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OFFICIAL CALL Tuesday May 24, 2005—7:00 pm

The King County Democratic Central Committee will meet for their monthly business meeting:

Tuesday May 24, 2005
Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North—Renton

The agenda will include:

Social Hour at 6:00 pm (meet and greet Council Members) Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Flag Salute

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes and meeting agenda Update on KCDCC 2005—Nominating Convention Welcome and Introductions

Program:

Metropolitan King County Council Members' Forum

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State Law Changed to Rename King County



'King' County, finally! King County Executive Ron Sims joined Governor Christine Gregoire, State Senator Adam Kline, County Council member Larry Gossett, and community leaders in celebrating the official renaming of King County.

(see page 2 for details)



Metropolitan King County Council Members' Forum

The next meeting of the King County Democrats on Tuesday May 24, 2005—7:00 pm will feature a public forum with the current Democratic members of the Metropolitan King County Council. All members must stand for election this fall as voters approved an amendment to the County's charter reducing council size from 13 to 9 positions in the November 2004 election. District lines were redrawn resulting in the following:

District 1: Population 192,873. Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore and Woodinville, and a portion of North Seattle. **Members: Carolyn Edmonds and Bob Ferguson.**

District 2: Population 192,931. The City of Seattle is the only municipality represented in this District made up of the eastern half of the city. **Member: Larry Gossett.** (continued on page 2)

Metropolitan King County Council Members' Forum (continued from page 1)

District 3: Population 193,062. One of the two enormous rural districts, which includes a vast area of unincorporated east King County and the Eastside cities of Redmond, Sammamish, Issaquah, Duvall, Carnation, Snoqualmie and North Bend. **Member: No known Democratic candidate at press time.**

District 4: Population: 193,122. The northwest Seattle district; no other municipality is represented. **Member: Larry Phillips, Council Chair.**

District 5: Population: 192,689. A South County district that includes Des Moines, SeaTac, about half of Renton and most of Kent. **Member: Julia Patterson.**

District 6: Population: 193,487. An Eastside district that consists of Mercer Island, Kirkland, most of Bellevue, Yarrow Bay, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, and Beaux Arts. **Member: No known Democratic candidate at press time.**

District 7: Population: 192,971. District includes Federal Way, Auburn, Algona, Pacific and a large unincorporated area to the east. **Member: No known Democratic candidate at press time.**

District 8: Population: 193,111. District includes West Seattle, Vashon Island, Burien and Normandy Park. **Member: Dow Constantine.**

District 9: Population: 192,788. District includes south Bellevue, Newcastle, north Renton, a small eastern section of Kent, Covington, Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Enumclaw and a large southeast section of unincorporated King County. **Member:** No known Democratic candidate at press time.

The 2005 King County Democrats' Nominating Convention is scheduled for June where Democrats will select a King County Executive candidate and candidates for all nine Council position. The elected and appointed PCOs of King County will select the Democratic candidate for the ten positions and the candidates' names will appear on the Primary Election ballot. Under current law, minor parties go straight to the general. As a result the primary should be a non-event if both major parties nominate; the top two go forward and only two will be on the ballot, one Democrat and one Republican.

The Council members/candidates have been asked to participate in a public forum that will be facilitated, have a timekeeper, and follow this format:

- Introductions
- Five-Minute Speech by each member
- Open Question and Answer Period—one-half hour
 Two-Minute Question, followed by two-minute answer
- One-Minute summary by each member

Sources: King County Journal, 1/9/2005, WSDCC Attorney David McDonald e-mail, and King County Records and Elections website.

State Law Changed to Rename King County (continued from page 1)

With a stroke of a pen, King County officially became Martin Luther King, Junior County today, as Governor Christine Gregoire signed Senate Bill 5332 into law at the King County Courthouse. About 100 citizens, community leaders, local and state elected leaders attended the bill signing that came 19 years after the King County Council voted to rename the county to honor civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The county was originally named in 1852 for William Rufus King, Vice President for President Franklin Pierce. Since the state charters all counties, state law had to be changed to make the renaming official. State Senator Adam Kline (D-37tth LD) sponsored state legislation eight consecutive years before the legislature this year voted to authorize the name change. State Representative Eric Pettigrew (D-37th LD) sponsored the bill in the State House of Representatives.

King County Executive Ron Sims and Bruce Laing cosponsored the county name change in 1986 while both were members of the County Council. In his remarks today, Sims recalled that the idea was born out of the advocacy of community leaders and newspaper columnist Shelby Scates who believed that the county's name should symbolize justice and equality for which the Reverend Dr. King fought.

Source: King County Executive Ron Sims' News Release—April 29, 2005, website http://www.metrokc.gov

King County Democrats Officers Meeting



The Officers of the King County Democrats will meet for their regular monthly meeting on:

> Sunday May 15, 2005—6:00 pm The Thompson Point of View Restaurant 2308 East Union Seattle, Washington

The meeting has been scheduled for Sunday evening due to conflicts in scheduling. Agenda will be sent to all officers. This is a public meeting.

SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday July 30, 2005-Noon

King County Democrats Picnic at Lower Woodland Park, Shelter 1.

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The King County Democrat

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47th Legislative District Democrats Present



Friday May 6, 2005—6:00 pm Kent Senior Center 600 East Smith Street—Kent



Featuring
Dave Ross, KIRO Radio

Dinner—Silent Auction - Entertainment

For additional information visit: www.wa47dems.org

32nd Legislative District Sponsors

CANDIDATE DEBATE

Wednesday May 11, 2005—7:00 pm

Shoreline Community College Campus Theatre 16101 Greenwood Avenue North Shoreline, WA 98133 206.546.4101

Metropolitan King County Council
District 1
Members/Candidates

Members/Candidates
Carolyn Edmonds and Bob Ferguson

Contact 32nd LD Chair Lila Smith at 206.818.1195 for additional information

King County Democratic Central Committee Officers

Elected Position	<u>First Name</u>	Last Name	<u>e-mail</u>		
Chair	Susan	Sheary	suzie2004@comcast.net		
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Parliamentarians/Attys	Paul	Schneiderman			
T amamontanans/Attys	Robert	Gaudet			
Independent Audit	Jenson	Hagen			
Candidate Recruitment	Judith Baker Hine				
Endorsements	Linnea Peterson				

43rd Legislative District Democrats



Annual Spring Party

Saturday May 21, 2005 7:30 pm



Pioneer Hall Seattle's Madison Park Neighborhood 1642—43rd Avenue East—Seattle

American Eyedull

Event will help fund
effort to get out the Democratic message
and Democratic voters

Contact: Julian Wheeler, Vice Chair for Events At 206.522.9495 or e-mail julianfwheeler@aol.com

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Senator Patty Murray's 10th Annual GOLDEN TENNIS SHOE AWARDS

Friday May 6, 2005—Noon

Registration opens at 11:30 am

Westin Hotel—Grand Ballroom—Seattle

Special Guest

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

Suggested Donation—\$100

Young Democrats of Washington

Congratulations to Aaron Belenky of the 41st LD on being elected Chair of the YD's of Washington for the 2005-2006 term at their convention in Spokane, April 9th. You may contact Aaron at: aaronbelenky@ydwa.org, or 206.235.2651 and visit their website at www.ydwa.org

King County Young Democrats

The King County Young Democrats have elected new officers for 2005-2006, and will conduct their next meeting:

Tuesday May 10, 2005—7:00 pm Seattle Labor Temple, Room 90 2800 First Avenue—Seattle

Congratulations to new KCYD Chair—Steven Smith! You may contact Steven at:

StevenRandySmith@yahoo.com or 425.753.1653 Visit their website at: www.kcyoungdems.org

Congratulations to Our New Third Vice-Chair of Finance and Treasurer

Tuesday, April 26th, Sharon Mast was elected to chair the Finance committee for KCDCC and Chuck Laney was elected to serve as Treasurer. Congratulations to you! Sharon will call a committee in early May to set new fundraising goals and objectives and Chuck will continue preparing the PDC reports and performance reports.

Thank you, Robert Porterfield and Justin Simmons for your past service to the organization.

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KCDCC—Legislative Action Committee (LAC)

The LAC, under the new leadership of Tina Shamseldin, will have an in-depth discussion on the roles of LAC and how best to coordinate with the legislative districts at their next meeting:

Sunday May 15, 2005—2:00 pm Fairwood Library 17009 140th Avenue SW—Renton 425,226,0522

The committee will also review the 2005 Legislative session and have a follow-up discussion on the Federal budget resolution process and CAFTA.

Toni Lysen resigned as the chair due to work assignments and associated travel; however, she will remain on the committee. Thank you, Toni, for your great work and enthusiasm!

Endorsement Committee Review

Committee Chair Linnea Peterson conducted her first meeting on April 26th in Shoreline. They reviewed the general and judicial questionnaires. A rough draft of their work was presented on April 28th and the final formats will be ready for posting at the website on May 10th. Formal letters accompanied by questionnaire will be sent to all known candidates in May.

Election Observer Team at Mail Ballot Operations Station (MBOS)

Emily Willoughby was assigned by KCDCC Fourth Vice-Chair—Elections, Gurine Nordby, to head up the team of observers at MBOS. Loretta Aschenbrenner and Susan Kruller worked with Emily in their first assignment of observing the "all mail-in" election, April 26th. Approximately 47,000 ballots were counted with Democrat and Republican observers present at the facility. Gurine also assigned Robert Shields and Susan Harman to observe the activity at the King County Records and Elections main offices.

Gurine Nordby Selected to Serve on King County Council—Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee

The Metropolitan King County Council approved the ordinance reactivating the King County Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee to review the last two county elections and to monitor the 2005 primary and general elections. The 13-member panel will review the 2004 general election and the 2005 spring election to identify errors made and recommend measures to improve future elections, submitting their report to the Council by June 15, 2005. The panel will then monitor the 2005 primary and general elections and make recommendations to the Council on ways to improve the Elections Section by February 1, 2006 (**Ordinance 2005-0055**). KCDCC Fourth Vice-Chair—Elections, Gurine Nordby, will represent us.

King County Democratic Central Committee Meeting Minutes—Tuesday April 26, 2005 in Shoreline

Call to Order followed by Flag Salute; Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes Accepted; Welcome to Shoreline by 32nd LD Chair Lila Smith.

Special Guests:

Cleve Stockmeyer – Seattle Monorail Board Member - Candidate; Pat Davis – Seattle Port Commissioner Pos. 4 and Candidate; Dan Becraft – Candidate for Seattle Port Commissioner Pos. 4.

Program - Energy Fair

Larry Owens of the Solar Energy Project discussed Peak Oil. Peak oil is the point in time that most oil will be extracted and produced can be done. Go to www.oilcrises.com for more information.

Chris McCullough of Congressman Jay Inslee's campaign discussed the Apollo PAC www.apollopac.com. It promotes environment by addressing global warming, national security by depending less on foreign oil and the economy by creating millions of jobs.

32nd LD Rep. Marilyn Chase – Reported on use of coal and oil. The State of Washington Legislature passed two energy bills: (1) help to develop market by getting money back for usage and (2) help producers of solar power. A Solar Energy Fair will be held June 4th at Meridian Park Elementary.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Chair's Report – Suzie Sheary—Prewritten and handed out in the meeting package.

First Vice Chair's Report - Rob Dolin-New website is up.

Second Vice Chair's Report – Marie Yamamoto—Asked for help with attending the Vietnamese parade on the 30th Anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Treasurer's Report – Justin Simmons—The March balance was \$1,093.57. He told the group that he is resigning as Treasurer and will run for the Finance Chair.

State Committee Report – Javier Valdez and Pat Taylor Reported: Nominating convention for partisan races will be conducted and PCOs will be called to meet. In 2006 new rules will be adopted. Reported on a possible court challenge by Secretary of State. Republicans and Democrats counter sue. Republicans have agreed to file first. Reported on the WSDCC financial review – it is being done by an external review audit; an Eastern Washington person will be hired for the new office there; there are groups that would like to be a voting member of the WSDCC. The WSDCC Rules Committee will draft up a proposal to vote as the State Committee; and, Marie Yamamoto is the new Chair of the Asian Caucus.

Candidate Recruitment Report – Judith Baker Hines—Reported that the committee is researching announced candidates, PDC filings, etc. She said it is hard to get information of filings outside of Seattle. No one has been found to run in the 7th and 9th County Council races.

Endorsement Chair Report – Linnea Peterson—Reported the first candidate forum will be at the May meeting for the King County Council race. General and Judicial questionnaires are in work.

Election's Chair Report – Gurine Nordby—Reported that Inspectors are needed across King County polling locations.

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) – Tina Shamseldin Reported on bills that were passed this legislative year (1) mental health parity and (2) progressive taxes were passed. Next committee meeting will be May 15th at the Fairwood Library in Renton.

New Business

Motion #1 – Move to suspend the rules to early endorse Dow Constantine by Bruce Stotler and seconded. Vote: Yea = unanimous PASSED

Motion #2 – Move to endorse Dow Constantine for King County Council, seconded. Vote: Yea = unanimous PASSED

Motion #3 – Move to nominate for Treasurer Chuck Laney, seconded. Vote: yea = unanimous PASSED

Motion #4 – Nominations opened for 3rd Vice Chair. Nominees: Justin Simmons and Sharon Mast. Vote: Sharon Mast won. Motion #5 – Move to endorse proposed resolution from the 46th District opposing the nonpartisan initiative, King County I-22, seconded. An active discussion ensued. A motion #6 was moved to strike the 2nd whereas; discussion;. Vote: Yea = 9 Nea = 30 FAILS. Another motion #7 moved to amend the 2nd whereas to say "Alliance for Property Rights", and. Vote: Yea = 29 Nea = 7 PASSED

Motion #8 – Move to appoint Tina Shamseldin as the new LAC Chair. Unanimous PASSED

Motion #9 – Move to suspend the rules to elect a new Treasurer. Vote: Yea = unanimous PASSED

Motion #10 – Nominate Treasurer Charles Laney. Vote: Yea = unanimous PASSED

Discussion of school closures in Seattle. Within the next two weeks there will be a lot more issues being brought up. A committee will be organized to research the issue.

Old Business—Peter House encouraged early endorsement of the King County contested races.

Good of the Order—District Reports

47th LD – Chair Bryan Kesterson – June 8th Environmentalism Reborn event and May 6th Annual Spring Dinner.

36th LD – Chair Peter House – PCO doorbelling canvassing activity with 3000 doors contacted and over 15,000 pieces delivered. Shanna Sawatzki announced the 36th LD is selling the "Think Blue" bracelets and will make them available for the Nominating Convention as well.

41st LD – Chair Barbara Geller – 8th Congressional District– Eastside chairs have been meeting and will invite other chairs in the 8th CD. There have been three events in the 8th and they now have a contact with the DCCC and Air America.

34th LD – Chair Ivan Weiss - Designing District tee-shirts and planning on going to all LD events and canvassing.

37th LD – Chair Gwen Rench – PCO vacancies being filled and they will be canvassing those precincts and personalizing new PCO flyer.

5th LD – Kayne McGladrey – Discussed their Social Security white paper.

43rd LD – Annual Spring Fundraiser May 21st will feature musical performances interpreting current political figures.

32nd LD – Chair Lila Smith—Discussed human and civil rights task force; King County Council District 1—Candidate Debate scheduled for May 11th at Shoreline Community College's Theatre.

The Chair announced a contest—INCREASE OUR NUMBERS—challenging all Legislative Districts to increase their PCO numbers in time for the Nominating Convention. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers, including 4 free tickets to the KCDCC picnic.

Sarajane Siegfried announced that the Metropolitan Democrats will host an Election Reform forum featuring Bev Harris May 4^{th} at the College Club.

Adjourn

Submitted by: KCDCC Secretary Angela Henry

"INCREASE OUR NUMBERS" COMPETITION

KCDCC Chair Susan Sheary challenged each Legislative District to increase their PCO numbers by the deadline for 2005 Nominating Convention PCO eligibility, end of the business day May 27, 2005. The top three finishers will be rewarded for their accomplishments.

Year-to-date 2005 figures reflect that 93 PCOs have been added and the top three district increases are:

LD 37 29 LD 34 16 LD 36 13 LD 45 13 tie

This is a great opportunity to increase our numbers at the upcoming convention and attract new neighborhood leaders. Our organizations can only become stronger with strength of numbers and commitments.

The goal is to top the 2004 final number of 1638 and put the organization in a better position for the upcoming mid-term elections of 2006.

GO DEMOCRATS!

SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY Write to Our Senators and Representatives

The Bush Administration and the Republican leaders in Congress have said that their intended changes to Social Security will be brought up in session in June. Write to our Congressmen and Senators to let them know that Bush's plan is not good for the Nation. Bush only wants to divert funds to another war effort and we can not let him do this on the backs of those who need the Social Security benefits the most — the lower and middle classes. Let them know what you think.

1st District Congressman Jay Inslee 21905 64th Avenue West, #101 Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043 425.640.0233 Jay.inslee@mail.house gov

2nd District Congressman Rick Larsen 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 9E Everett, WA 98201 425.252.3188 Rick.larsen@mail.house.gov

7th District Congressman Jim McDermott 1809 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1212 Seattle, WA 98101 206.553.7170 www.house.gov/mcdermott

9th District Congressman Adam Smith 1717 Pacific Avenue, Suite 2135 Tacoma, WA 98402 253.593.6600—www.house.gov/adamsmith

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U.S. Senator Patty Murray Jackson Federal Building 915 2nd Avenue, Suite 2988 Seattle, WA 98174 206.553.5545 Murrary.senate.gov/email

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell Jackson Federal Building 915 2nd Avenue, Suite 3206 Seattle, WA 98174 206.220.6400 Maria cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov

Senate Minority Leader—Harry Reid (D-NV) 202.224.3542

House Minority Leader—Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) 202.225.4965

Congressional Switchboard: 202.224.3121



Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs)

We have 2,616 (source: revised list from KC Elections) precincts in King County and with the newly appointed/ acting PCOs input by the Legislative District Chairs, now have 1,328 filled positions (as of 5/1/2005). That's a percentage of 51.0% full. We have a lot of vacancies to fill and perhaps, the 'INCREASE OUR NUMBERS" competition will help!

Think about becoming the neighborhood leader in your area — become a Precinct Committee Officer in your Legislative District. Become the go-to person in your neighborhood for the latest information regarding the Democratic Party — hold neighborhood meetings, attend meetings and events. You will also be a voting delegate at the upcoming 2005 King County—Nominating Convention in June.

Access the KCDCC website at www.kcdems.org for a good definition of a PCO and fill out the application available online. There is also an online training course available for viewing at the site or for using as an online presentation in a classroom format.

And, District Chairs, when you receive and have the applications approved, remember to send them to the KCDCC office by mail, e-mail, or by FAX (425.255.1634). Let's do the grassroots work now and be ready for the upcoming elections with leaders in every precinct.

1st LD

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

5th LD

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

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 Sumner Library 1116 Fryer Avenue, Sumner

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

Chair: Peter House, 206784.7665 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 **UFCW Hall** 12838 SE 40th, Factoria

43rd LD

Chair: Richard Kelley, 206.522.2735 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 United Methodist Church 16540 NE 80th St, Redmond

46th LD

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

47th LD

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 253.634.3515 Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm Machinists' Hall A St SW at 2nd St SW, Auburn

48th LD

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

KCDCC TREASURY

Cum-to-Date, April 30, 2005 (PDC Report not completed at press time)

BALANCE on 4/30/2005

INCOME	
Call for Membership/Income	\$10,742.70
District Donations	4,963.21
Elected Officials	6,850.00
Honors Banquet	13,029.00
Other Events	1,845.82
Refund (Old Postage Due Account)	76.59
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,507.32

EXPENSE

Advertising	\$	30.00
Bank Charges		315.49
Dell Computer		980.00
C.N.A.—Liability Insurance		930.00
Membership Fees		100.00
Online / Internet Design and Services		1,400.00
Phone / FAX / Internet		583.57
Call for Membership		524.23
Consulting / Contract Work		5,750.00
Honors Banquet		8,739.53
Licenses and Fees		10.00
Maps / Research		6,850.00
Miscellaneous		40.00
Newsletter		483.94
Office Supplies		1,269.81
Other Events		4,527.81
Other Supplies		312.09
Postage—New Postage Due Account		100.00
Storage of Files (paid through 7/1/2005)		100.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3	5, 710.47

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the budget, he would be reconsidering his tax cuts." isn't driven by concerns about the future budget burden of benefit payments. After all, if Mr. Bush was worried about "The important thing to understand is that the attempt to turn Social Security into nothing but a program for the poor

"No, this is about ideology: Mr. Bush comes to bury Social Security, not to save it.

will be able to attack it with tall tales about Social Security queens driving Cadillacs." His goal is to turn F.D.R.'s most durable achievement into an unpopular welfare program, so some future president

Paul Krugman, New York Times, May 2, 2005

OFFICIAL CALL