



38th Legislative District Democrats Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: January 25, 2017

Location: Labor Temple, 2812 Lombard Ave, Everett, WA 98201

Call to Order: 7:04PM

Pledge of Allegiance/Flag Salute: 7:04PM

Adoption of the Agenda: 7:08PM

Approval of Minutes: 7:10PM

Officers in Attendance:

Charlene Rawson; Chair

Jackie Minchew; First Vice Chair

Hillary Pirtle; Second Vice Chair

Lisa Hunter; Treasurer

Bridget Espinola; Corresponding Secretary

Dannika Stone; Recording Secretary

Marian Harrison; State Committee Woman

Greg Lineberry; State Committee Man

Kara Briggs; Female Representative to County Executive Board

David Simpson; Male Representative to County Executive Board

Jonathan Peebles; Sergeant at Arms

Guests:

-Brian Sullivan; Snohomish City Council, candidate for Everett Mayor

-Judy Tuohy; Everett City Council

-Ray Stephanson; Everett Mayor

Business:

- Bridget Espinola speaks about reaching out to Idle No More Washington to coordinate workshops for indigenous activism as a part of the ongoing forum series.
- Bridget speaks for the King County Disability Caucus. There will be a meeting at Seattle, Jan 30th 7-10pm to discuss the impacts of recreational marijuana on the medical marijuana community, such as price gouging and inaccessibility of mmj to people with disabilities.
- Victor Harris motions to amend the standing rules to reflect alignment with state laws on passing resolutions. Seconded by David Simpson. Motion passes.
- Charlene Rawson introduces a resolution for a Washington State Bank, which would resolve that the 38th LDD supports Senate Bill 5553 and forming a study committee to explore sponsoring an initiative.
 - Martin Rollins motions to amend the resolution to reflect the correct year (2017) in the second resolve. Seconded by Alex Lark. Motion passes.
 - Jackie Pryor asks what kind of federal laws apply to creating a state bank, whether it would be a corporate bank or credit union, etc. Brian Sullivan responds by explaining that the state bank could potentially be like a credit union that is overseen by the state auditor. Brian also states that a state bank would greatly benefit the working poor who have difficulties securing loans from banks and credit unions while generating revenue for the state.
 - Alex motions to amend the resolution to strike the first resolve from the text. Seconded by Joseph Erikson. Motion passes.
 - Charlene Rawson motions to adopt the resolution as amended, seconded by Jackie Minchew. Motion passes.

- Megan Dunn introduces resolution for Everett City Council Districting. Shares example of Snohomish County where representatives equally represent their areas. The resolution proposes 5 districts for representatives and 2 at-large positions. David Simpson moves to adopt resolution. Seconded by Joseph Erikson. Discussion begins. Brian Sullivan states redistricting, fairness in representation is important. Examples of underrepresented areas include Casino Road, Chestnut Street, Mariner high School. Charlene calls the question, motion passes and resolution is adopted.
- Ray Stephanson speaks to the body to announce he is seeking endorsement again for Mayor of Everett race. Key issues include: grow jobs, prioritize education and higher education, bring WSU to the community; Boeing projected to bring 1500 jobs; address the housing crisis, we need to provide 1000 houses for the next 18 years; City of Everett bringing lawsuit against pharmaceuticals responsible for erroneously advertising OxyContin as non-addictive; worked hard to get another mill, but Kimberly Clark blocked him. We need that property back in use. Admits to change of heart toward homelessness, used to be send-them-away attitude, now sees it as a humanitarian issue.
 - David Simpson asks about racial equality in police force. Believes the city doesn't try hard enough to bring them in. Thanks for the racial equality in the Fire Department the first four years of being elected, now asks about the Police Department. We need more representation on the streets where it matters in Everett. Mayor answers with "lead by example," has curriculum to bring more minorities specifically on board.
- Brian Sullivan speaks to the body to announce he is also seeking endorsement for Mayor of Everett race. Speaks about history in Mukilteo councils, overpass projects, Boeing, Machinist union, etc. Take Back program, homelessness onto Medicaid, environmental issues and affordable housing.
 - David Simpson thanks and asks about economic development and racial equality. Sullivan presses putting diversity in police department and fire department, more representation in local groups.
 - Hilary asks about removing OxyContin from streets and how we look at addicts as functional members of society, wants to support getting these people off the streets in safe places and to give treatment. Housing first, treatment second.
- Brian Sullivan and Mayor Stephanson are asked to leave the room while the body deliberates.
- Mary Rollins addresses the membership and introduces the endorsement committee, explains that Brian Sullivan sought our endorsement and filled out a questionnaire a couple months ago and that they did not receive an inquiry from Ray Stephanson. The endorsement committee recommends an endorsement for Brian Sullivan.
- Jonathan Peebles addresses the body and states that we should hold off on voting for Mayoral endorsements until filing week in May.
- Greg Lineberry addresses the body and states that it is normal for candidates for a big race such as the mayoral race to seek endorsements early in the process because of the amount of work required to stay relevant after filing week. He then gives a personal speech in support of Brian Sullivan, highlighting our need to reduce crime rates and improve representation in underrepresented neighborhoods such as Lowell and Casino Rd.
- Don Schwab expresses discontent on past Mayer, how he proposed to cut two stations, and gave raises only after so much trouble
 - Mayor has NOT asked for questionnaire.
 - Endorse solely? Endorse dual?
 - Motion for sole endorsement : tally:
- Greg Lineberry motions for sole endorsement of Brian Sullivan, seconded by Joseph Erikson. IN FAVOR: 23 ALL OPPOSED: 5 EXTENSION: 3 The motion passes.
- The body breaks into groups to sign up for committees.

- Mary Rollins addresses the body about the need for volunteers for our Labor Breakfast event taking place at the Firemen's Hall on Hewitt on February 11th at 9am.

Officer/Committee Reports:

- **Chair's Report:** Charlene Rawson; speaks to the PCO committee for doorbelling efficiency. Reminder to PCOs – avoid houses with dogs or obvious signs of being a drug house for your own safety.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Hunter; NTR
- **Communications Report:** Joseph Erikson; New focus on outreach, new website, Twitter, and Instagram. Facebook has been updated to be more active and engaging while promoting local events and prominent issues. Call for bloggers for our website: if interested please contact Bridget Espinola at bri.espinola@gmail.com. Introducing Slack as a new communication platform, Slack training will be held on February 6th at 6PM at the Everett Public Library (main branch) in the Activity Room.
- **County Report:** NTR
- **State Report:** NTR

Next Meeting Date: February 22, 2017

Good of the Order: 9:29PM

Adjourn: 9:43PM

Summary of All Motions:

- Victor Harris motions to amend the standing rules to reflect alignment with state laws on passing resolutions. Seconded by David Simpson. Motion passes.
- Martin Rollins motions to amend the Resolution for Washington State Bank to reflect the correct year (2017) in the second resolve. Seconded by Alex Lark. Motion passes.
- Alex motions to amend the Resolution for Washington State Bank to strike the first resolve from the text. Seconded by Joseph Erikson. Motion passes.
- Charlene Rawson motions to adopt the Resolution for Washington State Bank as amended, seconded by Jackie Minchew. Motion passes.
- Charlene calls the question on the Resolution for Everett City Council Districting Initiative, motion passes and resolution is adopted.
- Greg Lineberry motions for sole endorsement of Brian Sullivan, seconded by Joseph Erikson. IN FAVOR: 23 ALL OPPOSED: 5 EXTENSION: 3 The motion passes.

Dates to Remember:

- Feb 6 Slack Training
- Feb 11 Labor Breakfast
- Feb 18 PCO Social
- March 19th PCO Training
- Apr 1-9 PCO outreach/doorbelling campaign

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW DEMOCRATIC STRENGTH

38th LD Democrats meet fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, Labor Temple

38th LD Democrats Executive Board meets TBD of each month at 7:00PM

Snohomish County Dems Executive Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 the Everett Labor Temple