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General Membership Meeting: **February 1st, 2017**

First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 PM**

Belmor Park Clubhouse, 2101 S 324th St, Federal Way

FROM THE CHAIR

By David Musick

Thank you, Tim Burns!

I wanted to start out this newsletter by thanking Tim Burns for his 6 years of service as Chair of the 30th District Democrats. His dedication, vision, and fairness have grown our organization's membership, PCO count, and fundraising ability. We could all strive to be like Tim! Thank you!

2017 Membership Dues

We have a wide variety of membership options, and I want to encourage folks who have a bit more to give a bit more. If you choose to give at a higher membership option, your name tag at the general meetings and newsletter will reflect that. These dues help us get democrats elected!

Membership Level	Dues	Max Voting Members
Associate	\$10	(non-voting / out of district)
Living Lightly	\$10	1
Student (13+)	\$10	1
Basic	\$25	1
Family	\$35	2
Governor's Club	\$50	2
Senator's Club	\$100	2
President's Club	\$250	2

Please check in with our Treasurer at our next meeting to pay your 2017 Membership Dues.

If you are unable to make it to the meeting, you can send a check* to:

30th District Democrats
P.O. Box 3268
Federal Way, WA. 98063-3268

* If mailing a check, please ensure to note your occupation on the check for PDC reporting purposes!

2017 Elections and Goals

Every year in King County we have an election and during this off year we have many races we must win! In Federal Way, Pacific, Algona, Milton and Des Moines we have to make sure we are represented on the City Councils, with the Mayors and the special commissions. In King County, we have County Executive, County Council, and Port Commissioners. We need a Democrat elected at EVERY level! This is how we raise up the next generation of STRONG DEMOCRATS. Know a potential candidate? Let's introduce them to the 30th and get them the support they need.

We need volunteers for the following committees

Communications - Have a passion for writing? Taking pictures? Graphic design? Webmaster? This is the committee for you! We need people of all skill levels dedicated to improving our messaging and reach within the community.

Fundraising - Ever run a bake sale or a large event? Know the pitfalls and have an attention to detail? We need energized people to throw events both large and small to increase our ability to support candidates.

Membership - We need a couple of people to help with the tasks of managing our membership database, reaching out to members, and handling sign-in at meetings.

Outreach - Do you want to see our organization grow? Want to be a part of that movement? This is the committee for you! You will come up with new and exciting ways to attract new membership.

Precinct Committee Officer Recruitment

Ready to take the next step in the Democratic Party? PCOs are the grassroots level of the Party! If you are ready to take that next step, take a look to see if there is already a PCO in your precinct. If not, fill out an application and bring it to the next meeting! If you do, ADOPT A PRECINCT! We have many available!

The 30th District Democrats is on social media!

Follow us at facebook.com/30thdems

Dues

Dues for 2017 membership in the 30th Legislative District Democrats are due now. Please return the membership form at 30thdems.org/join.php

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MISSION STATEMENT

Submitted by Dan Turley

I am proposing a change to the organization's mission statement. The new proposed mission statement would read:

"As the official and legal arm of the Democratic Party in the 30th Legislative District of Washington State, our mission is to develop ideas and to engage the citizens and elected officials of our district in order to effect progressive political, economic and social justice."

For reference, the current mission statement reads:

"The purpose of this organization is to promote the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party in the 30th Legislative District. It shall function as the official and legal arm of the Democratic Party and shall offer citizens in the 30th LD an opportunity to participate in the Democratic Party. Our mission is to recruit and support Democratic Candidates, to promote our legislative agenda, pass or defeat ballot measures and to foster accountability from those we elect."

I believe the current statement would be more appropriately characterized as a list of strategies that would support the mission. The mission statement should answer the question of "why" we exist. It should not explain "what" we plan to do in order to carry out our mission. While I agree that recruiting and supporting Democratic candidates, taking a stand on ballot measures, promoting our legislative agenda, and holding those elected accountable are important strategies, I do not think they capture the big picture of what a political party should be. I believe a political party should be more than a source of campaign volunteers, more than a source for endorsements, and more than just a document of our stated values we update every 2 years (the platform). A political party should be out in front, vocal, visible, gathering support, persuading the public of our values. Candidates, legislation, and the change we all want will follow.

WE'RE NOT DONE YET

By Greg Baruso – Outgoing LAC Chair

It has been an honor to serve as your Legislative Action Committee Chair for the past two years, and I am proud of the work we have done as Democrats especially with what was accomplished in the State House with both

Mike and Kristiné's wins over the Republican incumbents.

Although we now have them fighting for us in Olympia, now is the time to work even harder. We have seen what has happened nationally, and I, like many, am appalled at who our proud country has elected to the highest-ranking office of the United States of America. Now some say to give that man a chance but can you imagine if those that make this statement are wrong? I only pray that we can weather the next four years.

Okay, I'll stop talking about the pain and will embrace the suck! We need to focus on what we have before us and fight on the State level to keep what we have and what we need.

Here are some examples:

- **Number one of course is fully funding McCleary.** Funding the McCleary decision is way past due. Our State lawmakers barely touched the surface last year and now it has been 5 years since the Washington State Supreme Court made its decision about the "paramount duty" our state to make ample provisions for the education of all children in the State of Washington. Can they accomplish the task this year?
- **Paid Sick Leave** – the time has come. After 10 years bipartisan support has finally made a move. HB 1116/SB 5032 bills, sponsored by Rep. June Robinson (D-Everett), and Sen. Karen Keiser (D-Kent), would offer up to \$1,000/week for up to 26 weeks for the birth or adoption of a child, for a family member's serious health condition or for leave needed for a military reason, starting on Oct. 1, 2019. It would include up to 12 weeks more in the case of a serious personal medical condition. It would be funded by a 0.255 percent payroll tax on

employers, who could deduct up to one half of that amount from employees' wages.

- **Below market government wages need adjusting** – with more than 110,000 employees that work for the State of Washington the state's own salary survey found that 99 percent of state job classifications are below market rates. Some 66 percent of state jobs are more than 25 percent behind and 23 percent are more than 50 percent behind market rates. This puts the state at both a recruitment and retention crisis threatening vital areas of our state services.
- **We need to hold Boeing accountable** for the way it's spending its share of the \$8.7 billion aerospace tax incentives package that Washington Gov. Jay Inslee signed into law in November 2013. The Boeing Co. has eliminated the jobs of more than 11,000 Washington state residents since Gov. Jay Inslee and the Legislature agreed to give the company the largest corporate tax incentives in U.S. history. New reports from the Washington Department of Revenue show that [Boeing received more than half a billion dollars](#) — a total of \$530.8 million — in 2014 and 2015. Yet while the taxpaying citizens of Washington have been paying hundreds of millions of dollars each year to Boeing, the company has been cutting its workforce.

These are just a few examples of what we need our state lawmakers to work on for 2017 but there are many more. I ask that you call our 30th District legislators and support their efforts and work by voicing your concerns, and I hope that many of you will join Peggy Johnson and others on February 20th in Olympia.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to working with all of you this year in one form or another in making our District the best not only in King County, but in the State.

Democrat-Friendly Businesses

Our monthly list of businesses* that we consider to be Democrat-friendly. We want to know about any businesses, churches, etc. in the 30th LD that would like to be known as Democrat-Friendly. Contact Tim Burns with details so that we may promote them here.

Poverty Bay Café 1108a S 322nd Pl, Federal Way

Joe's Deli 1230 S 336th St, Federal Way

**No monetary considerations are received in exchange for these listings.*

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, February 1st – 30th LD General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd – 30th LD Executive Board Meeting (members are always welcome!)

OUR MEMBERS

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2017? IF NOT, PLEASE RENEW NOW!

President's Club

Elizabeth & Miles Drake

Senator's Club

Peg & Jay Altman

Sonja & Aaron Bert

Geoffery & Devin McAnallo

Jem & Jerry Wear

Ginny Leach

Governor's Club

Carolyn & Walter Brooks

Sharry & Owen Edwards

Madelyn & Jim Grayson

Susan & Bernie Knighton

Mary & Michael Kun

Alice & Daniel Olmstead

Naoma & James Zanetti

Anthony Murrietta

Members

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Jamila & Carolyn Taylor

Donna Cirincione

Bob Dickinson

Jim Ferrell

Allison Fine

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Jennifer Hurley

Pauline Jones

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A Resolution to Endorse and Support Keith Ellison’s Election as DNC Chair

WHEREAS there shall be an election in 2017 for the Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), voted on by state party chairs and vice-chairs as well as DNC members from the several states; and

WHEREAS Democratic Congressman Keith Ellison (MN-5), who has been elected to six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and two terms in the Minnesota (state) House of Representatives, is running for the position of DNC Chair in 2017; and

WHEREAS Congressman Ellison, the current co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, has been endorsed by Democratic leaders which represent both the party’s ideological and demographic diversity – including, but not limited to, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Harry Reid, Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Bernie Sanders, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Congressman Luis Gutierrez, Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, Congressman Elijah Cummings, Congressman John Conyers, Congressman Raul Grijalva, and Congressman John Lewis; and

WHEREAS Congressman Ellison has been endorsed by a number of progressive organizations including, but not limited to, the AFL-CIO, 350.org Action, Progressive Change Campaign Committee (PCCC), Social Security Works, MoveOn.org, and Democracy for America, as well as progressive leaders Randi Weingarten (President of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT)), New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, and Lee Saunders (DNC Member & President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)); and

WHEREAS, knowing the importance of state and local elections as a former state legislator, Congressman Ellison has committed, if elected as DNC Chair, to not just support a 50-state strategy, but also a 3,143-county strategy; and

WHEREAS, building off successful fundraising operations in 2016 and the widespread distaste among the American electorate for politicians perceived as “bought,” Congressman Ellison has vowed to ban all donations to the DNC by corporate lobbyists, if elected chair, (an action taken in 2009, but reversed in 2016) and focus on the types of small-dollar donations which have propelled recent campaigns; and

WHEREAS Ellison’s principal opponent for the position of DNC Chair, Secretary of Labor Tom Perez, has only once been on a ballot – in 2002 for Montgomery County (MD) Council –, has limited fundraising and Democratic party leadership experience, and supports (and has always supported) the Trans-Pacific Partnership – a trade deal opposed by a clear majority of Democratic Congresspeople and was used effectively to win Republican votes in the 2016 Presidential election;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The 30th District Democrats of Washington state hereby endorse Democratic Congressman Keith Ellison (MN-5) for the 2017 election of Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, The 30th District Democrats, call on all of Washington’s local Democratic parties and elected officials, including but not limited to state legislators, statewide elected officials, Congresspeople, and U.S. Senators, to similarly publicly endorse and support the candidacy of Keith Ellison for DNC Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, The 30th District Democrats, call on all of Washington state’s DNC members – currently David McDonald, Ed Cote, Sharon Mast, and Nancy Monacelli – as well as the Washington State Democratic Central Committee Chair and Vice-Chair – currently Jaxon Ravens and Valerie Brady Rongey, respectively – to both publicly endorse and ultimately vote for Keith Ellison in the 2017 election of DNC Chair.

Approved on [DATE] by the 30th District Democrats

[Signature of Chair]

[Name of Chair], Chair