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Celebrate Democracy with the King County Democrats!

The committees are working hard to present a good convention to the Democrats of King County.

Joel Ware, Platform / Resolutions Chair is conducting weekly meetings preparing the draft that will be presented for discussion. Sharon Mast chairs two committees — Rules and Refreshment, and Javier Valdez chairs the Credentials group. Richard Kelley will chair the convention aided by Angela Henry—Secretary, Juan Martinez—Sgt-At-Arms, and Rob Gaudet servicing as Parliamentarian.

We will be joined by our Congressional delegation, King County officials, Legislative Leaders, and special guest, Former National NARAL Pro-Choice America President, Kate Michelson, and more.

Legislative District organizations have been invited to provide the refreshments and Office Manager Bertha McDaniel of the Washington State Democrats will have great Democratic merchandise. The WSDCC Grassroots organization will table, providing support to all Democrats. Candidates, Unions, and other organizations have been invited to table.

Convention packets will be mailed to delegates/alternates/PCOs and others on April 21st.

Tables are available at \$10 each and ads are available in the program for: \$50—1/4 page, \$100—1/2 page, and \$200—full page.

Suggested convention fee is \$20.00.

To buy a table, an ad, or if you have a question, please call KCDCC at 206.622.9157.

CELEBRATE DEMOCRACY—5/6/2006!!



**Legislative
Wrap-up
(see page 4)**



The King County Democrat

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PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no KCDCC Officers and Chairs Meeting for April 2006.

KCDCC—Legislative Action Committee will meet on the fourth Sunday in April.

Sunday April 23, 2006
2:00 pm
Location—TBD

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL HOST

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Maria Cantwell U.S. Senate D-WA



U.S. Senator Barack Obama of Illinois enlightens the standing room only crowd at Garfield High School on March 18th. U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington is left, front row applauding his remarks.

Photograph by KCDCC Secretary, Angela Henry



KCDCC Legislative Action Committee Platform/Session Updates

The passage of the Antidiscrimination Act!!!

We are so proud that it finally passed (a special thanks to Rep. Ed Murray, KCDCC legislator of the year!).



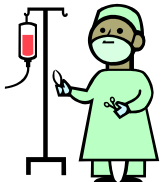
The Voter Challenge Bill Passes!

Senator Jeanne Kohl-Wells/SSB 6362 Bill Highlights:

- Modifies existing laws related to challenging voter registrations, the use of a nontraditional address for voter registration purposes, and information required for voter registration.
- Permits major political parties to file contact information with county auditors, and requires voters who challenge another person's registration to provide the designated political party contact persons with a copy of the challenge within 24 hours of filing the challenge.

Other Election Reform Bills: Rep. Shay Schual-Berke's bill: HB 1226 Applying Campaign Contribution Limits. This law includes limits on:

- all judicial races, at the state wide elected level
- county elections in counties of at least 200,00 – King, Pierce, Snohomish and Clark, at legislative levels
- port commissioners in ports of at least 200,000 (Seattle and Tacoma)



Medical Malpractice Reform (the first step) passes but more work to advocate for the **Fair Share Legislation**. With the Governor's support, the revised bill has a great chance of passing next session!

Providing Electronic Product Recycling Bill Passes!



Electronic Product Recycling/HB 2662 Highlights:

- Requires manufacturers of covered electronic products (CEPs) offered for sale in Washington to register with the Department of Ecology (DOE) and to implement and finance the collection, transportation, and recycling of CEPs by January 1, 2009.
- Creates the Electronic Products Recycling Account and authorizes the DOE to establish fees to recover the costs to register manufacturers, review plans, and other administrative costs of the new program.

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Rep. Ross Hunter/Senate Bill 5515 Banning Some Flame Retardants (Prohibiting the sale of products that contain PBDE's) died in the Senate. We still hope that our state will be the first state in the nation to pass such legislation that would ban PBDE's including the Deca-type.

Other Environmental Bills: Rep. Maralyn Chase/HB 2799: Revised for 2nd Substitute: Providing tax exemptions for solar water heating equipment.



Simple Majority for school levies/bonds died again in the Senate. More work is needed to help this bill pass next year.

Rep. Dave Upthegrove's **High School Completion Bill**/Senate Bill E2SHB 2582, (see brief summary below) dies on the last day so session. *This bill could and should have passed. We hope to see it be the first bill out of the gate in the next session!*

E2SHB Bill Summary: Students under the age of 21 who have completed all state and graduation requirements except their Certification of Individual Achievement (CIA) can enroll in high school program at a community college or technical college and earn a high school diploma.

Other Education Legislation: Governor Booth Gardner/Senator Rosemary McAuliffe SB6618 High School Assessment: Signed by Gov. Christine Gregoire on March 30, 2006, to require a study to explore options to augment the current educational assessment system.

Submitted by Tina Shamseldin, KCDCC—LAC Chair

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Summary of 2006 Initiatives

(Prepared by the 46th LD Caucus Planning Team and reprinted with their permission—thank you!!)

What follows are Ballot Measure Summaries. The full texts of all 2006 Washington State Initiatives to the people can be found at: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/people.aspx>

We Support Initiative 937

Sponsored by Mr. Robert Jay Pregulman, this measure would require investor-owned and consumer-owned utilities with 25,000 or more customers to meet designated targets for energy conservation, including cogeneration as defined, and use of eligible renewable energy resources. Renewable energy resource targets may be met by designated investment levels, including energy resource credits. Utilities not meeting conservation and renewable energy resource targets would pay penalties to the state, to be used for purchase of renewable energy credits or certain energy conservation purposes.

We Oppose Initiative 914

Sponsored by Mr. Tim Eyman, this measure would prohibit public agencies, and private employers, schools and contractors from using race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in employment, education and contracting policies and actions. Public educational institutions would be prohibited from using these factors in admissions or other policies. Schools would be prohibited from considering them in school assignment decisions. Public agencies would be prohibited from using these factors in contracting and subcontracting. Government collection of data would be limited.

We Oppose Initiative 917

Sponsored by Mr. Tim Eyman, this measure would limit motor vehicle registration charges to \$30 per year for vehicles weighing less than 22,000 pounds, and would repeal certain fees and charges exceeding the limit. Replacement and reflectorized plate fees would be reduced. A new valuation schedule based on purchase price would be used in calculating motor vehicle taxes and fees. Regional transit authorities would be required to retire or defease (satisfy without redeeming) outstanding bonds pledging motor vehicle taxes as security for repayment.

We Oppose Initiative 918

Sponsored by Mr. Tim Eyman, this measure would require carpool lanes to be open to all traffic, except weekdays 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. It would require sales and use taxes on motor vehicles to be used exclusively to expand road capacity and improve traffic flow. It would require the state to issue \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for traffic congestion relief projects, and would pledge the above taxes to repay the bonds.

We Oppose Initiative 920

Sponsored by Mr. Dennis Falk. Washington law currently imposes a graduated tax on the transfer of certain Washington estates having a taxable value of more than 2 million dollars. Certain property, described in statute, is excluded from the taxable value. The revenues from this tax are deposited in the education legacy trust fund. This measure would repeal this estate tax. The repeal would apply to the taxable estates of persons dying on or after the effective date of the measure.

We Oppose Initiative 924

Sponsored by Mr. Brian Janssen, this measure requires school districts spend at least 65% of "operational expenditures" on "classroom instructional expenditures." "Operational expenditures" is defined to exclude capital construction and debt payments. "Classroom instructional expenditures" is defined to include, amongst others, teachers, textbooks, computers, and libraries. Districts spending less than 65% in the 2006-2007 school year must increase "classroom instructional expenditures" by 2% annually, subject to waiver by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Annual reporting and performance audits are required.

We Oppose Initiative 926

Sponsored by Mr. John M. Smith, this measure would prohibit collective bargaining agreements for employees of the State of Washington, state colleges and universities, community colleges, and school districts from including a clause, known as a "union security clause," that requires the payment of any fees, dues or other obligations to a bargaining representative as a condition of employment.

We Oppose Initiative 933

Sponsored by Mr. Daniel W. Wood, this measure would require government agencies to consider the effects of and alternatives to regulating private property. Compensation would be required when regulations are enforced that damage private property use or value, including regulations prohibiting or restricting property uses that were allowed as of January 1, 1996. Exceptions would exist for regulations applying equally to all property subject to the agency's jurisdiction. Development regulations that would prohibit existing legal property uses would not be permitted.

We Oppose Initiative 944

Sponsored by Mr. Tim Eyman, this would require the state legislature and local taxing districts to gain two-thirds majority approval of the legislative body, or majority legislative approval and voter approval, before taking action that raises revenue or increases fees. "Raises state revenue" would include imposing new taxes, increasing a tax rate or tax base, or extending an expiring tax. The measure would not apply to revenue increases and fee increases by local taxing districts that require voter approval.

We Oppose Initiative 946

Sponsored by Mr. Robert D. Baker, this measure would require state and local government employees to verify the identity and immigration status of applicants for non-federally mandated public benefits, which the measure describes as including TANF, Medicaid, food stamps, WIC, and public housing, and cooperate in providing such information. Identification issued without verifying immigration status would not be accepted. Failure to report discovered immigration violations to federal officials.

King County Democratic Central Committee Meeting Minutes—March 28, 2006

The meeting was called to order, followed by the flag salute; meeting minutes and agenda were approved.

Under **Announcements**, 31st LD House candidate, Karen Willard, addressed the group, indicating that she will run against Dan Roach. It was noted that KCDCC will have a booth at the NW Native American Youth Conference to be held at Magnuson Park in Sandpoint, April 1-2. 11th LD Chair Ed Prince announced a special program at their next meeting, 4/18/2006, on King County Election Recommendations and Changes (King County Council Members will be available for questions and answers). The Chair welcomed newly elected 43rd LD Chair Lisa Steubing into the group, who was elected to replace Richard Kelley who is running for the open seat left by Representative Ed Murray.

Under Officer and Committee Reports:

Finance Committee Chair Sharon Mast encouraged the Districts to participate in the sale of refreshments at the KCDCC Convention and said she would call a meeting soon.

Elections Chair Gurine Nordby reminded all of the upcoming Poll Worker Coordinator Training Class on 4/1/2006, 10am at the Renton Carpenters Hall.

Treasurer Chuck Laney reported filing the organization's taxes for 2005; he also reported over \$9,000 cash on hand. He pointed out that a special PDC course on their new application, ORCA, sponsored by the Regional Carpenters Council at their Specialties Training Center, would be conducted by PDC Rep Sally Parker on April 8, 2006, 9:00 am. All LD Treasurers were encouraged to attend.

Platform Chair Joel Ware reported that his committee is meeting on a weekly basis, leading up to the convention date. Their first meeting was held at 6:00 pm this date. Motion was made to grant the committee \$500 for printing a glossy summary of the platform as well as printing the platform in total. Motion—m/s/p—unanimously.

LAC Chair Tina Shamseldin thanked the group for helping with the 2006 legislative session and told of the work started on the 2007 session. Senator Margarita Prentice was the featured speaker at their last meeting. Their next meeting will be on the fourth Sunday in April and 36th LD Representative Marylou Dickerson has been invited along with Bryan Kesterson who will discuss black box voting. Jack Arends then talked about I-937 (www.yeson937.org) that will reduce energy by the year 2020. I-937 campaign phone number is 206.283.0335.

KCDCC First Vice Chair, Rob Dolin, then presented the meeting program — Navigating and Using the KCDCC Website and was well received by all.

Under New Business:

43rd LD Rep Linda Clifton presented a resolution in opposition to the anti-equal rights initiative and signature efforts —m/s/p—unanimous.

Motion for Resolution to support censure of President Bush (was amended to change the word "direct" to "urge" US Senators to support this effort; amendment passed unanimously); amended resolution—m/s/p—unanimous.

Motion for resolution to support appointment of a special prosecutor—m/s/p—unanimous.

KCDCC First Vice Chair Rob Dolin made motion to suspend rules to early endorse Senator Maria Cantwell; seconded. Discussion followed. Vote = Yes—19, No—15, failed due to lack of 2/3 majority. Rob then followed with a request to place a notice of endorsement in the next official call.

Under Legislative District Reports:

Current 36th LD Chair, Peter House, reported that KCDCC Recruitment Chair and former 36th LD Chair, Judith Hine, welcomes all to attend a celebration of life on April 2nd, 4:00 pm at the Ballard Senior Center for her late husband, Jim.

Peter also talked of his well-attended precinct caucuses — the largest participation in the state.

30th LD Chair Larry Jackson announced that his district had hired Barbara Chadwick to be their fundraiser and she is working on a major event for May honoring veterans. Stay tuned for details.

The 34th LD has been working in the low income areas of Delridge and White Center with homeowner clean-up and food banking activities.

And, there will be no 43rd LD and no 46th LD general meetings in April, due to caucus planning and preparations.

Good of the Order:

43rd District Rep Linda Clifton will become the new King County Director of the Anti-Defamation League.

Aaron Belenky was introduced as the new King County Young Democrats—Male Representative to KCDCC. He announced the Washington State Young Democrats convention in Tacoma on April 1-2; approximately 250 members are expected to attend.

Raffle was conducted

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Henry,
KCDCC Recording Secretary

ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT MEETINGS!

If you have not attended a District meeting this year, review the list, find your District and join the many active Democrats participating across the County.

1st LD

Chair: Jeff Wiley, 425.778.4808
Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
Northshore School Admin Center
3330 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell

5th LD

Chair: Kayne McGladrey, 425.894.5298
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
King County Library Admin
960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah

11th LD

Chair: Edward Prince, 206.246.8747
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett North, Renton

30th LD

Chair: Larry Jackson, 253.661.2287
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Federal Way Senior Center
4016 South 352nd St, Federal Way

31st LD

Chair: Tim Pearson, 253.863.4543
Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:00 pm
See website for location
[Http://www.31stdistrictdemocrats.org](http://www.31stdistrictdemocrats.org)

32nd LD

Chair: Lila Smith, 206.818.1195
Meets: 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
American Legion Hall
14521 17th Ave NE, Shoreline

33rd LD

Chair: Tara Jo Heinecke, 206.870.8819
Meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm
Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 1st Ave S, Normandy Park

34th LD

Chair: Ivan Weiss, 206.463.4647
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm
The Hall at Fauntleroy
9131 California Ave SW, Seattle

36th LD

Chair: Peter House, 206.784.7665
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
See website for locations

37th LD

Chair: Gwen Rench, 206.324.2786
Meets: 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm
Central Area Senior Center
500 30th Ave S., Seattle

41st LD

Chair: Barbara Geller, 206.232.4970
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 pm
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
4228 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue 98006

43rd LD

Chair: Lisa Steubing, 206.523.3644
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm
University Baptist Church
NE 47th and 12th Ave NE, Seattle

45th LD

Chair: Ralph Gorin, 425.556.5789
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Old Redmond School House Community Ctr
16600 NE 8th, Redmond

46th LD

Chair: Scott White, 206.363.9522
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
Olympic View Elementary School
504 NE 95th St., Seattle

47th LD

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 253.639.3515
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Machinists' Hall
A St SW at 2nd St SW, Auburn

48th LD

Chair: Ben Von Ullrich, 206.979.9073
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Stevenson Elementary School Library
14220 NE 8th, Bellevue



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Congratulations
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LISA STEUBING

Newly Elected Chair of the
43rd District Democrats

Is There no Stopping the Bush Administration?

"...Attorney General Alberto Gonzales: ... the president has the "inherent authority to decide who should have classified information." That wasn't a surprise, of course. Earlier in the week, Gonzales testified to Congress that the president has "inherent authority" to order warrantless wiretaps of American citizens communicating with each other inside the United States."

"Next week, it's not out of the question that he'll testify Bush has the "inherent authority" to suspend the law of gravity."
Excerpted from the LATIMES.COM, 4/8/2006

*In Loving Memory
of James Hine,
Great Democrat and
Community Activist*

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King County Democratic Central Committee
Monthly Meeting Notice

Tuesday April 25, 2006—7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall—231 Burnett Avenue North

Endorsements may be considered at this meeting
Replacement for Second Vice Chair may be considered

7:00 pm	Call to Order Flag Salute Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes Acceptance of Agenda
7:05 pm	Announcements
7:10 pm	Officer and Committee Reports
7:30 pm	Legislative District Chairs' Reports
7:50 pm	Break
8:00 pm	Program: Convention Planning
8:20 pm	New Business
8:30 pm	Old Business
8:50 pm	Door Prizes
8:55 pm	Good of the Order
9:00 pm	Adjourn

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