



# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

**Use your voice in the election of your Democratic Party Candidate.**

## **How will we elect the Democratic Party candidates in 2005?**

The U.S. courts have ruled that the right of political parties to choose their nominees is protected by the U.S. Constitution. The Republican, Libertarian and Democratic Parties are challenging the top-two primary system that was passed by initiative in November as unconstitutional. If the courts do not agree that this top-two system is unconstitutional, the political parties have each set up rules to nominate their own candidates for partisan offices. (For complete rules of the 2005 Democratic Party nominating process visit [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org) or call 206-622-9157).

The County Democratic Party organizations will be holding nominating conventions in May and June to nominate their candidates for partisan offices that will appear on the September primary ballot. The elected and appointed Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) will meet to elect their nominees for the Districts they live in. The candidate nominated will be placed on the primary ballot with the Democratic symbol beside their name. No other candidate will be able to run as the Democratic Party candidate.

This process will be in place for partisan offices only and will likely change in 2006 depending on action by the legislature or the courts.

## **How does my voice get heard in the nomination process?**

The Democratic Party wants Democrats to get involved. We will actually have a more open process than the Republicans. The Democratic Party will be using our Precinct Committee Officers, which are elected by their neighbors every even-numbered year. The Republicans will be using the caucus style system, which is highly Party driven on the Republican side and limited in the number of people who are allowed to participate. You can get involved in the Democratic Party nominating process two ways:

1. Become a Precinct Committee Officer. You have until the end of May to become a Democratic Party PCO. Contact your local County or Legislative District organization now to get the process started. You can obtain this contact information, find out more about what a PCO does, and if your precinct is vacant at [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org) or by calling 206-622-9157.
2. If you do not want to be a PCO, or do not make the deadline, you still have a voice in the election of the Democratic nominee. Contact your neighborhood PCO and let them know what Democratic candidate you want to be nominated. This is the most direct form of citizen democracy there is. If your precinct does not have a PCO then contact the one closest to you. The PCOs that are elected and appointed will be seeking your input as well.

As the Democratic Party, we strive year-round to make sure that the rights of citizens to elect their representatives are protected at all levels. We know that this process will not appeal to some; however, we must continue to protect the first amendment rights of the voters we represent. You can have a say and we want you to have a say! Please contact your Democratic Party officials if you have any questions. (See backside for details for King County Democratic Central Committee – 2005 Nominating Convention.)

King County Democratic Central Committee – 2005 Nominating Convention  
Tuesday June 28, 2005 – 7:00 pm  
Bellevue Community College – Gymnasium  
3000 Landerholm Circle SE – Bellevue, Washington 98007

PCOs will nominate Democratic candidates for King County Executive and Nine District Council Positions. All King County PCOs are eligible to vote for the executive position. The District PCOs will use breakout rooms to select Council candidates.

Contact Information for King County:

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Legislative Districts:

1	Jeff Wiley	425.778.4808
5	Kayne McGladrey	425.894.5298
11	Edward Prince	206.246.8747
30	Larry Jackson	253.661.2287
31	Tim Pearson	253.863.4543
32	Lila Smith	206.818.1195
33	Tara Jo Heinecke	206.870.8819
34	Ivan Weiss	206.463.4647
36	Peter House	206.784.7665
37	Gwen Rench	206.324.2786
41	Barbara Geller	206.232.4970
43	Richard Kelley	206.522.2735
45	Ralph Gorin	425.867.2413
46	Scott White	206.310.7970
47	Bryan Kesterson	253.639.3515
48	Benjamin Von Ullrich	206.979.9073

Visit our website for detailed information and watch for the KCDCC June Newsletter that will be dedicated to Convention process/procedures, rules, and agenda. It will be the official call to the meeting sent to all PCOs, elected officials, paid members, and the press.

Thank you!