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## Washington State Democratic Convention—June 2-3, 2006

Legislative District Caucuses elected delegates and alternates on April 22, 2006 to the Washington State Democratic Convention in Yakima. On June 2-3, 2006, the Democrats will gather at the Yakima Convention Center, 10 North 8th Street in Yakima. Associated activities include a Convention Gala Banquet on June 2nd, and a Congressional Breakfast with members of Congress and candidates on June 3rd.

If you have not registered, please contact the Washington State Democrats at 206.583.0664 or FAX 205.583.0301. For mailing registration, send to WSDCC at Post Office Box 4027, Seattle 98104. Let's gather in Yakima for unity!

## President Bill Clinton

is coming to Seattle to support the re-election campaign of US Senator Maria Cantwell.



**Saturday June 3, 2006 — Noon—2:00 pm**

Washington State Convention and Trade Center  
800 Convention Place—Seattle

For information, call Ansley at 206.217.2006 or email at Alacitis@Cantwell.com or go online at www.cantwell.com

(See Page 5 for Visit with Rep. McDermott)



## Ride the Spirit of Washington with the KCDCC

**Saturday May 20, 2006**

**Rally at 11:00 am**

**625 South 4th Street - Renton, Washington 98055**

**Spirit of Washington Train departs at Noon**



**Featuring**

**Washington State Democratic Legislators and Candidates**

**Lunch will be served onboard the train with an open bar**

**Suggested Donation - \$50.00/person**

*The King County Democrats invite you to board the Spirit of Washington for an afternoon of fun and politicking!*

Send Reservations to the address listed below or order tickets online at our website via the ACTEVA online, event booking system

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**KCDCC Officers and Chairs Meeting**  
**Sunday May 21, 2006**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Renton Carpenters Hall**  
**231 Burnett Avenue North**

**KCDCC LAC Meeting**  
**Sunday May 21, 2006**  
**2:00 pm**  
**Ballard Library**  
**5614 22nd Avenue NW**  
Featured Speakers: 36th LD  
Rep Mary Lou Dickerson,  
47th LD Rep Pat Sullivan,  
Randy Gordon, and  
Elizabeth Walter, Election  
Activists.



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

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## THE ONGOING WORK TO RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN KING COUNTY ELECTIONS

The King County Council continues its ongoing work to restore public confidence in the elections process with creation of an ongoing Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee and consideration of a proposed election "Action Plan."

The Council on Monday voted to create an ongoing [Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee](#) to monitor King County elections and recommend improvements to the performance and accountability of King County Elections. The ordinance makes the CEOC an ongoing committee that will present an annual report to the Council on election activities for the previous year and make recommendations directed towards improving elections processes, performance and accountability.

Under the ordinance the Council will re-evaluate the need for a continued CEOC in 2009. In that year the CEOC will send to the Council an evaluation of the effectiveness of the improvements made to the Elections Section and a recommendation on whether the Committee is still needed.

Earlier on Monday the Committee-of-the-Whole was briefed on a motion introduced by Council members [Julia Patterson](#) and [Bob Ferguson](#) to create a [Council Action Plan](#) to improve elections. The action plan incorporates recommendations made by the Council's Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee and The Election Center to improve elections. The plan also recognizes the proposal from the County Executive to implement an [all-mail ballot](#) in King County by 2007. The Action Plan proposes that by May 31 the Council complete several steps that are part of the legislative process:

- Decide whether to conduct all-mail elections.
- Decide on a policy to consolidate all elections operations into a single facility.
- Decide on the process to acquire or construct a facility for elections consolidation.
- Ask the executive to transmit an ordinance for acquisition or construction of the new elections facility. (cont'd on P.4)

**King County Democrats Central Committee  
Meeting Minutes—April 25, 2006**

Call to Order; Flag Salute; Minutes approved; Agenda approved.

Welcome and introduction of candidates and guests: Kirk Shirley of the State Democrats Coordinated Campaign introduced himself and a need for volunteers and also a need for volunteers for the DNC National Canvassing Day. Dan Nolte of the Darcy Burner Campaign announced that they have surpassed their fundraising goal and aspect to raise a lot of national donations. A staff person from the campaign No On I-933 discussed the repercussions of I-933 passes, such as the environmental setback and redo zoning for the past 10 years and more. Candidate for U.S. Senate Mark Wilson discussed his candidacy. Guest George Allen discussed the proposal for the King County Sheriff's Office Civilian Oversight on the behalf of King County Council Members Bob Ferguson and Julia Patterson. Allen told his story of working with the Seattle Police and King County Sheriff's office ride along and going to roll calls at the departments. The proposal is an idea to have a civilian oversight and with officers present the Sheriff can fire or reprimand the officer. The unions are involved as well. The Oversight Committee has not been created yet and it must go through the State Legislature and a Blue Ribbon Committee.

**Officers Report**

Chair – Suzie Sheary – mentioned that the Official Call was sent to 1,855 Delegates and Alternates. A Lifetime Democrat Award will go to Mac McDonald.

Vice Chair – Rob Dolin – the blog on the website has been reformatted ( [blog@kcdems.org](mailto:blog@kcdems.org) ) and the hosting provider has changed some calendar events.

Credentials Committee Chair Javier Valdez reminded districts 11<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> need to get names into him and the committee will meet the day of the King County Convention for a couple of hours.

Finance Committee – Sharon Mast – Mentioned that refreshments are still needed for the Convention.

Elections – Gurine Nordby – Attended a meeting last weekend and discussed nationwide issue with election offices.

Treasurer Report – Chuck Laney – absent. Suzie Sheary mentioned that there is \$6,772 in the bank.

Bylaws/Platform – Joel Ware – Discussed the Platform Committee's work on the Platform's make-up having headlines then descriptive sections and then bullet points.

State Committee Report – Javier Valdez – There will be a WSDCC Executive Board retreat May 13<sup>th</sup> in Seattle. The State Party headquarters will be moving offices in June. The September State meeting maybe held in Tacoma. The Immigration March was attended by 35,000- 40,000 people, included by King County Democrats and the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

Recruitment Chair – Judith Baker Hine – no report

Endorsement Chair – Linnea Peterson – Up and coming endorsements this year will be US Senate and House, State Senate and House, Judicial candidates. The Endorsement Questionnaire is on the website.

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) – Tina Shamseldin – The Committee met on Sunday, April 23, 2006 with a panel of bloggers: Horses Ass, WashBlog and Rob Dolin with others. May 21, 2006 will be the next meeting of the Committee and the topic will be the Hwy. 99 Viaduct options.

**Old Business**

Resolution "Save the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train"- motion #1 to pass by Sharon Mast. Motion to amend to insert "one of" into the therefore be it resolved behind as. – amendment PASSED and main motion VOTE = PASSED

**New Business**

Motion #2 to oppose I-933 – VOTE = PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #3 to pass the resolution "Proposal for King County Sheriff's Office of Civilian Oversight". – Motion to Table until the KCDCC as a whole receives more information. VOTE – PASSED to Table. Group suggested that the King County Sheriff be invited and the Blue Ribbon Panel.

Motion #4 to Endorse US Senator Maria Cantwell. Discussion. Against 36<sup>th</sup> LD Members and For 34<sup>th</sup> LD Members.

Motion to Table until the KCDCC has an Endorsement Questionnaire filled out. VOTE TO TABLE – YEA = 20 NEA = 19 PASSES

**Legislative District Reports**

47<sup>th</sup> LD – Evelyn Reymond – the sister district program will be taking place on the National April 29<sup>th</sup> Canvass Day by having the 36<sup>th</sup> LD members assisting them in the 100 precincts that don't have a PCO in them. Their Annual Spring Dinner will be May 12<sup>th</sup> with Dave Ross headlining.

34<sup>th</sup> LD – Ivan Weiss – Their last meeting program was a legislative wrap-up session with their elected officials. Ivan mentioned the 34<sup>th</sup>'s involvement with the Immigration Right March. He is keeping busy in the community by attending various events, such as attending an upcoming group that supports women who have been abused. The LD is thinking of expanding the sister district program to assist the 15<sup>th</sup> LD in south Washington.

5<sup>th</sup> LD – Kayne McGladrey – He reviewed the length it took to nominate the delegates and alternates at the LD Caucus. The LD is attempting to censure the Republican House Representative Glen Anderson because of his abuse of

the public's money with his legislative piece that was very "Republican-esque." The group has also been working on a candidate brochure.

45<sup>th</sup> LD – Ralph Gorin – Talked about the LD's caucus election of Delegates only and no Alternates were elected. He met with several candidates along with State Party Chair Dwight Pelz and how "Eastside" candidates fair within the Party compared differently than Seattle candidates. Also, there is an Eric Oemig fundraiser May 12<sup>th</sup>.

30<sup>th</sup> LD – Larry Jackson – Mentioned that they only elected caucus Delegates and that there was active participation of the caucus. They have gained 3 new Precinct Committee Officers (PCO). The LD is having a fundraiser honoring the Troops May 25<sup>th</sup> for Armed Service Day.

32<sup>nd</sup> LD – Lila Smith – Announced that the LD picnic is July 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Edwards Park featuring exotic meats on the menu.

36<sup>th</sup> LD – Peter House – Reviewed the caucus attendees which were 166 Delegates signed in and 35 extras, all 49 Delegates and Alternates were elected. The LD may have early endorsements of Representatives and Senator.

41<sup>st</sup> LD – Barbara Geller – Reviewed the caucus attendees which were 64 Delegates and Alternates attended, 31 Delegates and 8 Alternates were elected. The group mostly discussed their "Democratic Values" and "Why they attend the meetings and want to volunteer." The LD passed 8 resolutions. The membership is ahead of member donations at this time last year. Their picnic is planned for July 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are focused on the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional race. There will be a Women's Leadership luncheon May 12<sup>th</sup> for high donors.

37<sup>th</sup> LD – Gwen Rench – Said that turnout for the LD caucus wasn't good. They donated their leftover food to St. Mary's. August will be their fundraiser.

33<sup>rd</sup> – Jack Arends – The LD adopted 13 resolutions at their caucus. They have endorsed Darcy Burner for Congress in the 8<sup>th</sup> and endorsed US Senator Maria Cantwell. He mentioned that Sen. Karen Kaiser is holding her fundraiser on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Angle Lake.

43<sup>rd</sup> LD – Lisa Steubing – Reviewed the caucus, which had low turnout this year. Their Spring Party will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Hall. The LD is holding a large candidate forum at the Town Hall's large auditorium July 18, 2006.

11<sup>th</sup> LD – Don Bennett – Reported that all their Delegates and some Alternates were elected. Their platform was passed but could not get to their resolutions. They plan on attending events throughout the Summer: Tukwila Days and Renton River Days along with have their picnic.

Good of the Order

Raffle

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted by: KCDCC Recording Secretary Angela Henry

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- Ask the executive to evaluate elections security and transmit a security plan to the council.
- Ask the Elections Director to report to the council every three months on improvements he's made to the conduct of elections and improvements that are in the works.

The motion also asks the King County Charter Review Commission to give its opinion on whether the King County Auditor should be an elected or appointed position, and sets deadlines for executive transmittal of an appropriation ordinance to hire a firm to oversee implementation of federal and state election changes as well as the recommendations of the CEOC and The Election Center. The action plan will come before the full Council for action on May 15.

Source: Metropolitan King County Council website.

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#### KING COUNTY DEMOCRATS—2006 Convention

THANK YOU to everyone who had a role in the King County Democrats convention on May 6th. We were pleased to host several of our elected officials and the group was surprised with a visit from US Senator Maria Cantwell and her campaign volunteers including the Seattle—All City Marching Band drum corps. Over 300 delegates signed in and participated in the Platform discussion. Refreshments were provided by the District organizations, merchandise by the Washington State Democrats, and several of the campaigns tabled.

Additional Platform discussion and presentation of the "Do-Pass" list of resolutions will be the major thrust of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> KCDCC meeting.

**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 Center  
3330 Monte Villa Parkway, 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  
See website for location  
[Http://www.31stdistrictdemocrats.org](http://www.31stdistrictdemocrats.org)

**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  
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church  
4228 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue 98006

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

Chair: Lisa Steubing, 206.523.3644  
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  
Old Redmond School House Community Ctr  
16600 NE 8th, 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  
504 NE 95th 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



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[www.townhallseattle.org](http://www.townhallseattle.org)

**SAVE THE DATE — JUNE 3, 2006**

**A CONVERSATION WITH  
PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON**

A grass roots discussion with President Bill Clinton  
and US Representative Jim McDermott  
In downtown Seattle

**Saturday June 3, 2006  
5:30 pm—7:30 pm**

President Clinton has agreed to join Representative McDermott on stage for a town hall style discussion.

Mark your calendars — Stand by for event details and ticket information

(General Seating \$50 — Limited VIP Seating \$100)  
from

Friends for Jim McDermott Committee

**DCCC Chair Rahm Emanuel Event  
for Darcy Burner**

**Tuesday May 30, 2006 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Save the date -- details to be ready soon!**

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## Official Call

King County Democratic Central Committee  
Monthly Meeting Notice

Tuesday May 23, 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
7:20 pm	Legislative District Chairs' Reports
7:30 pm	Break
7:35 pm	<b>Program: Review 2006 Platform and Resolutions</b>
8:30 pm	New Business
8:40 pm	Old Business
8:50 pm	Door Prizes
8:55 pm	Good of the Order
9:00 pm	Adjourn

May 20th  
Spirit of Washington  
Rally and Ride

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