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General Membership Meeting: **September 2, 2015**
First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 P.M.**
WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way (TBD)

From The Chair

Tim Burns

Official Call

At our membership meeting on Wednesday, September 2, the 30th Legislative District Democrats will officially nominate our candidate for the 30th LD Representative, Position 2, in the 2015 election cycle. This is a procedural requirement, under state law, which affords us the right to nominate a replacement should our candidate win the election and subsequently vacate the position prior to the next election. This was the method by which we were able to nominate Carol Gregory to fill the position won by and later vacated by the unfortunate and untimely death of Roger Freeman last year. Only current elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers are eligible to vote in this procedure.

Resolutions

Two resolutions will be presented to the membership meeting on September 2 for action. These resolutions (found elsewhere in this newsletter) deal with 1) the establishment of a state Investment Trust (State Bank) and 2) condemning the votes of Washington State Congressional Representatives approving the "Trade Promotion Authority (TPA)" or "fast-track" as it is commonly known.

2015 Election Cycle

The results of the August Primary election have been certified (turnout of voters was a dismal 24%). Of our endorsed candidates, unfortunately Anthony Murrietta, Randall Smith, Christopher Roberts and Ken Rogers finished out of the "top two" and will not continue to the general election on November 3. Our remaining endorsed candidates and issues (see our endorsements on our webpage www.30thdemswa.org) are working hard to be successful in November. They need your help and support. There may be additional endorsements acted upon at our meetings in September and October. Every vote will be critical in order for our candidates and issues to be victorious. Please help in any way you can to assure the highest possible voter participation. When Democrats vote, Democrats and society win.

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New Officers

Due to the resignation of Richard Champion to attend law school in Iowa, the PCOs elected Jim Zanetti to be the 30th LD State Committeeman at our August 5 meeting. As Richard was also the Membership/PCO Chair, I appointed (with concurrence of the Executive Board) Jodi Riker and Jerry Yap as co-chairs of that committee. Jodi will be primarily responsible for membership and Jerry for PCO recruitment and training. Thank you for volunteering to accept this assignment.

A Heads Up

Since 2016 is a Presidential election year, the State Democratic Party has chosen to use the caucus method to choose delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held in Philadelphia, PA., July 25-28, 2016. This process allows two routes by which delegates are selected:

- Precinct caucus
 - Legislative District caucus
 - County Convention
 - State Convention
 - National Convention
- Congressional District caucus
 - State Convention
 - National convention

Dates of the caucuses and conventions are:

- Precinct Caucuses:
 - Saturday, March 26, 2016
- Legislative District Caucus:
 - Sunday, April 17, 2016
- County Conventions:
 - Sunday, May 1, 2016
- Congressional District Caucuses:
 - Saturday, May 21, 2016
- State Convention:
 - June 16-19, 2016 @ Tacoma, WA
- National Convention:
 - July 25-28, 2016 @ Philadelphia, PA

If you are interested in becoming a delegate (committed to a candidate or uncommitted) or supporting a particular candidate, you are encouraged to participate in the caucus/convention cycle. Decisions are made by those who participate.

We will also need significant help to plan and conduct the precinct and legislative district caucuses.

Visit our 2015 campaign office!

33505 13th Place South



- **Get campaign signs and literature**
- **Get walking lists for doorbelling**
- **Phonebank for our candidates**
- **Bring canned and dry goods for food drive**
- **Bring school supplies for needy students**
- **Bring used printer ink cartridges**
- **Bring raffle and auction items**
- **Keep our office staff company!**

Legislative Action Committee

Serious Budget Fallout

Greg Baruso

So we all know about the wildfires in Central Washington that are presently burning, and how much damage and destruction they have wrought. How about a back story?

Like many organizations around our state and even our great nation, the fire department which I work for has deployed equipment to help fight the wildfires, and we are presently rotating our crews to keep our personnel fresh and rested. Yes, we are now receiving Federal money to help with the battle, but what about the next time? Pardon the pun, but it looks like the Legislature will take heat for squeezing firefighting funding out of the 2015-2017 biennium budget that resulted from the long and grueling 2015 extended session.

Before the latest round of wildfires in Eastern Washington, State Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark urged the Legislature to boost the budget for firefighting crews and fire prevention. After the Carlton Complex fire last year, Goldmark thought that his case was self-evident. Some would also think that, by the time our lawmakers were finished with budget talks this year, our summer's fire season had already started, taking with it many homes

in the Wenatchee area. But the Legislature's final two-year budget substantially shorted Mr. Goldmark's request. Legislators approved only \$1.2 million of the \$4.2 million increase that Goldmark asked for to buy 10 new engines and hire crews. It provided only half of the \$20 million sought for forest-health programs. With more harsh summers expected to come to our state, funding for such programs are vital to our economy and region. These fires destroy not only homes and wildlife habitats, but also agricultural land which Washington depends on to fuel our economy and fund our budgets.

This is just more fallout from the Legislature trying to find money to fund the McCleary decision, fix our transportation woes, and keep Washington State's economy flowing. Our Legislators need our assistance to help make the hard decisions that they do every day on our behalf. It is vital that we all keep in contact with our lawmakers. Do your part. Let your voice be heard. Contact your 30th District legislators and let them know what is important to you. Fire does not discriminate -- even in Olympia!

Update on I-1366

King County Judge Dean Lum recently heard arguments on the lawsuit against Tim Eyman's latest bid idea. If you recall, this initiative blackmails our State legislators by forcing them to choose between blowing a \$3 billion hole in our state budget or sending Eyman's anti-tax constitutional amendment to voters in November. Judge Lum agreed that I-1366 "appears to violate" the Constitution and said it's up to the State Supreme Court to decide if it should be removed from the ballot. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case on September 3rd, just before the deadline to remove it from the ballot.

King County Report

An Appeal to Sensitivity

Keith Tyler

With the KCDCC having another county-wide field day in September in lieu of a meeting, the August KCDCC Executive Board meeting was effectively the last chance for candidates to be considered for county party endorsement. A number of previously endorsed candidates failed to survive the Top Two primary, resulting in new recommendations from the Endorsements Committee, including a

number for Seattle City Council. Michael Maddux was endorsed for Seattle District 4, in place of previous endorsee Tony Provine. No endorsement was made for District 3 in place of previous endorsee Rod Hearne. One new endorsement relevant to the 30th District was for David Storaasli for Pacific City Council. David is a longtime resident who was recruited by current Pacific mayor and 30th endorsee Leanne Guier.

Aside from endorsements, Chair Rich Erwin gave an impassioned speech in response to recent charges of racial insensitivity by members of the KCDCC, imploring all members to take advantage of sensitivity resources, and to apologize immediately whenever an accidental incident of insensitivity, real or perceived, occurs. This was followed by an apology by another member for unintentionally insensitive comments made during an endorsement interview.

Resolutions were passed regarding protection of pollinators (bees and other insects) which are essential to agriculture and environmental health, but which are threatened by pesticide use and invasive species abatement efforts, and regarding dissatisfaction with the votes of Washington Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray in favor of "Fast Track" for the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement.

A bylaw was added making the previously ad-hoc DisAbilities Committee a permanent standing committee.

In lieu of a September meeting, the KCDCC is calling all county PCOs to help with the Claudia Balducci and Carol Gregory campaigns.

September 2015 Events

September 5

King County Field Day for Claudia Balducci
14205 SE 36th St, Bellevue

September 11-27

Washington State (AKA Puyallup) Fair
Visit the Democratic Party booth!

September 12

King County Democrats' "A Witty Little Dinner" @ Renton Pavilion. Tickets \$100

September 19

Washington State Democrats' Maggie Awards
@ Wenatchee Convention Center. Tickets \$85

September 26

Carol Gregory Campaign Volunteer Push
33505 13th Pl S, Federal Way

Treasurer's Report

September 2015

Naoma Zanetti

1. Ending Checking Balance as of 8/24/15:	\$ 7,909.34
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>(\$150.99)</u>
	\$ 7,758.35
2. Accounts Receivable	46.92
<i>Some members have yet to pay for business cards.</i>	
<i>Please ensure you have paid for any orders made.</i>	
3. Petty Cash	26.32
4. August Membership Dues:	35.00
5. 2015 Memberships Dues:	4,025.00
6. 2015 Membership Contributions:	50.00
7. August Non-Member Contributions:	15,220.00
\$20.00 Dale Bright	
\$5,000.00 Kennedy Fund	
\$5,000.00 Justice For All PAC	
\$5,000.00 WSFE SSF	
\$200.00 Planned Parenthood Votes	
8. August Raffle:	72.00
9. Expenses for August:	15,125.99
\$50.00 WEA - July's Rent	
\$15.99 Hospitality	
\$15,000.00 Friends of Carol Gregory	
\$60.00 Annual Picnic Permit	
10. In-Kind Contributions for August:	188.21
\$ 32.21 Sharry Edwards	
\$ 156.00 Carol Gregory	

An Appeal From the Chair of the King County Democrats

Rich Erwin

I want to formally state that, on behalf of the King County Democrats, I apologize that anyone was made to feel less than how they should be treated - as an equal member or welcomed guest of the King County Democrats.

We want the King County Democrats to be the most inclusive party organization in the state of Washington - period. To that end, I ask that any members who have made inappropriate comments to

apologize to the Executive Board or to the candidate involved, with acknowledgement confirmed. If they refuse to apologize, I will ask them to step down from all positions that they currently hold within the KCDCC.

Anyone who wants to lead the King County Democrats has to show that they understand people of diverse cultures and backgrounds and that they want to ensure that the King County Democrats is the most diverse and welcoming organization in the state.

Each one of us comes into this room with a history and a legacy. We have to understand that though we are all Americans, we do not share the same American experience. Each of us in this room need to understand the power of the accumulated experience that we bring into this room. You cannot assume that just because something doesn't hurt you, it has not hurt someone else.

With that in mind, I need you all to be mindful of the things that we say. And if you aren't sure whether it is appropriate, whether it is offensive, whether it is hurtful - if you are not sure, you should not say it.

When I grew up, I was taught about "hard racism" and "soft racism." "Hard racism" is easy to see, easy to combat. "Soft racism" in this country is people of privilege, typically white people, oblivious to the difference between how they are treated and how people not like themselves are treated. In our hearts, we may not think this is happening, but it is happening.

As a party, and an organization, the First Amendment is part of our structural DNA. But we can no longer accept "soft racism" within the King County Democrats.

Just because you think you didn't say something wrong does not mean that you didn't hurt somebody. We are not judging intent. We are judging effect.

When you get behind the wheel drunk, you may not have intended to crash into another vehicle and kill a family of five - but you will be held accountable for those deaths. Because that is what happened.

We are all in this together. We are brothers and sisters, united in a mission greater than ourselves. We will win, or we will lose, together.

All of the people outside of this room, counting on us to win for their sake, need us to come back together. We need all of them to know that they can join us at any time, and be both welcomed and accepted.

We have a higher calling. We have a greater responsibility. My door is always open. Thank you.

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STATE BANK OWNED BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON STATE

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Washington state have demanded greater accountability and wiser use of the taxes they pay to benefit Washingtonians, not Wall Street; and

WHEREAS, a state bank owned by and for the people of Washington State would meet those demands by using taxpayer dollars to invest in infrastructure, create jobs, increase access to capital for small businesses by supporting local community banks, absorb debt capacity, avert long term debt payments to Wall Street, and keep taxpayers dollars in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, a Washington Investment Trust would streamline and create efficiencies of the State's numerous existing revolving loan programs and leverage their capacity to work for the people of Washington State while lowering overhead and exercising efficiencies of scale, paying its own operating costs, and returning profits back to the state; and

WHEREAS, recent Washington State legislative sessions have exposed a serious lack of resource and bonding capacity to deal with the state's overwhelming capital needs; and

WHEREAS, a Washington Investment Trust can grow in capacity to be an unparalleled resource for future generations of Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, a successful model of public banking is the Bank of North Dakota, which was first established in 1919 and is controlled by the people for the benefit of the people and economy of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, public banking is a bedrock of social development in most high achieving global economies like Germany, Japan, Brazil, Russia, India and China; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Legislative District Democrats endorse creation of a publicly owned State Bank, which shall be governed by an independent public commission that is accountable and transparent to the people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the 30TH Legislative District House and Senate Democratic and Republican Representatives, and the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for their action and support.

Submitted to the 30th LD Democratic Organization by Tim Burns.

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE VOTES OF SENATORS CANTWELL AND MURRAY, AND OF REPRESENTATIVES LARSEN, DELBENE AND KILMER, TO "FAST-TRACK" THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS multilateral negotiations among unidentified corporate representatives of the United States and 11 other

Pacific Rim nations have been conducted in secret for 6-7 years, to develop an agreement to be known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership ("TPP") for governance of future trade among those nations; and

WHEREAS, despite the ongoing exceptional secrecy, it has become known that the TPP would, as in past international trade agreements, establish a system of Investor-State Dispute Settlement ("ISDS") tribunals comprised of corporate trade lawyers empowered to override, without judicial review, existing labor laws, environmental protections and health and safety regulations in any participating nation, insofar as those measures might be thought to adversely affect the expected future profits of multinationals and other foreign corporations; and

WHEREAS there is every reason to believe that the TPP would produce disastrous results much like those of such other recent pacts as NAFTA and the infamous "Korea Free Trade Agreement" that have offshored high-wage jobs and collectively boosted our overall trade deficit to more than \$248.5 billion ("Business and Industry Council," Tradeticker.org) – growing by \$5 billion yearly (Economic Policy Institute, Dean Baker) – including our own state's trade deficit of \$147 million; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic Party, in convention assembled in Spokane in June 2014, adopted a State Democratic Platform expressly opposing "Foreign trade agreements, such as the Transpacific Pact (TPP), that put the interests of corporations above the rights of workers [and] environmental protections, and that overrule the authority of federal, state, and local governments;" and

WHEREAS resolutions of unequivocal opposition to the TPP, and/or to a "Fast-Track" process for expediting its approval, have been adopted many times since January 2013 – by the Seattle and Bellingham City Councils, by numerous Washington Democratic organizations at the legislative district and county levels, and by the Washington State Democrats; and

WHEREAS the continued strict secrecy surrounding the TPP's content has vitiated effective review of the TPP by our elected representatives and prevented any direct review whatever by the American public to whom they are responsible, thus making unreasonably short the 60-day limit imposed by "Fast Track";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby adopt this resolution condemning the votes in favor of Fast Track authority cast by Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray on May 14 and June 23, 2015, and by Representatives Rick Larsen, Suzan DelBene and Derek Kilmer on June 12 and 18, 2015, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we strongly urge our Washington delegation to make a concerted effort, before TPP or any similar treaty is brought to Congress for approval, to assure that the agreement (1) strikes or significantly modifies any ISDS mechanisms so that their operations are transparent and cannot overrule actions by democratic governance systems; (2) prevents any ISDS tribunal from forcing companies or governments to pay compensation for "expected future profits;" and (3) sustains local, state and national laws that mandate physical and economic protections for workers, prohibit child labor, and protect the environment and consumers' health and safety, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 30th Legislative District Democrats transmit this resolution to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for action and support at its next possible meeting.

Submitted to the 30th LD Democrats by Tim Burns

Members

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

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Upcoming Meetings

- Wed 9/2 30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting
7-9 PM, WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way
- Wed 9/30 Executive Board Meeting. 7-9 PM, check for location
Open to all members of the 30th District Democrats
- Wed 10/7 30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting
7-9 PM, **LOCATION TBD**