

Call to Caucus



46th Legislative District Caucus Sunday, April 17, 2016

**Shorecrest High School
15343 25th Ave NE - Shoreline, WA
Registration begins at 11:30am**

Proposed Agenda for 46th Legislative District Caucus

Saturday, April 17, 2016

Agenda

1. 11:30 a.m. – Credentials Open (in the Cafeteria)
2. 1:00 p.m. – General Assembly Call to order by the temporary chair (Gymnasium)
3. Flag Salute
4. Appointment of Temporary Secretary, Sergeant-at-arms, and Parliamentarian
5. Initial (First) Credentials Report, call forward Alternates to be seated as Delegates, Challenges
6. Presidential Preference Change Period
7. Adoption of Agenda and Rules
8. Election of Permanent Chair
9. Interim (Second) Credentials Report: Announcement of Seating of Alternate Delegates
10. Appointment of Permanent Secretary, Sergeant-at-arms, Parliamentarian
11. Final Credentials Report
12. Breakout into Candidate Sub-caucuses
 - a. Election of State Convention/Congressional District Caucus Delegates
 - b. Election of State Convention/Congressional District Caucus Alternates
 - c. Adjourn sub-caucuses and return to General Assembly
 - d. Adoption of Platform and Resolutions
 - e. Good of the Order
15. Adjournment – no later than 6:00pm



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download or print at our web site: www46dems.org**

Dear Delegates, Alternates, and Members of the 46th District Democrats:

Pursuant to the 2016 Washington State Democrats Delegate Selection Rules, you are hereby called to the 46th Legislative District Caucus on **Sunday, April 17, 2016** at **Shorecrest High School**. This is the next critical step in the process to sending another strong Democrat to the White House!

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be called to order at 1:00 p.m. (directions to the location are on the back page of this packet.) You can expect the caucus to take several hours and will adjourn no later than 6:00 p.m. The proposed agenda is on the inside cover, and proposed rules for the caucus and platform are included in this packet.

We are happy to be convening at Shorecrest High School, a sparkling new, state-of-the-art facility which is fully ADA accessible for those of all physical abilities. A fun fact about Shorecrest HS: it is technically just barely outside of our legislative district, in the city of Shoreline, but because of the curious boundary of our LD, clinging to Lake Washington from Husky Stadium all the way around the top of the lake over to Saint Edward State Park, Shorecrest is tucked right into a spot that makes it geographically central to the entire district.

There will be a suggested registration donation of \$15.00 asked of each attendee. This is to offset the many costs incurred by the 46th Legislative District organization in conducting the caucus. Monies collected shall primarily be used for facility rental, call postage, materials printing, and sundry expenses. **Payment of this suggested registration donation shall not be a condition of participation or election at any level.** *We ask that you contribute more if you can, less if you can't, at the level at which you are comfortable.*

The purpose of the 46th District Caucus is two-fold. The first main item of business is to elect delegates and alternates to the State Democratic Party Convention and to the Congressional District Caucuses. The 1st and 7th Congressional District Conventions will be held on Saturday, May 21st and the State Democratic Party Convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 18th and 19th, in Tacoma. The second main item of business at the Caucus is the consideration of a platform and resolutions. The proposed platform and resolutions are included for your review. The proposed caucus rules contain instructions for proposing any amendments to the platform and for getting new resolutions introduced.

You are eligible to *participate* in the 46th District Caucus if: 1) you were elected a delegate at your precinct caucus, 2) you were elected an alternate and your delegate is not in attendance, or 3) you are a member in good standing of the 46th District Democrats. Seated delegates may vote for delegates to the next level *and* vote on platform/resolution issues. Non-delegates who are 46th LD members in good standing may only vote on platform/resolution issues. Of course, everyone is invited to attend the Caucus to observe the proceedings and spend time with your friends and neighbors!

If you were elected at your precinct caucus as a delegate you have three options on April 17th: 1) continue to support your original candidate, 2) switch to another candidate or 3) support "uncommitted." We encourage all delegates, alternates and members of the 46th District Democrats to participate in this important next step in the delegate selection process.

If you are interested in trying to become a National Convention Delegate, you must send a letter to the State Party Chair indicating your intention to run for National Convention Delegate. There is a form online that makes it easy. This statement of candidacy must be filed with the State Chair by 5:00 pm, Friday, May 6, 2016 to run at the Congressional District Level, or by 5:00pm, Friday, June 10, 2016, to run as a PLEO or At-Large candidate at the State Convention. We will provide you with more information on this at the District Caucus.

Thank you for your enthusiasm this election cycle, and for being a part of OUR Democratic Party. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, April 17th!

Sincerely,

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Phillip Duggan
Chair, 46th District Democrats



2016 Legislative Caucus Rules *(proposed)*

1. The Legislative District Caucus shall be held on Saturday, April 17, 2016, commencing at 1:00 p.m., at **Shorecrest High School, located at 15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155.**
2. To sign in, be seated, and to vote at the Legislative District (LD) Caucus, persons must have been elected as a delegate to the caucus at the precinct caucus. Absent or ineligible delegates shall be replaced with an alternate from their respective home precinct. Alternates shall be listed and seated in the order in which they were reported on the delegate/alternate sheets from their home precinct, and to the extent possible, be replacing a delegate of the same gender.
3. Individuals who are not qualified to register to vote because of residence, citizenship, or age shall be allowed to participate in the platform discussion, but may not vote on resolutions or for the election of delegates or alternates, nor may they be elected as delegates or alternates. Individuals who will be 18 years old on or before November 8, 2016 are considered eligible to register to vote for the purposes of this caucus.
4. Any duly elected delegate or alternate who moves and no longer resides in her or his precinct at the time of the District Caucus shall automatically forfeit his or her seat and, in the case of a delegate, shall forfeit her or his seat and an alternate shall be seated in his or her place.
5. At the time of registration, delegates and alternates shall sign in by precinct, and declare their Presidential preference. There will be a suggested registration donation of \$15.00 asked of each attendee. This is to offset the many costs incurred by the 46th Legislative District organization in conducting the caucus. Monies collected shall primarily be used for facility rental, call postage, materials printing, and sundry expenses. Surplus, if any, shall be used to support the election of Democratic candidates up and down the ticket in November. ***Payment of this suggested registration donation shall not be a condition of participation or election at any level.***
6. To sign up as a candidate for 46th LD Delegate to the Congressional District and State Conventions, a person must be a registered voter in the 46th district, or be a 17 year-old eligible to register to vote on or before November 8, 2016. A candidate **must file a declaration of candidacy** at the station located near the credentials table in the Shorecrest HS Cafeteria **prior to 2:00pm on Sunday, April 17, 2016.** Such candidates will be required to state their Presidential preference as a part of their declaration.
7. The Legislative District Chair or the Chair's designee shall serve as the Temporary Chair of the Caucus. The temporary chair may appoint a temporary secretary, sergeant-at-arms, parliamentarian, and official timer.
8. The Legislative District caucus shall elect 37 Delegates and 18 Alternates from the 7th Congressional District (CD) and 5 Delegates and 3 Alternates from the 1st CD to the CD caucuses and to the State Convention. Delegates and Alternates within each category and within each Congressional District shall be divided evenly between men and women, with the number of men and women in each category differing by no more than one. If there are not enough candidates to meet gender balance, then delegates of the more numerous gender may be elected to fill delegate slots for which no candidate of the correct gender is available. For odd number allocations, the final unfilled slot shall be filled by the available candidate having the most votes, regardless of her/his gender.

Delegates and Alternates: You DO NOT need your yellow or blue "certificate of election" to participate. We have your info on file!

9. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall present the initial report of the credentials committee, which shall include the preference allocation calculations reflecting the 15% threshold. Calculations are made in accordance with the Washington State Delegate Selection Plan:

- a. The total number of delegates certified as elected in the 46th Legislative District ("District");
- b. The total number of delegates registered and seated at the time the report is given;
- c. The total number of alternates eligible to be seated at the time due to the absence of elected delegates;
- d. An account by name and precinct of the seating of eligible alternates.
- e. Presentation of challenged precinct documentation for decision by the caucus as a whole, beginning with the lowest numbered precinct, or at the beginning of the alphabet and proceeding in alphanumeric order until all challenges are resolved. If the challenged delegate is not sustained, he or she shall be removed immediately and replaced by a qualified alternate. A challenged delegate may not vote on the question of his or her own challenge.
- f. The allocation of Congressional Caucus/State Convention Delegates within each Congressional District sub-caucus among the presidential preferences or "uncommitted". Calculation shall have been made according the Washington State Delegate Selection Plan. Representatives of the presidential preferences or "uncommitted" may observe the delegate counting and allocation calculation.
- g. The names of any Presidential candidates or "uncommitted" shall be announced, whose seated delegate numbers at that time do not meet the 15% threshold, and are at risk of not receiving any State Convention/Congressional Caucus delegates.
- h. Seated Delegates and Alternates seated as Delegates shall be given a readily visible distinctive credential to be held up for voting. Legislative District Members in good standing who are not delegates or alternates shall also be given a visually distinctive credential for voting on the platform and resolutions.

10...The Chair of the Rules Committee shall present the report of the Rules Committee. The Legislative District caucus shall adopt or amend and adopt the rules by majority vote.

11. Presidential Change Period: Immediately following the Initial (first) report of the Credentials Committee, an opportunity shall be provided for each of the Presidential Campaigns to offer a speaker or speakers for each campaign an opportunity to speak in favor of their candidate or "uncommitted" for five (5) minutes.

The five minutes is *the total amount of time allocated per candidate*, and may be divided between speakers in any way the official campaign representatives so choose.

Once the speakers for all campaigns are finished, the temporary Chair will announce that, for the next fifteen (15) minutes, delegates and alternates may change their recorded Presidential Preference at the credentials table in the cafeteria. The Chair shall state the immediate time, and the time it will be when fifteen (15) minutes have elapsed.

Once fifteen (15) minutes have elapsed, no further persons may change their Presidential preferences. Delegates waiting in the line at the registration table to change at the end of fifteen (15) minute-period may do so, but no further persons may join the line.

12. The Permanent Caucus Chair (Chair) shall be a registered voter of the District and shall publically declare as a Democrat. A candidate for Permanent Chair may be nominated by a delegate or an eligible person may nominate herself or himself. Nomination, seconding speeches and speeches by the candidate on his or her own behalf shall not total more than one minute per nominee. A majority is required to elect. If no person has a majority the candidate receiving the least votes is dropped and balloting shall be repeated using the remaining names. This procedure shall be repeated until a candidate receives a majority.

13. Upon the election of the Permanent Chair, the Permanent Chair shall appoint a permanent caucus Secretary or Secretaries, Sergeant-at-arms, a Parliamentarian, and a Timer or Timers.
14. The Credentials Chair shall present the Final Credentials Report not before 2:00 pm. The report shall be based on the physical attendance of seated delegates at the District Caucus. If the delegates supporting any individual Presidential candidate or “uncommitted” do not reach 15% of the total delegates in the sub-caucus, then no delegates shall be elected from that presidential preference or “uncommitted” to the Congressional District Caucus / State Convention. The final report shall include the same information as the preliminary report, summarized within each Congressional District and shall also contain the following information:
 - A. The number of qualified delegates seated.
 - B. The number of qualified alternates seated in place of disqualified or absent delegates.
 - C. The total number eligible to vote at the caucus.
 - D. Allocation of Congressional District Caucus and State Convention delegates and alternates supporting each presidential candidate or uncommitted status.
15. Once the final allocation report of the Credentials Committee has been prepared, a delegate or alternate may sign in and participate in the remaining caucus business if empty delegate seats remain, however such late registration shall not affect the delegate apportionment for the Congressional District/State conventions as previously reported by the Credentials Committee.
16. After the final allocation report has been read, the Permanent Chair shall call a brief recess of 10 minutes so that the Presidential Preference sub-caucuses which have reached the 15% threshold can re-convene in the areas reserved for their use. The Sanders sub-caucus will meet in the main Gymnasium, the Clinton sub-caucus in the Cafeteria, and the “uncommitted” caucus shall meet in the second Gymnasium, unless the Chair directs otherwise.
17. The election of the Congressional District Caucus/State Convention delegates and alternates shall be conducted within each Congressional District sub-caucus which is within each Presidential Preference sub-caucus. Each Congressional District sub-caucus, each of which is within a Presidential Preference or “uncommitted” sub-caucus shall follow this process:
 - a. A Permanent Chair for each Presidential Preference or “uncommitted” sub-caucus, and each Congressional sub-caucus within the Presidential Preference sub-caucus shall be appointed by the Legislative District Chair in consultation with presidential preference leaders.
 - b. Each candidate for State Convention/Congressional District Caucus delegate or alternate must be a resident registered voter (or a 17-year-old who will turn 18 on or before November 8, 2016 and who states an intent to register to vote) within the Legislative and Congressional District, and must be identified as to Presidential preference.
 - c. Each candidate for State Convention/Congressional District Caucus delegate or alternate shall be self nominated individually, by signing the nomination list at the registration table. No second is required.
 - d. A candidate who is not a delegate or alternate to the legislative caucus, or who is not present, must signify in advance, in writing individually, her/his Presidential candidate preference, that s/he will serve if elected and that s/he is a Democrat, and is willing to be known publicly as such. The letter of any absent candidate shall be read by the sub-caucus chair and shall constitute self-nomination. No second is required. A candidate so nominated shall be added to the list of nominees.
 - e. At a Congressional District sub-caucus within each presidential preference or “uncommitted” sub-caucus, each candidate shall have up to thirty (30) seconds (including time spent reading an absent candidate’s nomination letter) for any speech(es) on his or her behalf. No candidate shall be forced to make a speech if they do not wish to do so, and speeches may be shorter than 30 seconds. If there are no more candidates than delegate positions to the Congressional District/State Convention available, speeches may be waived by unanimous consent of the candidates for Congressional District/State Convention delegate.

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- f. Voting shall take place in a presidential preference or “uncommitted” sub-caucus within each Congressional District sub-caucus. Voting shall be by signed written ballot, and a ballot to be counted must have all positions filled in, and there must be no duplication of names. The sub-caucus chair shall give clear notice to the delegates that they must sign their ballots, must vote for the allotted number of candidates, give adequate time to do so, and remind the delegates to check their ballots before turning them in. A plurality is required to elect. The credentials committee chair shall supply the ballot forms.
 - g. If, and only if, there are the same number or fewer candidates for delegate positions than there are seats available, the option “elect all candidates as nominated” shall be offered on the written ballot to save time and writing effort.
 - h. After the votes are collected and tallied, the person receiving the most votes shall have been elected, the person receiving the next most votes shall have been elected, and so forth until all allotted delegate positions have been filled. In the case of a tie vote for any seat, the assignment of the delegate position shall be by lot. In the case of a tie vote for the final seat, the assignment of the final delegate seat shall be by lot.
 - i. Alternates shall be identified from the same set of ballots used for the election of Delegates. The candidate for Delegate receiving the most votes after all Delegate slots are filled shall become Alternate number one, and the Alternate receiving the next most votes shall be Alternate number two, and so forth. In case of a tie vote, the assigning number to the Alternates shall be by lot.
 - j. Each delegation elected shall be equally divided between men and women in both the delegate and alternate categories unless there is an insufficient number of nominees from one gender to fill the available positions. If a delegation cannot be equally divided because an odd number of delegates was allotted, the final delegate position shall be filled by the remaining delegate candidate having the highest vote count regardless of gender.
17. After the election of the State Convention/Congressional District Caucus delegates and alternates the permanent chair, with cooperation from the leadership of the respective sub-caucuses, shall send in a list of delegates and alternates with addresses and phone numbers and email addresses, if any, to the State Chair within five (5) days.
18. At the time of the election, each elected State Convention Delegate shall be requested to pay the \$50.00 State Convention Registration fee to the Secretary who shall send fees and a list of Delegates and Alternates with addresses and phone numbers to the State Chair within five (5) days. No person shall be excluded or disqualified from any part of the process for failure to pay such fee.
19. At the discretion of the Chair, consideration of platform and resolutions may commence without suspension of the rules.
20. At the discretion of the Chair, the Chair may suspend proceedings to allow visiting dignitaries to address the caucus. Remarks from each dignitary shall not exceed two minutes, except by the Chair’s permission.
21. The motion “to table” shall be out of order at all times.
22. Debate shall alternate pro and con, limited to three speakers for and three speakers against any motion, each speaker to speak no more than one minute. A motion to end debate shall not be in order. Voting not requiring a written ballot shall be by show of credential.
23. A quorum shall consist of 40 percent of the number eligible to vote as shown on the Credentials report, as most recently amended. The existence of a quorum may not be challenged before the adoption of the platform.
24. Resolutions shall be submitted in writing to the Caucus Secretary, with 50 supporting signatures of delegates or alternates. Signatures may be obtained at the caucus prior to 3:00pm. Adoption of Resolutions may be deferred to one of the next two meetings of the 46th District Democrats if ample time to debate is unavailable.
25. All caucus delegates, Elected or appointed Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) and members in good standing of the 46th District Democrats shall be permitted to vote on platform and resolutions. For purposes of voting on the platform and resolutions, members in good standing shall include PCOs and members who paid dues on or before March 28, 2016, as prescribed in Article III, Section 2 of our Bylaws. Separate credentials shall be issued for non-delegates to allow participation in approval of platform and resolutions.

26. The order of consideration of platform and resolutions shall be as follows:
- A. Each section of the Platform as proposed by the Platform Committee shall be considered as the equivalent of a motion to adopt (needing no second). Amendments will be considered for each section, if the proposed amendments meet the criteria in these rules and are not ruled out of order by the Chair.
 - B. Amendments to the platform submitted electronically to the District Chair by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2016 with 15 signatures/authorized names of elected delegates, PCOs or 46th District members in good standing, shall be considered at the time the relevant proposed section of the platform is considered.
 - C. A delegate may designate (flag) a platform plank within the section for striking in its entirety by majority vote. Planks cannot be amended except as authorized herein.
 - D. For all motions, the Chair will recognize three speakers pro and con, with each speaker to speak no more than one minute.
 - E. Sections of the platform passed shall constitute the platform as passed.
 - F. Any sections of the platform or amendments that meet the criteria for consideration at the caucus that are not considered prior to adjournment, shall be considered at one of the next two regular meeting times of the 46th District Democrats.
 - G. Following adoption of the Platform, resolutions proposed by the Platform Committee shall be considered, with their recommendation serving as a motion to adopt, proceeding on the basis of each topical section of resolutions serving as a single motion. If the Chair determines there is substantial (not majority) interest in amending or opposing a resolution within a section, that resolution will be considered separately from the remainder of resolutions proposed by the Platform Committee, immediately following consideration of the relevant topical section of proposed resolutions.
 - H. Resolutions shall not be amended at the Caucus, but may be referred to a future meeting of the 46th District Democrats.
 - I. Any resolutions that meet the criteria for consideration at the caucus but are not considered prior to adjournment or recess, shall be considered at a future regular meeting of the 46th District Democrats.
27. The Chair shall appoint a representative Tally Committee of non-candidates for Delegate positions at the next level, or of Delegates from the opposite Presidential Preference. (The point is to avoid candidates for the next level from counting their own ballots). All ballots shall be returned to the Caucus Chair and shall be retained by the Legislative District Chair until the State Convention has adjourned.
28. The "unit rule" shall not be permitted at any time.
29. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.
30. All practical efforts shall be made to insure that participation is higher than their proportion of the population of ethnic minorities, women, youth, persons over 65 years of age, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgendered persons, Labor, persons with a high school education or less, disabled, and persons of economic disadvantage.
31. These rules comply with the Washington State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan (DSAAP) of 2016. If these rules are silent or unclear on a question, or conflict with the DSAAP, the DSAAP shall govern. The ruling of the Chair on this matter may not be appealed.
32. **Robert's Rules of Order, 11th Edition, Newly Revised, shall prevail in other matters not specifically covered herein.**

Help us save trees and money! Please bring your copy of the Call with you to the caucus!

Proposed 2016 Platform of the 46th LD Democrats

OUR VALUES

We are Democrats, the party of the people. We believe in the Four Freedoms of Franklin Delano Roosevelt: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, freedom from fear. We pledge ourselves to addressing the critical issues of our time: income and racial inequality and climate change. We will restore the American dream with good schools, good jobs, homes and good medical care for all. We are committed to a government that serves and protects its people, with justice for all.

We are dedicated to:

- Fighting poverty and income inequality
- Protecting and restoring the environment
- Quality health care as a human right
- Equal rights for women
- Economic justice, with living-wage jobs and fair tax policies
- Protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid
- Funding quality public education from preschool to career
- Fiscal responsibility, integrity, transparency and accountability in government
- A fair and just judicial system with equal protection under the law
- A criminal justice system that heals our communities and prepares offenders for reintegration into society
- Protecting freedom of conscience by upholding the separation of church and state
- Protecting the right of all Americans to actively participate in our democracy
- Seeking peace through cooperation

AGRICULTURE

We are the stewards of the land and water that sustains us. We are proud that agriculture – including aquaculture, fisheries, forestry, and other food and fiber production – is a leading industry in Washington State. We support programs and policies that strengthen rural communities, preserve family farms, ensure the availability of high-quality food, and maintain the viability of our land and water resources.

We support:

1. Farm supports only in times of crop failure and disasters
2. Sustainable agriculture, including aquaculture, fishery and forestry methods
3. Organic farming, and we call for non-organic farms to reduce their use of herbicides, pesticides and other toxic materials
4. Local farmers' markets
5. Encouraging school districts to use local and organic foods in their lunch programs, and teaching students about locally available foods
6. Renewable energy production on farms, including solar and wind
7. Clear food labeling, including genetic modification, irradiation, organic certification, and food origin
8. Increasing the reliability and effectiveness of food and livestock inspections by hiring more inspectors
9. Prohibiting the privatization of water and promoting equitable, sustainable and fair distribution of water
10. Increased efforts to rehabilitate and preserve soil and to conserve habitat
11. Protecting wild salmon from the impacts of factory fish farms and watershed pollution
12. Removal of the four Snake River Dams as the only way to restore these Native fisheries
13. Policies consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act that preserve agricultural land and natural resource
14. Reduction of antibiotic use in livestock production
15. Education and encouragement of backyard beekeeping; community support of pollinator habitat

CORPORATE POWER & MEDIA REFORM

Corporations are not people and are not entitled to the constitutional rights of people. The power of money in politics nullifies the people's will and must be drastically reduced. An informed citizenry and persistently inquisitive media are essential for democracy to flourish.

We support:

1. Amending the Constitution to firmly establish that corporations are not people and that money is not speech
2. Separating investment banking from retail banking and subjecting both to tighter regulation, transparency, and accountability
3. Revoking the charters of corporations that repeatedly violate laws or regulations
4. Criminal penalties for corporate executives whose companies egregiously violate state or federal laws or regulations
5. Strengthening and enforcing laws to provide active protection and restitution for any whistleblowers who lose their livelihoods
6. Reforming patent and copyright laws that give corporations undue control through unnecessarily long terms and other tactics
7. Increased oversight of companies vital to our economy and environment, such as those in banking and fossil fuel extraction
8. Media ownership rules and frequency reservations from the FCC that cultivate localism, encourage a diversity of viewpoints and preserve a competitive marketplace of ideas for American communities
9. Encouraging women, minority and community media ownership
10. Internet neutrality, in which bandwidth is not limited based on content or ability to pay
11. Viable economic models to promote independent investigative reporting and coverage of state and local government and issues
12. Free radio and TV time for statewide and national candidates and ballot measures before each election
13. Increased payments to local governments by cable companies for their profitable use of the public right-of-way
14. Protecting journalists from unwarranted pressure to reveal their sources
15. Access to modern communications infrastructure, including high-speed Internet, for all Americans, by means of a fast, affordable, publicly owned telecommunications system in every community, and extending it to rural areas and Native American reservations
16. Streamlining the process for allocating affordable low-power broadcast frequencies for educational and nonprofit institutions
17. Restoring adequate funding of public radio and public television, free from public pressure
18. Statewide availability of TV Washington legislative channel
19. Privatization of public services, especially water

We oppose:

1. Corporations' exerting undue influence on our government through access to regulatory commissions and secretly drafting congressional and state legislation
2. Policies that allow U.S. businesses to incorporate or move offshore to evade taxes and laws
3. The sale of hedging contracts on securities, i.e., credit default swap contracts
4. Corporations and governments substituting uncertain 401(k) plans for defined benefit pensions
5. Concentration of media ownership
6. Government-funded or corporate-funded propaganda disguised as news
7. Government intimidation of the news media
8. False claims of "national security" to suppress investigative journalism

ECONOMIC JUSTICE, JOBS & TAX FAIRNESS

Income inequality is the driving issue of our time. We are committed to a sustainable economy with strong communities based on living-wage jobs, tax fairness, and shared prosperity. "Taxes, after all, are the dues we pay for the privilege of membership in an organized society." (Franklin Delano Roosevelt).

We support:

1. Fair and equitable taxation to provide state revenue sufficient to meet constitutional requirements, care for the most vulnerable and promote the common good
2. Policies that address racial and ethnic inequality, particularly in education, employment, housing and lending
3. Economic justice for women, including pay equality enforcement, social security reform, livable wages, paid sick leave and family leave, early childhood education, and reproductive rights
4. Addressing the scourge of student debt by:
 - Offering the first two years of college or technical school tuition free
 - Lowering 4-year tuition so student share is less than 30% of costs
 - Reversing the 2006 federal bankruptcy law to include discharge of mortgages and student debt in bankruptcy court
 - Modifying interest on all student loans to 1% over prime rate
 - Creating a grad student bond-based loan fund
 - Offering a tax credit to employers who pay student debt as a benefit
 - Settling student debt with a program that bases repayment on a percentage of earnings and forgives the balance after 20 years
 - Reducing or eliminating graduate student debt in exchange for critically needed public service in certain professions
5. A progressive state tax system, including a capital gains tax, a reduced sales tax on goods and services, a transaction tax on the exchange of securities, a very high-earner's personal income tax, and replacing the Business and Occupation tax on gross revenue with a 1% corporate income tax on profits

6. Publishing a state tax exemptions budget as a part of the biennial budget appropriations process
7. Corporations reporting the value of each state tax exemption, as well as family-wage jobs created or other quantifiable benefit to the public
8. Repealing tax breaks and incentives for companies that do not provide verifiable benefits to the state, and subjecting them to renewal every 10 years
9. Ending the tax break given to hedge fund managers on carried interest performance fees
10. A publicly owned Washington State investment trust as the repository for state funds, to foster economic development by participating with local banks in infrastructure and community development loans
11. An incremental increase in the state minimum wage to \$13.50, with a living wage as the goal
12. Funding and rebuilding our infrastructure as a proven method of job creation
13. Restoring the middle class by closing the education opportunity gap, creating affordable rental housing and lowering the entry cost of homeownership
14. Increasing the income lid on a property tax breaks on the primary residences of low-income homeowners to \$50,000
15. Raising the Federal minimum wage to above \$10 and automatically adjusting it annually for inflation
16. Raising the federal tax bracket on the wealth
17. Raising the federal capital gains tax on investments to the same rate as earned income
18. Restoring the Federal estate tax for estates of \$5 million or more, keyed to inflation
19. "Scrapping the cap" on income subject to Social Security tax
20. Expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to help the working poor, and applying an inflation index to the Alternative Minimum Tax to protect the middle class
21. Protecting Social Security and employment pensions as supplements to personal savings
22. Protection of homeowners from faulty construction (new-home warranties)
23. Capping the annual percentage rate of interest on payday loans at no more than 36%, as Federal law does for military families, and banning Wall Street banks from being payday lenders
24. Requiring banks to lower principal or interest on underwater mortgages to keep distressed homeowners in their homes
25. Using post offices to provide bank services for low-income people
26. Greater participation by the business community to retrain workers for jobs in the evolving economy, both directly and in partnership with post-secondary institutions
27. Sharing state marijuana revenue only with cities and counties that allow such sales
28. A major increase in funding for low-income and workforce housing, for those earning up to 60% of area median income
29. Impact fees in Seattle to pay for infrastructure concurrent with development as authorized by the Growth Management Act

We oppose:

1. Privatizing Social Security or reducing benefits
2. We oppose tax breaks for U.S. businesses incorporating out of state or offshore to evade taxes
3. Privatizing, outsourcing, or moving public jobs offshore or out of state
4. Public/private projects where the public pays the bills and/or takes the risk and the private operator reaps the profits
5. A constitutional amendment to require a 2/3 vote in the legislature to raise revenue

EDUCATION

Education is essential to a democracy and to a strong economy. The Washington Constitution says: "It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex." The backbone of our democracy is a free, universal public school system designed to produce reasoning, thoughtful, well-informed citizens who are prepared to participate in civic society.

We support:

1. A stable source of K-12 Basic Education funding per the State Supreme Court's McCleary decision to provide:
2. Competitive pay and benefits for all public educators, including compensatory adjustments for high-cost areas
3. Upgrading of school facilities, libraries, computer systems, and other resources
4. Smaller class sizes, consistent with the citizen's initiative
5. School construction funds to accommodate growth, lower class sizes, full-day kindergarten, and maintenance (replacement of portables)
6. Support for accelerated, remedial and special-needs programs to adequately meet the needs of every student
7. Inclusion of music, fine arts, civics, foreign language, and physical education in the Basic Education Act
8. Expanding preschool and after-school programs with priority for higher-need schools
9. Counselors and nurses in every school; and school completion specialists in every high school
10. Strong hands-on environmental science education
11. Expanding vocational education and apprenticeship programs in both middle school and high school
12. Strong post-high school programs for vocational education, job training and apprenticeships
13. The Federal government honoring its promise to adequately fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

14. Sufficient public funding for the state's university system to keep it competitive with other higher learning institutions nationwide
15. Authorizing the nonprofit HiSET GED as an alternative to the for-profit Pearson GED
16. Tuition-free two-year colleges and technical schools for state residents, and affordable tuition at other state colleges & universities
17. Increasing the size of Pell grants, with annual adjustments for inflation
18. A school environment free of bullying and intimidation for all students, staff, and faculty including use of the restroom that matches one's gender identity
19. School food programs that ensure that all students have access to nutritious meals, organic and local foods that support healthy habits and classroom learning, including "breakfast after the bell"
20. Promoting respect for teachers including appropriate professional pay, evaluations not based on standardized tests and promoting site-based decision-making

We oppose:

1. Voucher programs
2. Charter schools, their having been ruled unconstitutional by the Washington State Supreme Court, especially:
 - Any attempt to "fix" the charter school initiative
 - Lack of public oversight and transparency of tax money expenditures in charter schools, in particular their private for-profit contractors
 - Lack of labor protection for teachers and staff
 - Teach for America's displacement of certified teachers with uncertified college graduates
 - Any "trigger" school mechanism in a charter law that allows the takeover of any school building upon the presentation of a petition by the majority of teachers or parents
 - Excessive pay for charter school administrators in relation to public school administrators
3. Commercial marketing to students in public schools
4. Aggressive military recruiting in public schools
5. Police officers posted in public schools
6. Transferring the burden of the cost of higher education primarily to students and families
7. Imposition of Common Core Standards and the high-stakes testing stemming from it

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY

Our well-being and very survival depend on worldwide clean air, clean water, safe food and sustainable ecosystems. Steps to protect and restore them will create significant opportunities for American enterprise.

We support:

1. Aggressive action led by elected leaders, mobilizing millions of Americans, including a carbon tax, to minimize global climate change, reverse ocean acidification, and loss of the ozone layer
2. Enacting the Pacific Coast Action Plan on Climate and Energy, including accounting for the cost of carbon, embracing clean energy, and implementing low-carbon fuel standards
3. Reduce climate change by the following means:
 - Cutting carbon emissions drastically, including a carbon tax, beginning immediately
 - Replacing non-renewable, polluting energy generation with renewable non-nuclear sources such as wind, solar, hydrogen, ocean, micro-hydro, geothermal and biomass
 - Implementing an efficient, 21st century energy grid
 - Assisting and cooperating with other nations in implementing appropriate technology, energy efficiency and alternative renewable energy systems
 - Investing in research to develop renewable energy systems
 - Tax incentives for energy-saving systems such as, upgrades to insulation and other heat-retention strategies and for renewable energy collection, storage and distribution (i.e., solar and wind)
 - Tax incentives for installation of solar and wind energy collection, storage, and distribution systems on residential and business properties
4. Requiring that Environmental Impact Statements include changes to emissions of CO₂ and other chemicals affecting the atmosphere.
5. Expanding programs and incentives to reduce residential and business waste and to promote the reuse and recycling of material
6. Educating toxic waste and funding the science to clean up and dispose of existing waste by all available means, including:
 - Making Hanford cleanup a top priority
 - Treatment and disposal of radioactive and other hazardous wastes near their origin
 - Reinstating the Superfund Tax to make polluters pay for cleanup

- Reducing use of herbicides, pesticides and other toxic materials, to decrease environmental contamination and protect our food supply and health
 - Ending the sale of pesticides and herbicides in stores whose primary purpose is to sell food
 - Assessing the toxicity of chemicals prior to their manufacture and release into the environment
 - Incentives for businesses to conserve energy and require them to clean up their toxic waste
 - Continuing development of recycled-material markets that meet strict environmental and worker-health standards
 - A national program requiring electronic equipment manufacturers to recycle and safely dispose of computers, televisions and other e-waste
 - A national and/or state program requiring pharmaceutical manufacturers to offer safe disposal of unused or unsafe prescription drugs
7. Preserving our precious natural environment by all available means, including:
 - Adequate funding for maintenance of our state and national parks and wilderness areas as pristine national treasures
 - Protection of environmentally sensitive areas with adequate development buffers, restoration of wetlands, and a permanent ban on road building, logging, motorized recreation and any other type of development in threatened roadless areas
 - Maintaining the viability and diversity of plants and animals within watersheds and other ecosystems, including protection of the Northwest forests and adequate river flows that provide habitat for wild salmon and steelhead
 - Better regional mechanisms for dealing with watershed pollution and sedimentation
 8. Enforcing and strengthening our state's Growth Management Act to protect against further urban sprawl that consumes farmland, forests, wildlife habitat and natural resources
 9. Strengthening the Marine Mammal Protection Act to safeguard the marine ecosystem from the dangers of human depredation
 10. Requiring low-impact development techniques, such as rain gardens and pervious pavement, for new construction and major redevelopment projects
 11. Promoting regional watershed management
 12. Restoring our shoreline's ability to regrow oysters, clams, and other marine products
 13. Full implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) at the state and local level
 14. The immediate revision of the 1872 Mining Act to end exploitation and extraction in environmentally sensitive public lands and to compensate the public for the resources we own
 15. New statewide rules for cement/asphalt plants based on current best-available science

We oppose:

1. Shipping more waste to Hanford until the site is brought into compliance with existing regulations and the impact of past waste disposal has been fully remediated
2. Permitting expansion of nuclear power unless our environment is protected and long-term waste sequestration is guaranteed
3. Government funding of research into coal technology
4. Exporting banned chemicals or toxic waste to other countries
5. Drilling for oil or natural gas in U.S. waters, and mining, drilling, fracking, mountaintop removal or any other activity likely to violate the Clean Air or Clean Water Act on public or private lands
6. Shipping coal, oil, or other fossil fuels through our communities in an unsafe manner, including oil trains or coal trains that block critical railroad crossings for more than five minutes
7. The Keystone XL Pipeline and any government policy that facilitates drilling or moving the Alberta tar sands – the only safe policy is to keep it in the ground
8. Fracking

FOREIGN POLICY

To strengthen our security and promote peace throughout the world, America must work with the international community, using the tools of development, diplomacy and defense, in a spirit of mutual respect, friendship, and cooperation.

We support:

1. Outlawing the sale and importation to the United States of all products of slave labor and child labor
2. Increased emphasis on resolving international conflicts through diplomacy and other nonviolent conflict resolution strategies
3. Reforming and expanding sustainable development aid to improve the social, economic and environmental conditions in other nations
4. Rebuilding war-torn countries using international agencies and local labor and products when available
5. Promoting negotiations and other actions leading to a sustainable resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, based on mutual recognition, that facilitates peace, justice, security, economic growth, and quality of life for the peoples of the sovereign state of Israel and a sovereign state of Palestine
6. Cooperative and full participation in international organizations including the United Nations and international courts of justice
7. Reducing the world's nuclear stockpiles and strengthening and complying with international disarmament treaties, strengthening international control of fissile material, and limiting use of fissile material to peaceful purposes

8. Ratifying the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
9. Complying with the original UN Declaration on Human Rights, International Land Mines treaties, International Criminal Court, Genocide Conventions, the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions and the Convention on the Rights of the Child
10. Signing and complying with the Paris Accords on Climate Change
11. Continuing efforts to reduce or eliminate nuclear arsenals worldwide, including strict enforcement of the "Iran deal" (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action), renouncing US development of new nuclear weapons and working for nuclear nonproliferation, arms reduction and international control of fissile material
12. Restoring and reaffirming our historic adherence to the Geneva Conventions, and affording those rights to any person detained in a combat zone by the U.S. military
13. Replacing free-trade treaties, such as the WTO, TPP, NAFTA, and CAFTA, with fair-trade agreements that incorporate human rights, labor rights, public health, public services, and environmental protection, as well as preexisting multilateral international treaties on environmental, labor rights, and human rights
14. Effective foreign aid to reduce poverty, improve health and education, provide sustainable access to safe water and food free of contaminants, and prevent and treat pandemic and endemic diseases
15. Promoting programs that support family planning worldwide
16. Forgiving onerous debt owed by poor countries forced to choose between debt repayment and essential services
17. Revision of the War Powers Act to assure that Congress can declare an end to a war
18. Peaceful resolution to the Syrian civil war through diplomatic and political measures in coalition with regional powers and interests
19. The use of political and economic measures to end the occupation of Iraq, Syria and Libya by the terrorist organization, ISIS

We oppose:

1. Foreign trade agreements that put the interests of corporations above the rights, laws, and interests of governments or workers
2. Using the "global war on terror" to justify military action without a Congressional vote
3. Preemptive war
4. Overt or covert efforts to destabilize other nations' governments
5. Permanent U.S. military bases and prisons in Iraq or Afghanistan
6. Exporting weapons systems that contribute to the international arms race
7. International Monetary Fund and World Bank policies that compel privatization of vital government services, such as water, as a condition of refinancing national debt
8. Marginalization of women in any way, in any sphere of human activity, in any part of the world, whether by law, culture or custom
9. The production, testing, stockpiling, and use of nuclear weapons, as well as the development of new or enhanced nuclear weapons
10. The use of depleted uranium as a weapon
11. The secret WTO courts' invalidation of existing treaties on labor, the environment and human rights
12. Targeting civilian populations and medical facilities by military strikes

GOVERNMENT & POLITICAL REFORM

The role of government is to accomplish those goals that we as citizens cannot achieve individually. Our government derives its legitimacy solely from, and must be answerable to, the people. A democracy requires full participation by an informed electorate; a voting process that is fair, transparent and open to all citizens; and elected officials who are responsive to the needs of society

We support:

1. Vigorous enforcement of the right to vote for all citizens—every voice, every vote
2. Permanent voter registration and same-day voter registration; preliminary registration for 16- and 17-year-olds with a driver's license
3. Counting felons, for census and voting purposes, as residents of their last home address, rather than their place of imprisonment
4. Use of paper ballots or electronic voting machines with open-source software accompanied by a verifiable paper record of each vote cast, and increased security for ballots and vote-counting machines
5. Public campaign financing for elections
6. Party primary elections in which only those who publicly identify with the party can participate in its primary
7. Direct election of the U.S. President by popular vote and abolition of the Electoral College
8. Restoring the functionality of the U.S. Senate by abolishing the abuse of the filibuster and "holds"
9. State funding of public debates for statewide offices and ballot measures
10. Reversing the *Citizens United v. FEC* decision in order to re-impose limits on campaign contributions, use of corporate and special-interest funds to influence legislative votes and executive decisions
11. Requiring that government decisions involving scientific issues affecting our health, safety, and environment be based on sound science and that all materials affecting those decisions be disclosed to the public

12. Adherence to all open public meeting laws and robust opportunities for public comment on policy proposals
13. Requiring local governments to post meeting notices, agendas, minutes, documents, and databases on the Internet in a timely and user-friendly manner.
14. Increased funding and accountability for regulatory agencies to fulfill their missions
15. Timely disclosure of public records--which belong to the public--unless falling into narrow exemptions
16. Restoring the effectiveness of our state Public Records Act by eliminating hundreds of exemptions
17. Adequate and equitable funding of public service options for all young adults upon completion of their secondary or higher education, including military, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Vista, and other avenues of service
18. Rescinding the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006, that requires funding pensions for 75 years into the future, so that the postal service may return to fiscal soundness;
19. Requiring paid voter signature gatherers for ballot initiatives be required to have a placard stating who they work for and who is paying them
20. Redistricting Washington State by a less politicized and more citizen-driven process to create more politically balanced districts

We oppose:

1. Outsourcing, privatizing, or handling by any non-public entity of any part of the voting process
2. Any voter suppression, including removing or challenging registered voters from the voting rolls
3. Depriving ex-offenders of their right to vote
4. Arbitrary state spending limits imposed by initiative
5. Executive branch secrecy beyond legitimate national security needs
6. Privatizing, outsourcing, or offshoring of government services, including prisons
7. Privatization of public infrastructure, utilities, and services, including water
8. Unfunded mandates by the federal government
9. Efforts by government to deny citizens their right to peacefully assemble in order to petition for a redress of grievances
10. Wasting over \$10 million in state resources by holding a Presidential primary "beauty contest" in late May, since Democrats select their convention delegates by caucus in March
11. Lack of disclosure of anonymous donors who fund the right-wing propaganda network of interlocking 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) organizations which masquerade as "social service charities" and "educational institutions", e.g., the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)
12. Gerrymandering Congressional districts to "pack" minorities into fewer districts to limit their electoral power

HEALTH CARE

Health care is a basic human right. We must end disparities in health and in high-quality health care. Everyone deserves effective, affordable health care.

We support:

1. A single-payer system, enacted statewide and ultimately nationally, to provide comprehensive, cost-effective, coordinated health care which will be funded by savings from the for-profit system
2. A health-care system that serves both individual and public health needs at a cost both individuals and society can afford
3. Patient-centered care, regardless of economic or employment status, or social background
4. A strengthened public health system which fully integrates mental health and substance use treatment into primary care
5. The expansion and improvement of the Affordable Care Act, including lower co-pays and deductibles
6. Reimbursement at a higher level for care provided to high-needs individuals with complex issues
7. Freedom of choice in our own health care, including selecting a personal provider and a "medical home"
8. Grants, forbearance, and debt forgiveness programs to encourage medical students, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants to specialize in primary care, particularly for underserved populations
9. Reducing health-care costs in innovative ways that improve quality of care without cutting benefits or limiting enrollment
10. Expanded funding of basic science and clinical medical research under the National Institutes of Health based on scientific merit, not on political agenda
11. A strong federal Patients' Bill of Rights
12. Unlimited access to women's reproductive health care, with free birth control, as part of preventative care
13. The patient's right to decision making and other provisions of the Death with Dignity Act
14. Dental and vision health care as part of basic health care
15. Alternative medicine that has demonstrated results
16. The right of doctors to prescribe medical cannabis and the right for medical patients to access it

We oppose:

1. Any effort to interpose the government between a patient and his or her health care provider
2. The excessive profits of the hospital durable medical equipment and pharmaceutical industries and their outrageous influence over the political process
3. For-profit hospitals

HUMAN RIGHTS & CIVIL RIGHTS

The rights guaranteed by our Constitution are the foundations of freedom and justice and should not be compromised for any reason. Democrats remain at the forefront of the struggle to extend social, economic, and legal rights to all persons.

We believe:

1. Privacy is fundamental: our private lives and personal information must be protected from intrusion by government or others
2. Human rights include the right to food, water, housing, safety, health care, education, and the dignity of meaningful work
3. The right to unionize is a civil and human right
4. We have the right to sovereignty over our own bodies
5. We have the right to identify our gender – or with no gender at all – and to present ourselves to the world as we wish
6. That Constitutional religious freedom does not grant to persons or groups, on account of their belief, an exemption from obeying laws
7. The right of an individual or group to practice their religion does not extend to the denial of the constitutional rights of others
8. ***We support:***
9. Repealing provisions of the USAPATRIOT Act and other policies that violate the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as well as international human rights treaties to which the U.S. is a signatory, and ending warrantless governmental eavesdropping
10. Strong antidiscrimination and affirmative action laws and policies applicable to employment, promotion, education, healthcare and housing
11. Every woman's right of reproductive choice
12. Enforcing and monitoring the Americans with Disabilities Act
13. Reinstating federal recognition of the Duwamish tribe

We oppose:

1. The pervasive and unconstitutional surveillance of U.S. citizens by the NSA and other U.S. intelligence agencies
2. Abuse of our civil rights by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies
3. The use of military tribunals and indeterminate detention of "enemy combatants" and rendition to other countries
4. Forced privatization of public services, especially water
5. Segregating public accommodations based on real or perceived LGBTQ differences
6. All modes and methods of denying in practice a woman's right of reproductive choice, including:
 - Defunding Planned Parenthood
 - Requiring complete hospital surgical facilities for abortion
 - The legal doctrine of "fetal personhood"
 - Hyde Amendment restrictions on federal funding
 - Construing religious freedom to allow a church-owned hospital to deny abortion
 - Interfering with a court's power to hear and rule on a minor's request for an abortion
7. So-called "Conversion Therapy," which seeks to change sexual orientation

HUMAN SERVICES

A compassionate community provides a safety net of social services to meet the basic needs of its most vulnerable members, so that each may attain his or her full potential.

We support:

1. Treating homelessness as the crisis it is, and using immediately available funds to mitigate it
2. Ensuring that compassionate human services are among the highest priorities of federal, state, and local government, especially in this time of greatly increased poverty and income inequality
3. Restoring the disability stipend to safeguard the dignity of the vulnerable poor and people with disabilities who cannot reasonably provide for themselves
4. Assuring homelessness is rare, brief and one-time and that all people have access to safe and affordable housing, including the Housing First policy for chronic alcoholics/mentally ill, and the Rapid Rehousing policy for families
5. A transition plan that includes housing for those being released from state institutions
6. Substantially increasing affordable housing and weighting subsidies toward those who need them most
7. Workforce housing programs aimed primarily at those who fall between minimum wage and a living wage (30% to 60% of area median income), but in no case more than 80% of the area median income
8. Welfare programs that will reduce poverty, not just the welfare rolls
9. Quality, affordable child care, education, training, medical care and substance abuse treatment to help working parents to leave welfare and poor people to escape poverty
10. Access to programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach their full potential (end the waitlist for services) and to live with dignity with the supports they need
11. Adequately supporting programs that rehabilitate and reintegrate people experiencing mental illness and addiction, in addition to programs based on crisis and emergency response; and rescuing and treating victims of sex trafficking

12. Restructuring and adequately funding the foster child system to ensure appropriate protection, oversight and self-supporting adulthood
13. A long-term care system that provides in-home elder-care alternatives to nursing homes and Medicaid
14. Improved oversight of elder care
15. Increased support for family caregivers

We oppose:

1. Equating accepting food stamps, welfare, housing vouchers or unemployment insurance with any moral failure, especially when the economy has lost millions of jobs
2. Allowing people experiencing a mental health crisis to be boarded in hospital emergency rooms awaiting evaluation
3. Anything less than full funding for mental health treatment, including substance use disorder and suicide prevention
4. Equating mental illness with gun violence since most mentally ill people are not violent
5. Drug testing welfare recipients

IMMIGRATION

A strong tradition of immigration is fundamental to the prosperity and the values of the American experience. All immigrants should be afforded full human rights and a fair, safe, and timely path to legal status or citizenship.

We support:

1. Comprehensive immigration reform, providing for greater legal immigration and options for undocumented immigrants to have a pathway to citizenship. We recognize the basic human rights of immigrants and guarantee them equal protection under the law in all proceedings
2. Encourage lawful immigration by uniting families, expediting processing of applications for legal entry, asylum, temporary work permits, permanent residence ("green cards"), and citizenship when that status is sought
3. Fair and compassionate treatment of all who enter the United States, including non-discriminatory access to education and human services, and family reunification where appropriate
4. Provisions to prevent discrimination in wages and working conditions for immigrant workers, including access to safe and adequate housing, medical care and educational opportunities, to shelter them from exploitation and ensure full protection of American labor laws
5. The Federal DREAM Act
6. The "End Racial Profiling Act," which would ban racial profiling at the federal, state and local level
7. Policies that protect access to law enforcement by immigrants without fear of deportation
8. Allowing undocumented immigrants brought here as children to apply for citizenship without first returning to their home country
9. Granting asylum to persons fleeing areas of war, genocide, and political oppression, subject to security concerns

We oppose:

1. State or local police involvement in the enforcement of federal immigration laws
2. Vigilante border militia groups
3. Demonizing new immigrants whose primary goal is a decent life for themselves and their families
4. Use of the racially and ethnically biased term "illegal" to refer to any human being
5. Automatic detention of and/or deportation of asylum-seekers
6. Quotas and other immigration rules that have the primary purpose of preventing new immigration
7. Any policy that results in the separation of minor children from their parents solely as a result of the differing legal status of the parent
8. Any form of racial profiling, including demands for immediate presentation of documents regarding status in the United States
9. Excluding immigrants because of their country of origin, religion, race or ethnicity

LABOR

A strong, fair, and just economy depends on jobs that provide living wages, retirement benefits and safe working conditions. These are rights best guaranteed by ensuring workers abilities to organize themselves, bargain collectively, and have a real voice in their workplace.

We support:

1. A living wage. The federal minimum wage, including tipped workers, must be raised above \$10 per hour and indexed to the cost of living. We define a living wage as the wage necessary for a person working forty hours a week, with no additional income, to afford decent housing, food, utilities, transport, and health care. "No one who works full time should have to live in poverty" – President Obama
2. Raising the state minimum wage to \$13.50 incrementally over four years
3. A Workers' Bill of Rights that includes:
 - A safe and healthy workplace with rights of association, assembly, free speech, due process and freedom from discrimination
 - Benefits, including health care, retirement and paid family leave for wage earners and their families

- Equal pay for equivalent work for all workers, regardless of gender
- Overtime pay for anything in excess of 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week, and prohibition of involuntary overtime
- Due process, including protection for whistleblowers and collective bargaining activities
- A ban on mandatory meetings by the employer about unionizing, politics, or religion
- Democratic and fair elections within unions
- A work environment free from all forms of discrimination and harassment
- Prohibiting any firing without just cause and strengthening protections during probationary employment periods
- Progressive discipline and mandatory arbitration for workplace infractions
- Prohibiting reprisals against or permanent replacement of workers locked out or on strike
- Enforcement of labor laws against employers who extort workers exercising their collective bargaining rights by threatening to move work
- Job training, education, and related services for employees who are unemployed or underemployed, or whose jobs are out-sourced, downgraded, or eliminated
- 4. Repealing the union-busting Taft-Hartley Act and so-called "Right to Work" state laws as well as any law that seeks to interfere with freely negotiated agreements between employers and unions to collect fees for providing collectively bargained benefits to its membership
- 5. Prosecuting employers who force workers to work off the clock or fail to pay wages ("wage theft")
- 6. Respecting picket lines by not crossing them
- 7. Unemployment benefits and retraining for workers who are locked out or on strike
- 8. Extended unemployment benefits in a bad economy
- 9. Safe and adequate housing, sanitary facilities, medical care, and education for farm workers and their families
- 10. Reforming the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to streamline the appeals process and institute meaningful penalties for employers found to have engaged in unfair labor practices
- 11. Automatic union recognition when unions demonstrate majority status in a work group desiring collective bargaining rights (card check), without being forced into an arduous NLRB process
- 12. Equal participation between labor and employers in the management of workers' pensions
- 13. In cases of corporate bankruptcy, giving employee pensions equal priority to creditors
- 14. Pension benefits that are portable between employers
- 15. Wages that reflect increases in productivity

We oppose:

1. Free trade agreements that do not observe international treaties on labor standards, including workplace rights and safety laws, prohibitions on child labor, prison labor, slave labor, and human trafficking
2. Corporations that use mergers to steal workers' pensions
3. Using tips as part of a minimum wage calculation

LAW & THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

A good government provides for the safety and security of the general public with care, fairness and respect for the individual.

We support:

1. Reasonable security measures to protect the public without sacrifice of civil liberties
2. Vigorous affirmative action to ensure that police departments are as racially diverse as the communities they serve
3. Using the existing criminal justice system to prosecute accused terrorists
4. Repealing the state prohibition against post-secondary courses in prison
5. Greater emphasis on preventive and rehabilitative measures in prison, and alternative sentencing that emphasizes rehabilitation
6. Repealing or mitigating the "Three Strikes" law
7. Restorative Justice, especially for youth
8. Changing the treatment of juveniles under the age of 21 to reflect current science on brain development
9. Ending mandatory and indeterminate sentencing
10. Accountability in law enforcement, with effective civilian review
11. Ending the War on Drugs: Therefore state and federal drug policy should include:
 - Emphasis on prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation, and drug education that reflects established scientific knowledge
 - More drug courts and a lower priority for minor drug offenses
 - Prohibiting asset forfeiture unless a defendant is convicted of a crime
12. Improved gun safety laws including:
 - A national comprehensive background check before each gun sale, including at gun shows
 - Requiring safe gun storage in homes and vehicles

- Prohibiting automatic weapons and oversized ammunition magazines
- The right of everyone to come to public spaces, (libraries, parks, post offices, city halls, the legislature) without the fear of being threatened by guns
- 13. Restoring FBI funding to investigate white-collar crime
- 14. The right of foreign nationals to have access to consular officials if accused of a crime
- 15. State and local efforts to train law enforcement to see underage sex workers as victims and to prosecute underage sex trafficking
- 16. Full funding and enforcement of the Violence against Women Act and services for victims
- 17. Prison time for criminal bank officers
- 18. DNA testing to free the innocent and convict the guilty, including 100% timely testing of all rape kits
- 19. Restoring *habeas corpus* for citizens and noncitizens, completely and without compromise
- 20. Mandatory training of all law enforcement officers on how to de-escalate potentially violent situations and how to communicate with people with mental illness and other disabilities

We oppose:

1. Capital punishment
2. Racial profiling
3. “Justified homicide” laws that require proving malice or willful intent on the part of the accused police officer
4. Prison overcrowding
5. Extended solitary confinement
6. Privatizing prisons and ICE detention centers
7. Building more prisons
8. The militarization of police
9. So-called “stand your ground” laws that legalize shooting first

MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS

We are proud to honor those who have chosen to serve in our country's armed forces. We insist that military personnel be used only in accord with the Constitution – to provide for the common defense.

We support:

1. Our troops and our veterans. Therefore we support:
 - Increased benefits and quality medical care for troops, veterans and their families, including treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and traumatic brain injuries
 - Full funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Mandatory breaks between overseas tours, strict time limits on each tour of duty in a combat zone, and strict limits on the total number of combat tours
 - Instructing military personnel thoroughly in their rights and responsibilities under the Geneva Conventions and protecting them from reprisals when they conscientiously refuse to follow illegal orders
 - Protecting them from sexual harassment and assault, and providing safe reporting of assaults outside of the chain of command
 - Determining disability ratings based on medical, rather than political and economic criteria and ending the backlog
 - Continued efforts to secure housing and services for homeless vets
 - Promotion of veteran homeownership through the passage of a new GI bill
 - Increased career training and placement
2. Using a well-trained and well-equipped military to protect the American people, our vital interests, and treaty partners who are pledged to protect us whenever we are attacked or imminently threatened, and only when all other means of protection are exhausted
3. Any military draft should apply to both men and women and provide an alternative service option. Any draft must be preceded by a Declaration of War
4. Congress asserting its constitutional powers to regulate and govern the military
5. Phasing out cold war weaponry such as ICBM-carrying submarines and the unworkable Strategic Defense Initiative (“Star Wars”) system. Accelerating the neutralization of nuclear stockpiles
6. Military contracts being awarded based on fair and competitive bidding, with preference given to U.S. companies when possible
7. A thorough and comprehensive review of the necessity and organization of foreign military bases equal to the review of domestic military bases during the past decade

We oppose:

1. Continued disproportionate military expenditures and their exclusion from budget cuts
2. Preemptive use of military force without a formal declaration of war by Congress
3. The undue influence of the military-industrial complex over national policy

4. The use of the National Guard for overseas wars or for any purposes other than defense pursuant to a declaration of war, enforcement of a court order, or response to a declared disaster area
5. Using contractors in military or paramilitary operations
6. U.S. training of foreign military or police forces that suppress human rights in their own countries
7. Nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons and genocidal biological warfare
8. The militarization of space or polar regions
9. The production, testing, stockpiling, and use of depleted uranium (dU), chemical, nuclear or biological weapons
10. The use of active sonar in the Salish Sea and electronic weapons testing over Olympic National Park
11. Monetary payments to countries recognized as terrorist states

TRANSPORTATION

Better public transportation will promote equal opportunity, enhance public health, ease global warming and improve the quality of life for all.

We support:

1. Establishing King County public transit as a priority over road construction
2. Low-income fare services and transfers on Light Rail
3. Developing transit in accordance to the expected growth and development of the region
4. Accessible transportation for all, including safe, affordable, and efficient bus and rail services for persons with disabilities
5. Developing and financing a comprehensive plan that recognizes SR 522/Lake City Way/Bothell Way as a critical transportation route around the north end of Lake Washington and an alternative to the SR 520 toll bridge
6. Keeping roads, bridges and ferries in good repair; restoring a dedicated funding stream to ferry construction and maintenance
7. Adequate staffing and of the state ferry system to ensure reliable and fully functional service
8. Focusing on reducing vehicle miles traveled and enabling attractive alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips
9. A high-speed rail system linking major cities
10. Increased fuel efficiencies and encouraging the use of alternative fuels
11. Transportation oriented development that includes all income levels and decreases the need to drive
12. Repeal of the 18th Amendment to the Washington Constitution, so all state revenues go into the General Fund
13. Expanding capacity for park & rides in suburban areas
14. A system of grade-separated truck, rail, and transit facilities that enhances freight mobility in King County
15. Replacing the Columbia River crossing, including provision for light-rail access
16. Street improvements to enable safer walking and bicycling

We Oppose:

1. Environmentally unsafe coal and oil terminals
2. The systematic defunding of roads, bridges, and the ferry system, especially I-5

TRIBAL RELATIONS & SOVEREIGNTY

Governments must respect Native American nations, their sovereignty and cultures, and educate the general population of the inherent and sovereign treaty-based rights of Native American people

We support:

1. Respecting the decisions of Native American nations and tribal governments, and affirming their rights derived from treaties and state compacts
2. The federal government acting to improve the social, economic, and health status of Native Americans in accord with its treaty obligations
3. The rights of Tribal Nations to regulate and manage their air quality, natural resources, and protection of sacred and cultural sites, as well as maintaining and restoring Salmon runs and shellfish resources that are critical to Native American needs
4. Preserving and protecting sites of historic, cultural, and religious significance to Native Americans
5. Tribal Nations as having inherent sovereignty with the rights to self-governance, self-determination and economic self-sufficiency
6. Elevating the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs to a cabinet-level department to accommodate the unique relationship of all recognized tribes in Washington
7. Advancing the socio-economic condition of Tribal Nations, including in urban and off/on reservation environments, including funding for cultural, health, and other social service organizations
8. Adequate funding for all state and federal programs and services that impact Tribal Nations

9. Creating a federal Tribal Nations Commission to ensure compliance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
10. The United Nations allowing the Tribal Nations to participate in the UN forums as nations, rather than as non-governmental organizational representatives

LOCAL ISSUES

The 46th District Democrats have a tradition of leadership on local issues.

Seattle

We support:

1. Implementing developer impact fees as a priority to fund Seattle North End neighborhood schools to provide adequate capacity at a time of growing enrollment
2. The creation of more affordable housing in Seattle. Therefore, we support:
3. Directing affordable housing to assist those who need it the most
4. Defining workforce housing as assisting those earning between a minimum wage and a living wage
5. Requiring developers to replace any affordable housing lost with new affordable housing (e.g., 1-for-1 replacement)
6. Requiring developers to build affordable housing, rather than paying an in-lieu fee, in exchange for granting any upzone
7. Redefining low-rise as family housing zones – housing suitable for families, situated between mid-rise and single-family homes
8. Accountability of programs offering tax breaks to build affordable housing to ensure affordable units are actually available
9. Policies that encourage density near transit centers
10. Locating a light-rail station at I-5 and NE 130th Street with connector service between the Lake City and Bitter Lake
11. Any new urban village must include sidewalks to be deemed “walkable”
12. Increasing pedestrian safety, including streetlights, permeable sidewalks and visible crosswalks for pedestrians and wheelchair users, with a sidewalk on at least one side of each arterial in Seattle north of 85th St. within 10 years
13. Bicycle lanes and storage facilities for cyclists, and convenient bus stops and shelters
14. Continuing to fund Seattle and King County housing and human services budgets, especially services to homeless individuals and families, including those impacted by domestic violence, foster care, foreclosure, mental health institutions and those transitioning from prison and military service
15. Developing and adequately funding a Lake City Community Center with programming for seniors and youth
16. Increasing and adequately funding neighborhood public health clinics
17. Passing a robust urban tree ordinance; increasing tree protection by requiring permits and public notice before large trees are removed from public and private property
18. Greatly increasing drop boxes for return of ballots as well as regional voting centers for people with disabilities
19. Adequately funding and increasing community oversight in the Department of Neighborhoods and ensuring that local communities and neighborhood groups are supported and have access to their government
20. The efforts of the Mayor and the Department of Justice to change the culture of racism and intimidation within the Seattle Police Department, and to make SPD accountable to a civilian review board with the power to enforce their decisions
21. Connecting every home and business in Seattle to a publicly owned high-speed broadband network, utilizing existing fiber-optic infrastructure on Lake City Way
22. Increased programs to end human trafficking along Highway 99
23. adequately funding outreach and shelter services for sex workers
24. Oversight and increased regulation of media outlets, which are used by sex traffickers
25. Increased penalties for those convicted of commercial sex-trafficking of minors
26. Increased focus from the city regarding youth-on-youth violence, with increased transparency and accountability
27. Increased funding for Youth Arts Programming that focus on work-readiness, education and career tracks for underserved youth
28. Clean-up and preservation of Green Lake.
29. Upgrades and maintenance to the Midvale Sewage Plant
30. Increased cleaning and alum treatments to decrease toxic algae-levels in the lake
31. Redevelopment of the dismal “Lake City Mini Park” at the corner of 125th and Lake City Way, as well as increased open space and P-patches throughout Northeast Seattle.
32. Protection of Thornton Creek watershed in face of increased development

Lake Forest Park

We support:

1. Fiscally responsible city government that supports resident priorities
2. A more innovative and supportive economic environment, especially concerning small and home-based businesses, in order to increase commercial revenue and mitigate residents' tax burden

3. Continued regional collaboration to improve the SR 522 (Bothell/Lake City Way) and SR 523 (145th Street) corridors to accommodate Bus Rapid Transit connecting to planned light rail stations and to allow for smoother traffic flow and safer multi-modal uses
4. Environmental land use policies that will preserve the lake, streams, forest and other natural features, including low impact development methods in development and redevelopment projects, and adherence to the city's canopy-based Tree Ordinance
5. Broad-based citizen participation in updating the city's first Strategic Plan
6. Additional sidewalks, street improvements and connected trails throughout the city to enable safer walking and bicycling
7. Provision of mass-transit parking for our residents through Park-and-Ride
8. Using cloth bags and/or compostable paper or compostable plastic bags
9. Continued improvement of culverts to promote a healthy ecosystem that supports fish habitat in MacAleer, McKinnon and Lyon Creeks, with assistance from federal, state, and county funding
10. Future development guided by citizen participation that includes appropriate scale, mixed-income rentals including senior housing, proximity to transit and open space
11. Preserving and protecting the Lake Forest Park aquifer, with the cities of Shoreline, Montlake Terrace and Brier. The aquifer is a source of naturally pure, chemical-free water for many residents, as well as the wetlands and streams that run into Lake Washington, with particular attention to migratory stormwater runoff pollution

Kenmore

We support:

1. Adequate state funding to maintain and finish improvements to SR 522 (Bothell Way) and replace the West Sammamish Bridge, which have both seen increased traffic and wear and tear since the tolls were put in on SR 520
2. Additional sidewalks, street improvements and connected trails throughout the city to enable safer walking and bicycling
3. Workforce housing so that low-wage workers can afford to live close to their jobs, and more frequent and reliable public transit along major corridors
4. Further dioxin testing by the Washington State Department of Ecology in North Lake Washington to identify the source of the dioxins found in the sediment in previous testing
5. Collaboration between the City of Kenmore and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to protect the current uses and natural beauty of Saint Edward State Park, and to explore options to save the historic seminary building at the park
6. A new community visioning process for the Lakepointe property at the Kenmore town center, which may include creative funding to stabilize and detoxify the former I-5 construction fill area for town center development, or consideration of a park or other uses for the property
7. Laws and enforcement that protect those bodies of water that run through Kenmore
8. Adopting a tree ordinance, including a canopy evaluation/database
9. Green corridors connecting the green spaces in Kenmore to provide habitat for the city's deer, cougars, coyotes and foxes
10. Ensuring that residents have access to multiple choices of broadband providers
11. Improved citizen access to city meetings and documents

Volunteers Needed!!

If you are an Alternate #3 or #4 or you know someone attending the caucus who is not a Delegate, we could use some excellent Democrats to staff the credentials tables (registration), the concessions area (in shifts), the candidate filing area, and assist with miscellaneous tasks during setup or the rest of the day.

PCOs who are not Delegates and Alternates are ESCPECIALLY needed!

Please e-mail Janet Miller at: janetmiller22@gmail.com

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We would love to include you in our local Democratic Party updates!

Resolution A: Increase Investments to End Homelessness in Washington

WHEREAS everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home;

WHEREAS the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction identified 35,551 public school students who experienced homelessness during the 2014-2015 school year, a 36% increase over 2010-2011;

WHEREAS during the most recent King County One Night Count of people who are homeless and without shelter in January 2016, volunteers identified 4,505 people surviving outside between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., after area shelters were full (a 19% increase over the 2015 count);

WHEREAS the annual statewide point-in-time count identified 19,418 people experiencing homelessness in January 2015;

WHEREAS housing affordability and homelessness have reached a crisis level in communities throughout Washington;

WHEREAS Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and King County Executive Dow Constantine have declared states of emergency due to rising homelessness;

WHEREAS a national study found that for every \$100 increase in average rents, homelessness increases by 15% in urban areas and by 39% in rural and suburban areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats call for a significant increase in investment in the State Housing Trust Fund to create newly affordable homes for very low-income households in Washington; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats call for significantly increased state investments in mental health/substance abuse treatment services to prevent and end homelessness; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats call upon the Washington State Congressional delegation to work to increase HUD housing and services and to support Sen. Maria Cantwell's bill to lift the cap on federal tax credits for affordable housing.

Submitted by Nancy Miller, Jenessa Hope and Jennifer Ranes to the 46th District Democrats for consideration at its April 17, 2016 meeting.

Resolution B: Resolution Concerning I-1491 Extreme Risk Protection Orders

Whereas, gun injuries and deaths in Washington State are a significant public health problem with approximately 600 people killed by guns each year over the past decade, and in 2010 more people in Washington State died by guns (554); and,

Whereas, a majority of mass shooters over 20 years have shown signs of serious crisis prior to taking fatal action and nearly 80% of those attempting suicide make their intentions known before an attempt; and,

Whereas, family members, household members and law enforcement officers are often in the best position to see early warning signs of dangerous, violent and threatening behavior; and,

Whereas, current the WSDCC platform supports “the stringent enforcement of laws regulating the purchase and ownership of firearms, while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners;” and,

Whereas Initiative 1491 is modeled on successful laws around the country and based on the well-established Washington State system of protection in order to fill gaps in the system that allow people experiencing crisis or demonstrating violent behavior to possess and purchase firearms; and,

Whereas, Initiative 1491 is an initiative to the people in Washington State that would create Extreme Risk Protection Orders, which will allow families and law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily suspend a person’s access to firearms if there is documented evidence that an individual is threatening harm to themselves or others because of dangerous mental illness or at high risk of violent behavior; and,

Therefore Be it Resolved that the 46th District Democrats supports the signature-gathering efforts for Initiative 1491 to qualify for the November 2016 ballot, which would create Extreme Risk Protection Orders, allowing family members and law enforcement to petition a court to remove firearms from individuals who present a serious danger to themselves or to others.

Created by the Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Resolution C: To Replace Parklands Taken from the Arboretum

Whereas, land east of Lake Washington Blvd. East, west of Foster Island Drive and south of SR 520 is currently occupied by the R.H. Thompson ramps (known as “ramps to nowhere”) and the Washington Park Arboretum ramps to SR 520, both of which will be removed; and,

Whereas, this land called “the WSDOT Peninsula” by WSDOT and “WSDOT wedge” by some of the neighbors will soon be surplus to its transportation uses; and,

Whereas, this land was part of the Washington Park Arboretum until it was taken for the construction of the original SR 520 and a proposed R.H. Thompson interchange about 50 years ago; and,

Whereas, the area being taken for the current project had been conveyed by state law to the University of Washington and the City of Seattle exclusively for “Arboretum and botanical garden purposes” and no in-kind for replacement for land taken from the north side of SR 520 has yet been made; and,

Whereas, until it was occupied by the bridge contractors, this land was maintained by the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department as open space, with most of the site’s wetlands being enjoyed by kayakers, canoeists and waterfowl, and its uplands serving as green embankments with a small parking lot; and,

Whereas, this land fits well as a natural area and was, for 50 years, part of the Olmstead Plan for the Arboretum and Lake Washington Blvd; and,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the 46th District Democrats urge the City of Seattle, the University of Washington and the Arboretum Foundation move actively and promptly to acquire the wetlands and uplands described above as a replacement for the Arboretum property taken from the north side of the new SR 520 project; and,

Therefore Be It Finally Resolved, that the 46th District Democrats call upon its legislators, WSDOT, Governor Inslee, Mayor McGinn, the City Council, the University of Washington, and the Arboretum Foundation to preserve and restore this land to the stewardship of the Washington Park Arboretum.

Drafted by Sarajane Siegfriedt, Resolutions Chair, sarajane3h@comcast.net

RESOLUTION D: Creation of a Task Force to Review the Caucus and Primary Process

For reference, a very similar resolution was passed by the Washington State Democratic Party June 14, 2008. Because of similar concerns, but conditions having changed, we bring this resolution forward eight years later with the intent of again considering our options.

WHEREAS registration by party has not been possible in Washington state since a Grange initiative was passed in 1922;

WHEREAS, of 4 million Washington voters, an estimated 38% are Democrats, totaling an estimated 1.5 million Democrats; more than 230,000 Democrats participated in their precinct caucuses and this turnout was 15% of the estimated Democrats ;

WHEREAS this includes 35,000 Democrats who participated by surrogate affidavits allowed for work, disability, religious or military obligations, but many potential participants could not attend due other conflicts and were not eligible to vote by proxy;

WHEREAS the Democratic National Committee will not allow us to split our delegate allocation process using both the precinct caucus and the May 24th state presidential primary;

WHEREAS some people submitted resolutions and suggestions about abolishing the precinct caucuses;

WHEREAS we value openness and we want to make our party accessible; and

WHEREAS any process can be improved, and it behooves us to be responsive to requests to improve this process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party recommends that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee respond to these concerns by creating a Caucus and Primary Task Force to review the lessons learned from the 2016 presidential selection process and to propose improvements; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force hold hearings or virtual hearings and report its findings and proposals for improving the delegate selection process to the WSDCC within one year.

Submitted by the 46th District Democrats for consideration at its April 17th, 2016 LD Caucus.

Beverages and Light Snacks

will be available for purchase at the Concessions booth. Please feel free to bring additional food or beverage as you may want or need.

If you bring consumables, please have a plan to tote your trash out at the end, so we leave Shorecrest High School cleaner than when we arrived.



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...And a sincere apology to anyone we have missed!

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 25—28, 2016 – Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

119 DELEGATES
8 Alternates
(67 Pledged Delegates
elected at the Congression-
al district level)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUCUSES

10 Congressional Districts
Saturday, May 21, 2016
Various locations—TBA

STATE CONVENTION

Saturday, June 18, 2016
Sunday, June 19, 2016
Tacoma, WA

DELEGATES
1400 Delegates
700 Alternates

**RESOLUTIONS
AND
PLATFORMS**

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CAUCUSES

49 Legislative Districts
Sunday, April 17, 2016 – 1:00 pm

DELEGATES
33,408 Delegates
33,408 Alternates

COUNTY CONVENTIONS

39 Counties
Sunday, May 1, 2016 – 1:00 pm
King County Democratic Convention
Sunday May 1, 2016—1:00pm
Hazen High School - Renton, WA

**RESOLUTIONS
and PLATFORM
IDEAS**

PRECINCT CAUCUSES

Over 6500 Precincts across the state - Saturday, March 17, 2016 – 10:00 am





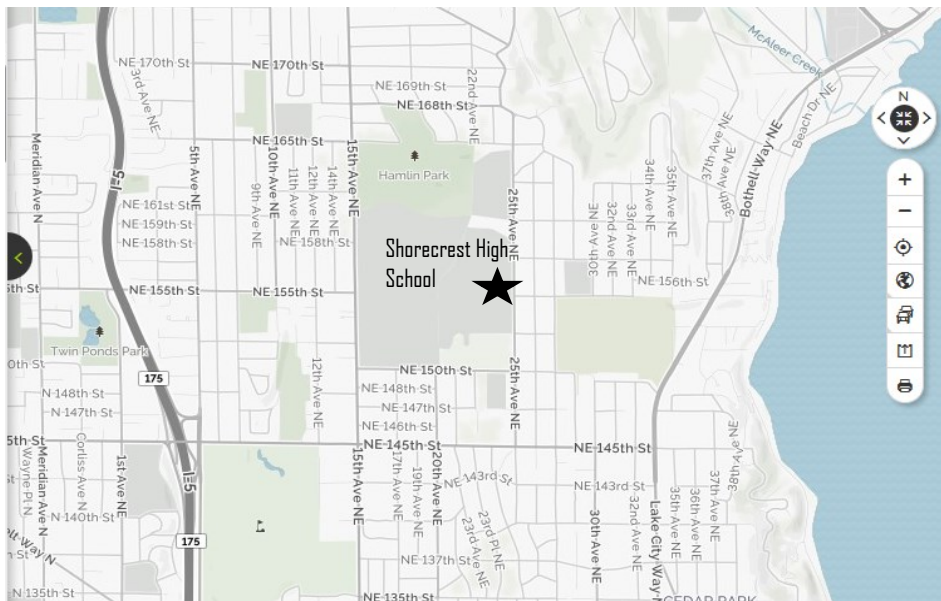
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GETTING THERE ON April 17th

Directions to Shorecrest High School

Shorecrest High School is located at 15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155. Shorecrest is situated in south Shoreline on 25th Avenue NE, between 150th St NE and 160th St NE. Fun fact: SCHS is technically in the 32nd LD by about 5 blocks, and is a brand-new facility centrally located to best serve the delegates of all of the 46th district, which stretches from Husky Stadium, up around the northern tip of Lake Washington all the way down the eastern shore to Saint Edward State Park.



By Car: From either north or south, travel to 145th St. NE. The school is on 25th Ave NE, just north of 145th St., nearly exactly halfway between I-5 and Lake City Way/Bothell Way. The main parking lot is by the gymnasium off of 25th Ave NE. It will be well-signed with “Democratic Caucus Here” signs.

There is also on-street parking available on 25th Street NE. There is another parking lot, where most of the spaces reserved for drivers with disabilities are placed, located in front of the main entrance to the school also off 25th Avenue, but about a block farther north. Both lots will have “Demo Caucus” signs.

For Bikes: There is ample space for you to lock up your bike during the event.

By Bus: Metro Route 65 which runs between the U District and Jackson Park, has a stop at 145th St and 25th Ave NE, which is about an 8 block (quarter mile) walk to the school on a flat, level sidewalk. Many other routes intersect with the 65. Please check the best trip for you on King County Metro’s Trip Planner at

<http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov>

For more Metro timetables and route information call (206) 553-3000 or for automated info call (206) 287-8463.

Please bring this copy of the "Call" with you.