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<http://www.30thdemswa.org>

General Membership Meeting: **April 1st, 2015**
First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 pm**
WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

From The Chair

April 1 Meeting - We expect to have a full agenda, including visits from candidates, discussion and voting on proposed endorsement rules and questionnaires, and discussion and voting on 4 resolutions (text elsewhere in this newsletter). These are all very important issues as we move forward in the 2015 election cycle. Please plan to attend and take part in the process of defending, restoring and enhancing democracy.

My soapbox - **“The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 14, 2015. This date symbolizes how far into 2015 women must work to earn what men earned in 2014.** Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages. Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. The wage gap is even greater for most women of color. **Wear RED on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are 'in the red' with their pay!**” This is a pet peeve of mine-that after all these years women and minorities still make considerably less for the same work as white males and that it takes women 15½ months to make the amount of wages in their jobs that men do in 12 months. This discrepancy not only affects take home pay but also decreases credits towards Social Security and pension benefits. We must close this wage gap.

Business Cards - For those who ordered 30th LD business cards, they have arrived. The final const per 100 cards is \$7.82 and may be paid to our treasurer, Noama Zanetti by cash or check (made out to the “30th LD Democrats”). The cards are printed in a Union Shop and on recycled paper. Others interested in ordering personalized business cards should contact Dan Turley.

April 28 Election Ballot - There will be two issues on the ballot for most of us in the 30th LD. **Please consider these measures and vote by April 28.**

King County Proposition 1 (From Max Brown, Yes on Public Safety) “Voting to approve Proposition 1 will allow us to replace the dangerously outdated radio network that coordinates emergency response

in King County- including all 39 cities and the unincorporated areas as well.

"The system we currently have is nearly 20 years old, and was built to handle a much smaller population over a more compact geographic area. As the system ages, the frequency of service outages, dead zones, and equipment failures become more frequent- leading to unacceptable gaps in coverage in both rural and urban parts of the county.

"Ultimately, the safety of the public and our emergency responders relies on the radio network to help dispatch and coordinate response during life-threatening situations. Be sure to look for your ballot in April, and please vote to approve Prop 1 so we can continue to protect King County residents for years to come."

For more information: www.yesonpublicsafety.org

King County Emergency Radio Network Replacement Levy

Jim Fossos and Mark Thompson

Fire District Commissioners serving citizens within unincorporated King County and the suburban cities within those fire districts support the need for a new radio system.

Residents within fire districts need to understand the potential negative financial impact that this Lid Lift funding method could have on your fire district that serves you for the next 9 years; should property values suddenly drop like they did in 2008.

If property values drop, fire districts could possibly be in a negative financial position and need to lay off fire fighters during the 9 year term of the PSERN (radio system) levy.

Laying off Fire Fighters is unacceptable, especially when a comprehensive prorationing protection plan could have been implemented by the County Executive to stave off any possible staffing reductions by impacted fire districts.

The fiduciary responsibility of your Elected Fire Commissioners is to look out for you and your fire districts financial best interest! This levy lid lift is not in your long term best interest.

We, as elected fire commissioners, want you to know the facts as without a comprehensive pro-rationing protection plan your level of emergency service may be negatively affected.

Know the Facts, Be informed, Vote Informed.

Mark Thompson, 253-344-1823

James A. Fossos, 206-824-8537

South King Fire & Rescue Proposition 1

(Endorsed by the 30th LD Democrats on March 4)
Chief Al Church

The time has come.

South King Fire & Rescue (SKFR) has not run a citizen approved bond issue since the early 1990s (known as a G.O., or General Obligation, Bond). For many years, SKFR utilized a system of transferring normal operating revenues from the General Fund into a Capital Reserve account to fund major capital equipment, apparatus, and facility needs experienced by the fire district. This process worked very well for many years; however, it was noted in the early 2000s that a financial boost would at some point be needed in order to continue to meet the capital needs of the fire district. That time has since come and gone, and has actually been made worse by the Great Recession experienced from 2008 through 2012.

The aforementioned information relative to capital revenues and expenditures brings us to today's departmental needs. Today, SKFR is in need of a capital "boost" in order to continue to meet the needs of our citizens relative to fire stations, apparatus, and equipment. Thus, a Bond Plan was developed and unanimously adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners to present to the public served by SKFR on April 28th, 2015. The Bond Plan will assist SKFR in meeting the needs of our community for both the short and long terms.

The recession of 2008 through 2012 (some would say early 2013) caused the Capital Reserve system at SKFR to be used only as absolutely necessary for the replacement of apparatus, equipment, or station upgrades. Further, ongoing annual contributions to the Capital Reserves have virtually been eliminated due to the impact the economy had on our operating revenues (a loss of nearly 30% annually in property tax revenues). In order to catch up, and reinvigorate the capital needs at SKFR, a bond issue has become a necessity.

The population in South King Fire & Rescue is increasing and expected to continue to increase, and District facilities are in need of improvement and rehabilitation to continue to provide 911 emergency services for fire and basic life support. The Firefighter Safety and Emergency Response Bond Measure, known as Proposition 1, allows the District to make needed improvements to aging fire stations and facilities including earthquake safety upgrades and roof replacements; modernize technology infrastructure and equipment for firefighting emergency response; construct and equip a new fire station; and modernize fire station exhaust systems and infectious disease decontamination and related areas to current local and federal standards designed to prevent the transmission of disease and cancer causing agents in the stations.

Proposition 1 allows the District to upgrade and acquire fire trucks, aid cars/ambulances, and other equipment for 911 emergency and medical response and other District purposes; acquire lifesaving and cardiac response equipment for patients and up-to-date safety and breathing equipment for firefighters; and improve and acquire equipment to meet current safety standards. Proposition 1 allows the District to refund and restructure outstanding District bonds payable from regular property tax levies, proceeds of which were used to acquire property, fire apparatus, and other capital purposes. The refunding and restructuring will make its regular property taxes available for fire prevention, fire protection, emergency medical services, and other District purposes. Proposition 1 would authorize the issuance of \$53,700,000 of general

obligation bonds maturing within 20 years and the levy of annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds.

On April 28th, it is up to our citizens!!!!

WAmend on the Road to Success

Fix Democracy First (March 2015 Newsletter)

The Washington Coalition to Amend the Constitution, of which Fix Democracy First! is a member, recently filed an initiative with the Secretary of State calling upon Congress to pass an amendment to clarify that money is not speech and that non-humans do not have constitutional rights. Since this initiative is to the legislature, signatures will be gathered beginning in April through mid-December and the legislature will consider it in the 2016 legislative session. The legislature can adopt it as is, ignore it and let it go to the 2016 general election ballot, or pass an alternative, in which case both proposals go to the ballot.

This is the second effort to gather over 300,000 signatures using only volunteers. The campaign has a head start this time around. The initiative language was hammered out early so organizing could begin to recruit volunteers. Bylaws were revised to create a more flexible and effective leadership team. A campaign manager and 3 staff members have been hired and the surplus from the last campaign has provided a small cushion of start up money. Volunteers collected 175,000 signatures from February through June for Initiative 1329 in 2014. It is assumed with the longer time and summer activities to collect signatures that it will be easier to reach the goal this year.

LAC – 2015 Legislative Session

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Gregory Baruso, Chair

It is Week 11 of the legislative session that ends on April 24th and the cutoff for bills to pass out of their house of origin has already expired.

Of course, a couple of Labor bills have met a buzz

saw in the Senate although they have passed out the House with the help of key Democratic Sponsors.

HB 1355, Increase Minimum Wage to \$12, and HB 1356, Paid Sick Leave, both passed out of the House 51-46 in favor. They both are scheduled for a hearing on Monday, March 30th in the Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.

These bills are in need of support from all of us. We can make a difference by calling our legislators and the Governor and urging them to support these two very important bills.

Here are others that are still alive but also could use your phone call to Olympia:

- **SHB 1449 Oil Transportation Safety** requires railroads to do oil spill response planning and increase Oil Spill Tax on vessels to include pipelines. Ask Senate Committee Chair Doug Erickson and committee members to support. (The House bill includes sea transport safety)
- **HB 1647 Equity in Contraceptive Coverage** urge Committee Chair Randi Becker to schedule a fair and balanced hearing.
- **E2SHB 1682 Homeless Student Stability Act** pilot grant program provides increased in-school guidance, supports housing referrals to homeless students. Ask Senator Miloscia to support.
- **ESB 5153 Dark Money Campaign Disclosure** ask members to support this badly needed reform. Fix Democracy first!

There are also a few to oppose:

- **SSB 5748 Requiring test scores to be used as part of teacher evaluations** – unvalidated high-stakes tests being used in teacher evaluations. The \$40M Federal NCLB, (No Child Left Behind), waiver penalty is less than 1% of the state education budget and most of it was restored after six months. The WEA opposes this bill.
- **ESSB 5899 Small consumer installment loans** – Moneytree is behind this bill and Representative Ryu needs our support. The State Attorney General is opposed as are dozens of advocacy groups. Write Committee

Chair Steve Kirby, members Brian Blake, Chris Hurst, Derek Stanford, and Sharon Tomiko-Santos and tell them why you oppose predatory lending.

- **SB 5978 Changing the Presidential Primary** – moves Presidential Primary to the 2nd Tuesday in March. It would require both major parties to use the results to allocate at least some delegates in order for the parties to receive the names of their voters. The companion bill died in House committee. The Democratic Party has a First Amendment right to meet and make delegate allocation decisions without interference or pressure.

As I understand, it's been a struggle to get even a hearing for many bills that both we and the King County Democrats have offered in both of our Legislative Agendas. It is very important that these and many other supported bills receive fair and open discussions in committee as many of these bills are important to working families and the people of the 30th District.

Call your legislators at 1-800-562-6000, and let your voice be heard.

You can also track these and other bills at www.leg.wa.gov or on the King County Democrats website at www.kcdems.org.

PCO/Membership Report

Richard Champion, Chair

Since the beginning of the year, we've added 14 appointed new PCOs – 13 in King County and 1 in Pierce County – and one of our PCOs has moved and was appointed as a PCO in their new precinct. That brings our current number of PCOs to 51 – 49 King County, 2 Pierce County, 36 elected, and 15 appointed.

With only one month having passed since 2014 memberships expired on February 4, 2015, there are currently 89 paid members of the organization for 2015. Those who have not renewed their memberships by the March meeting will receive individual appeals for renewal in the coming weeks.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2015?
IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!

President's Club

Liz/Miles Drake, Linda/Elbert Gage, Shari Song

Senator's Club

Kim/Penni Dixon, Carol/Gil Gregory, Al/Teya Hillerman, Jeff/Kaori Holden, Ginny Leach, Bonnie/Mark Thompson, Dan/Julie Turley, Keith Tyler, Jem Wear

Governor's Club

Jay/Peg Altman, Greg/Shawn Baruso, Sharon/James Englund, Roger/Karla Flygare, John/Karolyn Hughey, Mike/Mary Kun, Jodi/Jerry Yap, Jacqueline Russo, Paul Schlossman

Family Members

Carolyn/Walt Brooks, Sharry/Owen Edwards, Jerry/Linda Flynn, Jim/Madelyn Grayson, Joe/Mary Greene, Bernie/Susan Knighton, Keith/Susan Livingston, Stacy/Tyler Oliveira, Lynn/Robert Ormsby, John/Jackie Rickert, Monica/Wayne Smith, James/Naoma Zanetti

Members

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MEETING CALENDAR

Wed 04/01 30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting

7-9 PM, doors open 6:30 PM

WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

Wed 04/29 Exec Board Meeting. Open to all members of the 30th District

Democrats, where the members always have a voice.

**Motion to amend the 30th District Democrats' Standing Rules to add new Article III:
Endorsement Procedures.**

Article III: Endorsement Procedures

- Sec. 1) Candidates and ballot measure campaigns may not receive any financial support from the 30th District Democrats unless they have received an endorsement by the general membership.
- Sec. 2) To be eligible for endorsement, a legislative or partisan candidate must file as a Democrat. If a candidate is seeking a nonpartisan office that is legislative or executive, a candidate must satisfactorily answer the question, "Are you a Democrat?" in the affirmative. If a candidate is seeking a judicial nonpartisan office, the Endorsements Committee shall not make any attempt to ascertain the candidate's political affiliation.
- Sec. 3) To receive a recommendation for endorsement by the Endorsements Committee, a candidate must request, or the Endorsements Committee chair will request from the candidate, that the Endorsements Committee interview him or her after the candidate has completed the most recent candidate questionnaire adopted by the Endorsements Committee. A candidate may not receive recommended endorsement by the Committee without first completing a questionnaire and engaging in an interview with the Committee. These rules shall not preclude a motion for endorsement from the floor of a general membership meeting of the 30th District Democrats.
- Sec. 4) To be recommended for endorsement to the general membership body of the 30th District Democrats, a candidate or ballot measure must receive a two-thirds vote of the Endorsements Committee members present and voting following the candidate's interview and the Committee's deliberations. Any process sanctioned by the Washington State Democratic Party for nominating candidates supersedes these endorsement procedures if they conflict with that process.
- Sec. 5) Endorsements made before the end of any filing period, whether the regular filing week in May or a special filing period, shall be considered early endorsements unless the endorsement is for a Democratic Party nomination or an appointment, and not an elected office.
- Sec. 6) The 30th District Democrats' general membership will be given one month notice via the monthly newsletter of a vote on endorsement in a particular position. The Endorsements Committee shall not publish its recommendation on a particular candidate prior to the general membership's vote on that recommendation
- Sec. 7) No candidate or paid staff member of a candidate shall be eligible to serve as a voting member of the Endorsements Committee or observe its post-interview deliberations.

Current Bylaws Provision (for reference):

Article XIV: Endorsements

- Sec. 1) A Vote to endorse shall require a sixty percent (60%) approval of eligible members present and voting.
- Sec. 2) Any endorsement can be revoked by sixty percent vote. Any revocation must include notice to involved parties and subject to all terms for endorsement.
- Sec. 3) It shall not be permitted to endorse any candidate who is known to be a member of any other political party; this shall include known members of the Republican, Libertarian, Reform, American Taxpayer, and any other party recognized with party status by the Secretary of State's office.

Resolution in Support of Governor Inslee's 2 Carbon Pollution Accountability Act

Whereas the release of carbon dioxide and other pollutants is causing devastating and perhaps irreversible harm in our state and around the world, including increasing global temperatures; declining snowpack that reduces water supplies; more frequent and more destructive forest fires; acidification of our waters threatening shellfish populations; and a dangerous increase in asthma, particularly among children in low-income communities; and

Whereas industries that emit huge amounts of carbon pollution face no financial responsibility for the damages they inflict on people and the environment; and

Whereas establishing a price on carbon will encourage investment in less carbon-intensive alternative energies like solar and wind; and

Whereas building a robust alternative energy sector will create living wage jobs for thousands of Washingtonians; and

Whereas in 2008 the Legislature of the State of Washington enacted legislation to limit and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases consistent with the emission reductions established in RCW 70.235.020; and

Whereas, at the request of Governor Jay Inslee, the Carbon Pollution Accountability Act (CPAA) was introduced in the State Legislature in order to achieve the carbon emission reduction goals established in 2008 under RCW 70.235.020; and

Whereas the CPAA would create a market-based program that limits carbon pollution and requires major polluters to pay for their emissions; and

Whereas the CPAA would decrease pollution limits gradually over time, allowing industry time to transition to cleaner technologies without undue loss of jobs and profitability; and

Whereas the CPAA would generate approximately \$1 billion dollars annually, for reinvestment by the State toward expanded public transit, education and our social safety net; and

Whereas the CPAA contains provisions to protect lower-income families from the financial impacts of transitioning to a clean-energy economy;

Therefore, be it resolved that we whole-heartedly support our Governor's proposed program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly that embodied in the Carbon Pollution Accountability Act, and urge our State Legislature to adopt it forthwith; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that we send copies of this resolution to Governor Jay Inslee and our state legislators as well as to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, requesting that their members write or call their state legislators urging passage of the Carbon Pollution Accountability Act.

Resolution of Support

King County Prop. 1: Emergency Public Safety Radio Network Replacement Project

WHEREAS the current radio network supporting emergency responders in King County was designed and constructed nearly 20 years ago, and

WHEREAS the network was originally designed to [cover](#) a smaller geographic area and population base, and

WHEREAS the vendor supporting the network will discontinue provision of service and [parts](#) for the current [system](#) at the end of 2018, and

WHEREAS the network will experience an increased risk of component failures, service outages, and dead spots in [coverage](#) over time, and

WHEREAS the network is used by all cities in King County, as well as in the unincorporated portions of the county, and

WHEREAS the network supports 19,000 emergency responders county-wide, and

WHEREAS the safety of both emergency responders and those in need of [response](#) is dependent upon a reliable communications network,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 30th Legislative District Democratic Organization does hereby support and endorse the passage of King County Prop. 1: the Emergency Public Safety Radio Network Replacement Project during the [special](#) election on April 28th, 2015,

AND that the 30th Legislative District Democratic Organization communicate said endorsement to organizational members and community allies through appropriate public or private means.

Resolution Supporting the Right of the Democratic Party To Select its Presidential Nominee

Whereas the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees freedom of association and the right of individuals to choose whether to join or leave groups, and the right of a group to take collective action to pursue the interests of its members; and

Whereas the right to select its party nominees is an inherent right of a political party; and

Whereas the State of Washington does not have the power to interfere with the internal affairs of a political party; and

Whereas the State of Washington does not allow for voter registration by party; and

Whereas the Democratic Party believes that only voters who choose to affiliate with the Democratic Party should select its nominees for elective office; and

Whereas the rules of the Democratic National Committee (“DNC”) require state Democratic parties to select their delegates to the national Democratic Party convention by a single method: either the results of (1) a presidential primary, or (2) a presidential caucus; and

Whereas the Washington State Democratic Party has historically used only the precinct caucus method for selecting its delegates to the national Democratic Party convention; and

Whereas the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee will this year decide whether all its delegates to the national convention will be determined through the results of either (1) a presidential primary or (2) precinct caucuses; and

Whereas DNC Standing Rules preclude the State Democratic Party from choosing to split its delegation between those chosen by primary and those chosen by caucus; and

Whereas Washington State Senate Bill 5978 would require that the State Democratic Party use the results of a presidential primary held on the second Tuesday in March to select a portion of its national convention delegates, in violation of DNC rules, thereby precluding the State Party from using the caucus method to choose any of its delegates;

Therefore, be it resolved that we oppose all efforts by the State of Washington to infringe on the rights of the Democratic Party to select its presidential delegates by the method the Party chooses; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to 30th Legislative District members of the Washington State legislature, Governor Jay Inslee, Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Democratic Party Chair Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and the Washington State Democratic Central Committee.

A Resolution Concerning SB 5987-SB5997, the 2015 Draft Transportation Package

WHEREAS, the Transportation package (SB 5987-SB5997) that recently passed the Republican controlled State Senate appropriated \$10.5 billion to be spent between now and 2031, of which \$1.2 billion is for highway maintenance and \$1.3 billion is for transit (including the ferries and passenger trains), and authorized Sound Transit to seek local voter approval of \$11 billion for the next phase of light rail; and

WHEREAS, of the highway funds, \$1.6 billion was appropriated to finishing the west end of the SR 520 new toll bridge, \$3.5 million was appropriated to finishing the Eastlake noise wall along I-5 and of the transit funds, \$8 million was appropriated for the Madison Valley Rapid Ride expansion; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit has identified a need for \$15 billion in funding to complete the next phase of construction; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit, Everett and Tacoma leaders have urged the legislature to authorize the additional funds to allow completion of the light rail service to Paine Field, Everett, Tacoma and Redmond to provide alternative transportation to the already badly congested I-5, 520 and I-90; and

WHEREAS, some of the bills

- contain destructive language that would eliminate important funding for transit projects if the previously-authorized Low Carbon Fuel Standard is adopted by the Department of Ecology (SB 5987);
- divert sales tax money, badly needed for support of the public schools and other programs dependent on the general fund, to highway construction projects (SB 5990);
- divert funds from the “environmental legacy” account that supports local government environmental damage and hazardous waste cleanup projects to highway storm water and fish passage projects that should be paid for out of highway funds (SB 5991);
- and exempt highway projects from the need to acquire certain permits from local governments (SB 5994).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 30th Legislative District Democrats Organization calls on the Democratic Caucus in the Washington State House of Representatives to:

1. Counter all the Republican transit and environmentally hostile provisions of the Senate bills with elimination of these odious provisions; and
2. Move forward with provisions in the House bill that would produce a final legislation that would:
 - 2.1. Support the Governor’s clean fuels program;
 - 2.2. Increase funding for transit, bicycles, and pedestrians, especially Sound Transit’s third phase;
 - 2.3. Provide more funding for maintenance of our existing infrastructure, especially aging bridges;
 - 2.4. Not divert funds from important environmental protection and cleanup programs;
 - 2.5. Not rob sales tax revenue from the general fund, which is the funding source for the public schools; and
 - 2.6. Not restrict the authority of local governments to carry out their planning functions.

And we direct that this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, our representatives in Olympia and the Washington State Democratic and the King County Democratic Central Committees.

Approved by the 43rd District Democrats Legislative District Organization at the March 17th 2015 General Membership meeting.