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*You're Invited,*

The King County Democrats will hold their major fundraising event of the year at the beautiful new facility in the Renton Piazza, The Spirit of Washington Event Center. The owner, Eric Temple, has graciously extended his sponsorship of the event.

Friday February 17, 2006 a high donor reception will start at 6:00 pm followed by dinner service at 7:00 pm. A jazz ensemble will entertain the attendees and a beautiful silent auction will be held, too.

We are honoring the life and times of Governor Mike Lowry and expect several of his contemporaries to join in the festivities. Senator Cantwell has been asked to headline the event and our Congressmen have been invited to speak as well. Volunteers will be honored and an online voting system will be available soon at our web-site, [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org) as well as an online reservation system via ACTEVA. King County Democrats will receive formal invitations in the mail next week.

Please join us in celebrating the efforts of our many volunteers and Governor Mike Lowry.

Suggested donation is \$80/person.

If you have any questions, please call KCDCC at 206.622.9157 or email at [kingcountydemocrats@msn.com](mailto:kingcountydemocrats@msn.com).

'hope to see you on the 17th!

## 2006 KCDCC HONORS BANQUET

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Friday February 17, 2006 - 7:00 pm



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for additional information



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## King County Democrats Officers Meeting

King County—Legislative District Chairs are invited to join the Officers of the King County Democrats for an extended meeting agenda on:

**Sunday January 22, 2006  
7:00 pm  
Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Avenue North  
Renton, Washington 98055**

CY 2006 Planning. Agenda will be sent via e-mail.

## NEXT LAC MEETING

The Legislative Action Committee under the direction of Tina Shamseldin will meet for their next meeting:

**Sunday January 15, 2006  
2:00—4:30 pm  
The Burien Library  
14700 Sixth Avenue SW  
\*\* Special Guest—The Honorable Governor Booth Gardner \*\***

## King County Democratic Central Committee Officers

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**Maria Cantwell** U.S. Senate D-WA

## 2006 Caucuses/Conventions

Saturday March 4, 2006—2:00 pm  
Precinct Caucuses

Saturday April 22, 2006—2:00 pm  
Legislative District Caucuses

Saturday May 6, 2006—2:00 pm  
King County Convention

Saturday June 3, 2006  
Washington State Convention  
in Yakima

February Newsletter will be dedicated to the Caucuses.

## King County Democratic Central Committee



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# “Democracy: it’s not a spectator sport”



Come help to strengthen our democracy and  
Celebrate our democratic majority in the legislature on  
President’s Day...

## Legislation Action Day in Olympia! Monday February 20, 2006

12:00—12:30 pm Luncheon reception with King County  
Legislators

...more details below...

### King County Legislative Action Committee:

This is a committee of the King County Democrat Central Committee (KCDCC). This group was revived in the winter of 2004 under the leadership of Susan Sheary, KCDCC Chair, and Toni Lysen, the original chair for this committee.

Tina Shamseldin is the current chair. We have representatives from nine of the King County Legislative Districts, (33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup> and the 46<sup>th</sup>). We are also working to establish relationships with other LAC groups in Pierce County and other areas in the state.

What are the goals of the LAC?

**To strengthen our communities and our party:** The group analyzes and promotes legislation that improves the quality of life in our communities and upholds the values emphasized in our platform.

**To create a partnership among the LAC Committee, KCDCC, our elected officials, and the legislative districts to more effectively promote our legislative goals:** These partnerships can strengthen our effectiveness to shape and pass legislation, educate the members of our party and community on the legislative process and the effectiveness of our legislators

How can you participate in the activities of the LAC?

You can attend our **Democrats Legislative Action Day in Olympia on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the State Capital on President’s Day.**

There will be tours available and a lunch reception will be held with our KC legislators from noon-1:30 in the capital. Participants are encouraged to schedule visits with their legislators and to stay for the State Party crab feed in the evening.

**For questions or to RSVP for the event contact your LD LAC representative or the LAC Chair at [tina.shamseldin@comcast.net](mailto:tina.shamseldin@comcast.net).**

You can attend our monthly meetings, which are held on the third Sunday of the month from 2-4:30. The meetings rotate to different branches of the King County or City of Seattle Library. To find the location of the next meeting go to [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org). Our next meeting is on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4pm at the Burien Library. Our special guest will be Gov. Booth Gardner.**

You can sign you up to be part of our action strategies to support the bills on our agenda.

## Summary of LAC Legislative Agenda 2006 and 2007 Legislative Sessions

### Social Justice:

**2006: Re-introduction of HB 1515 Rep. Ed Murray:** *Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.*

### Election Reform:

**2006: Passage of a bill: Senator Karen Keiser and Senator Jeanne Kohl-Wells:** *Creates a new deadline for voter challenge.*

**2006: Moving to all mail-in ballots for King County**

**2007: Passage of HB 1526: Rep. Mark Miloscia:** *Provides for public financing of campaigns.*

### Education:

**2006: Passage of Simple Majority: Sponsor Shay Schual-Berke:** *Voting by a simple majority to authorize a school levy.*

**2006: Passage of House Bill 2037: Another Path to High Standards and High School Graduation: Rep. Dave Upthegrove:** *Provides another option for high school students to attend graduation and community college to meet H.S. graduation requirements and beyond.*

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## Summary of LAC Legislative Agenda 2006 and 2007 Legislative Sessions (continued)

### Health Care:

**2007: Passage of Fair Share Bill: Sponsor Senator Karen Keiser:** would require large employers to take responsibility for providing basic, affordable health insurance to their employees.

**2006: Passage of bill Regarding sexual health education: (Original sponsor on the House side) Rep. Shay Schual-Berke:** *Would require that every school district must incorporate DSHS January 2005 guidelines for sexual health and disease prevention and must emphasize abstinence, but include other methods of preventing teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.*

### Environment/Renewable Energy:

**2006: Passage of [2005 house bill 1488 \(regarding certain flame retardants\)](#):** Rep. Ross Hunter: *to prohibit the sale of products that contain polybrominated diphenyl ethers, chemicals found in certain flame retardants.*

**2006 Passage of a bio-fuels bill to provide energy independence through renewable fuels.**

**Tax Reform:** *Work with Rep. Bob Hasegawa on action to block the passage of an initiative to repeal the estate tax and to promote a more progressive tax structure for Washington.*

**Housing & Homelessness, Labor:** *No action at this time.*

—submitted by Tina Shamseldin, LAC Chair

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**Help support the 45th Legislative District's new candidate for the Washington State Senate — Eric will speak at our next meeting, Tuesday January 24th.**

Elect Eric

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Washington State Senator

## Washington State's Estate Tax and Education Legacy Trust Fund

Elected officials, educators, and representatives of community organizations met Friday, January 6, 2006 at the Machinists Union Hall in Seattle's South Park. Organized by Washington State Representative for District 11, Bob Hasegawa, the meeting was the first step in a campaign to thwart an attempt by the right wing to repeal the Estate Tax. Revenue from the progressive Estate Tax is dedicated to funding the Education Legacy Trust Account. The Committee to Abolish the Washington State Estate Tax intends to run an initiative with support from Republican leaders to repeal the Estate Tax in the November 2006 election.

([http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/254747\\_estate06.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/254747_estate06.html))

At Friday's meeting House Speaker Frank Chopp, D-Seattle, explained that the Estate Tax evolved from the 1903 Washington Inheritance Tax. The Inheritance Tax, Speaker Chopp explained, included not only money that "your rich Uncle Bob" from Chicago left to you, but sixteen percent on everything you inherited. The Washington Legislature voted to repeal the Inheritance Tax in 1981 and replace it with the Estate Tax. The new tax equaled the amount of the federal estate tax credit for state taxes. There have been subsequent changes to conform to the Federal Internal Revenue Code over the years.

It all came crashing down when the Washington Supreme Court ruled in favor of the plaintiff in a recent challenge to the Estate Tax in February 2005.

The 2005 Legislature reinstated a revised Estate Tax to comply with the Supreme Court ruling. All revenue from the tax would fund the Education Legacy Trust Account. The fund, expected to be 133.6 million during the 2006-2007 biennium, will cover the costs of improvements in state colleges and universities, State Need Grant, Learning Assistance Program and costs related to Initiative 728.

When it was pointed out that there were no other sources of revenue to cover things like increased enrolment, Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown added that the State cannot shift surplus funds to insure that all kids have health insurance or to fund pay increases in teacher salaries. Ms Brown reminded us that Washington has the most inequitable, regressive tax structure in the United States.

Support Representative Hasegawa's effort to improve education and reform our tax system so that it is fair and progressive. Representative Hasegawa's contact information:

Bob Hasegawa  
Washington State Representative, District 11  
425 John L. O'Brien Building  
P.O. Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504-0600  
Hotline: 800.562.6000  
For more information about the Estate Tax:  
<http://www.wataxfairness.org>

Submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> LD PCO - Jim Flynn

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12:00 pm—1:30 pm

Lunch and Speaking Program

1:30 pm

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**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> LD**

Chair: Jeff Wiley, 425.778.4808  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Northshore School Admin  
18335 Bothell Way NE, Bothell

**5<sup>th</sup> LD**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> LD**

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

**30<sup>th</sup> LD**

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

**31<sup>st</sup> LD**

Chair: Tim Pearson, 253.863.4543  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Sumner Library  
1116 Fryer Avenue, Sumner

**32<sup>nd</sup> LD**

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

**33<sup>rd</sup> LD**

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

**34<sup>th</sup> LD**

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

**36<sup>th</sup> LD**

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

**37<sup>th</sup> LD**

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

**41<sup>st</sup> LD**

Chair: Barbara Geller, 206.232.4970  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 pm  
UFCW Hall  
12838 SE 40<sup>th</sup>, Factoria

**43<sup>rd</sup> LD**

Chair: Richard Kelley, 206.949.7717  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
University Baptist Church  
NE 47<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle

**45<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Ralph Gorin, 425.556.5789  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
United Methodist Church  
16540 NE 80<sup>th</sup> St, Redmond

**46<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Scott White, 206.363.9522  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm  
Olympic View Elementary School  
425 N 95<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle

**47<sup>th</sup> LD**

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

**48<sup>th</sup> LD**

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

**WSDCC Meeting**

January 27—28, 2006

Chairs, Committee, and Caucus  
Meetings will be conducted at the  
Radisson Hotel Seattle Airport  
17001 Pacific Highway South—Seattle

Friday Evening Dinner  
Honoring

Paul Berendt  
will be held at the  
IBEW Local 46 Hall  
19802 62nd Avenue South—Kent

The general meeting of  
WSDCC will be at the  
IBEW Hall on  
Saturday afternoon

**Good Luck to all  
WSDCC Chair Candidates**

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What the Media is Not Reporting:  
Off the Record with DAN RATHER  
Tuesday January 24, 2006—7:30 pm  
McCaw Hall, Seattle

L. PAUL BREMER III  
Thursday, February 2, 2006—7:30 pm  
Town Hall, Seattle

PAUL RUSESABAGINA  
Stop Hotel Darfur: A Conversation with Hubert G. Locke  
Sunday February 5, 2006—7:30 pm  
Town Hall, Seattle

TAYLOR BRANCH  
Tuesday February 21, 2006—7:30 pm  
Town Hall, Seattle

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6:30 pm	Social
7:00 pm	Call to Order Flag Salute Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes Acceptance of Agenda
7:05 pm	Candidates
7:55 pm	Legislative District Chairs' Reports
8:00 pm	Break
8:10 pm	New Business
8:30 pm	Old Business—Caucus/Convention Prep
8:50 pm	Door Prizes
8:55 pm	Good of the Order
9:00 pm	Adjourn