the ballot counting continues in the State House 2nd Position race, Carol Gregory continues to catch up to her Republican opponent, Katrina Asay.

In addition to votes that still haven't been counted, there are approximately 900 contested ballots within the 30th LD. Late vote counting has been swinging Democratic.

Alex Lewis, Carol's campaign manager, is working hard at ensuring all contested ballots for Carol are counted. This is being accomplished by canvassing the homes of those voters whose ballots are contested, largely due to problems with the signatures on these ballots.

As of Friday, November 17, Carol had pulled within 342 votes of her rival. The campaign has until November 22 to finish this work. Keep Going Carol!

The Budget, Labor, Trade, Social Security, Medicare, the 2010 Election

An Open Letter by Karen Backman

Congressman Smith:

The statistics of the political shift between the 111th and the 112th congresses:

Democratic losses in the House broken down by caucus:

Progressive Caucus, my favorite, lost 3 out of 76 members, a loss of approximately 4%.

The Blue Dog Coalition, my least favorite, lost 30 out of 55 members, a loss of approximately 55%.

New Democrats, of which you are a member, lost 27 of its 69 members, a loss of a little over 39%.

Unaligned Democrats lost 2 out of 55 members, a loss of approximately 4%.

My stats indicate that the Progressive Caucus has had a net gain of 8% in the 112th Congress.

Interesting stats, are they not? Do they have any significance to you by any chance?

What are your values going to be in the 112th Congress. What are you going to do about the problems that our nation faces?

Joblessness and unemployment. Ending unemployment benefits. Raising the age for Social Security to 67, making even more younger Americans jobless.

How about using stimulus money to extend unemployment benefits, to create American jobs, to encourage solid American manufacturing instead of outsourcing jobs and manufacturing overseas through free trade agreements, adding more people to social security, stimulus money which would instantly turn over many times, really stimulating our economy.

We need jobs and manufacturing here in the United States.

Not in South Korea! Or India! Or China! Or Pakistan! Or Bangladesh!

Jobs for Americans! Manufacturing in America!

Making denim jeans again in America! Making televisions in America! Making tableware in America! Making everyday stuff that Americans use every day, making that here in America!

Not manufacturing death and destruction, weapons and bombs! Why must we now only manufacture death? Tell me why!

In case you didn't notice, that's what the 2010 election was really about.

Grocery Workers Reject Contract, Authorize Strike

From: UFCW Blog

UFCW Local 21 members have been standing strong and united for over 9 months of bargaining with Seattle grocery stores. Now, with the companies insisting on cuts to pay, benefits, and pensions, workers have been forced to take a strike authorization vote in anticipation of a possible strike this holiday season.

Negotiations with Safeway, Albertsons, Fred Meyer, and QFC have stalled, as Local 21 members point out, the employer proposals are simply unfair to workers.

"We have to raise our children, and I've been working there for five years," said Angela Kenyon, who works at a Safeway in Burien. "And what they're having to offer, even for new employees...it's just unfair."

One thing to note: UFCW Local 21 Communications Director Tom Geiger makes an important observation when he explains that "the employers themselves have said their last, best, and final offer is not yet proposed." So the question is: why not? "After nine months you should be able to get pretty much anything done," he says. We couldn't agree more!

The contract rejection and strike authorization votes occurred on Wednesday, November 8.

NOTE: The UFCW says there will likely be no strike as stores prepare for the start of the holiday shopping season. The UFCW represents some 25,000 workers across the regions. The vote also affects grocery and meat workers in Mason County and meat workers in Pierce and Thurston Counties.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ? IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!

**Dues are due in February of each year. PCOs are encouraged to pay dues.
(If your name is not on this list, please check with the Treasurer.)**

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Any registered voter residing within the 30th Legislative District who hereby declares him/herself to be a Democrat may become a voting member upon payment of Annual Dues. *Dues are payable at time of joining and renewable in February each year.*

CALENDAR

Wed 12/01 The December 1st meeting will be our annual Holiday Party. It will be a pot luck. Ham and turkey will be provided. Bring whatever you want to bring: side dish, salad, dessert, bread, wine, water, etc. We always have great food and a good time.

Sat 12/04 King County Democrats Reorganization Meeting. All officers are up for election. All elected (in August) PCOs residing within King County are eligible to vote for the officers. Even if you're not eligible to vote, it's good to know the larger county organization.

Wed 01/05/2011 The 30LD re-organization meeting is January 5. All officers and by-laws are up for election. Only PCO's who were elected in the August Primary will be eligible to vote for Chair, Vice-Chair, WA State Delegates, and King County Delegates/Alternates. The Treasurer, Secretary, and LAC Chair are open to vote by ALL paid members present.

IF YOU HAVE suggestions/input for the newsletter, contact kd7jpu@arr1.net or 253 838 8618 not later than 18 th of month.