



**38<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats**

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**Mary Rollins – Chair**

**Snohomish County PUD**

2320 California St., Everett, 98201  
Commission Room, downstairs

**General Meeting**

April 25, 2018

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1. Call to Order **7:07pm**
  2. Sergeant at Arms takes charge of the door
  3. Moment of Silence for the life and death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
  4. Flag Salute
  5. Roll Call of Officers
    - a. **Present: Mary Rollins, Sal Castruita, Hillary Pirtle, Liz Vogeli, Zack Turner, Marian Harrison, Greg Lineberry**
    - b. **Absent/Excused: Bill Sheets**
    - c. **Voted in: Treasurer – Jack Lockhart, County Committeewoman – Laura Baird, Finance Committee: Ben St Hillaire**
  6. Welcome and introduction of elected officials in attendance
    - a. **John McCoy – Get out the vote, do the work, create a blue tsunami. This year passed legislation on equal pay for women and voting rights. Next year priorities are public infrastructure bank (holds state funds/taxes), mental health, McCleary, and property taxes.**
      - i. **Nancy S. – Is there any way Washington state could have a state bank? *This type of bank is unlike Chase or Wells Fargo in that people don't make deposits etc. It uses just taxes to fund.***
      - ii. **Ken D. – How does that differ from the state treasury? *The treasury has its own charter of how it works (8m20sec audio)***
      - iii. **Alex L. – Is housing involved? *Yes***
      - iv. **Nancy S. – Who will be the next majority leader? Would you like an endorsement? *McCoy has put his name in the running. There were 6 others as of last Friday***
    - b. **June Robinson – The session ended, it went well, got a lot done, done on time. Got funding for mental health and preventative health care in WA state. They are now switching into campaign mode and need to maintain the democratic majority in the House and Senate.**
      - i. **Emily W. – What is happening with our teachers?... Does not want a teacher strike. *That is up to bargaining at this point.***
    - c. **Mike Sells – passed bill on community college funds bargaining**
      - i. **Nancy S. – How are we on McCleary? *The court needs to complete its inquiry***
      - ii. **Chris G. – When does the next session start? *January for 105 day session***
      - iii. **Mary R. – How likely is it that Gov. Inslee will call a special session to pass more gun legislation? .**

- iv. June R. – *We don't have the seats to get progressive gun legislation passed*
  - v. Cody H. – *Is there an LD to look out for to help swing the state to a stronger blue? 44<sup>th</sup>, Lake Stevens, Mill Creek; 21<sup>st</sup> LD, 29<sup>th</sup>, east side of the lake*
  - vi. Sal C. – *What does progressive action on guns mean? Banning assault type weapons*
7. Adoption of March general meeting minutes **Motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved**
  8. Adoption of this meeting's agenda **Motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved**
  9. Nominations and Vote for
    - a. Recording Secretary - **Nope, no one nominated, no one volunteered**
    - b. Treasurer – **Hillary P. nominates Jack Lockhart, approved by acclamation**
    - c. County Committeewoman – **Alex Lark nominates Laura Baird, approved by acclamation**
    - d. Finance committee person – **Ben St. Hillaire nominates self, approved by acclamation**
  10. Endorsement and Vote – **Greg L. states process for endorsements. Ben S. – What is the difference between sole endorsement and regular endorsement?**
    - a. **Slate of 3: McCoy, Robinson, Sells**
      - i. Mary R. – *Will you go to the ARC forum in October? Yes*
      - ii. Chris G. – *What is your opinion on skyrocketing healthcare costs, universal healthcare for the state **Start the discussion on a local level, not enough votes at the state, start a grassroots campaign.***
      - iii. Cody H. – *What about an income tax? How do we go about getting one? **Last vote was 8 years ago and it was beat pretty bad. Legislators were voted out who put it on their platform.***
    - b. June R. – *served 5 sessions, elected twice. Sponsored and passed Paid Family Medical Leave. Worked on healthcare, single payer, which is very difficult statewide, but there are many possibilities. Vice chair of the appropriations committee.*
      - i. JT D. – *How did you decide to be on the appropriations committee? **The caucus decided she would be good at it.***
      - ii. Ken D. – *There is an initiative to overturn Citizen's United. Would the state legislature support passing a bill against Citizen's United? **Yes, they will support and work towards it.***
      - iii. Mary R. – *Will you be at the ARC forum in October? And what about the RHC's or "warehouses" for the care of persons with disabilities? (Residential Habilitation Center's) **Yes, is aware of the poor conditions and knows it is something that needs to be worked on***
      - iv. Cody H. – **Division of Rehabilitation Relocation** *have people in the business of rehabilitation been reached out to for guidance on the subject of care and housing for people with disabilities? **That is a great idea.***
    - c. Mike Sells – *14 years in the House, Chair for Labor and Workforce Committee, non-compete agreement, misclassification of employee v. independent contractor, education of workforce development.*
      - i. Paula T. – *where do you stand on women's health and reproductive rights and abortion? **He runs with the party line all the way down. Endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice.***

Slate leaves room. Discussion

*Against: Liz V., For: Nancy S., Against: Chris G., For: Paula T.*

- d. Motion to endorse the slate of McCoy, Robinson, and Sells. One opposed. Motion carries
- e. Adam Cornell – Candidate for Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney – *The 38<sup>th</sup> LDD is the first visited and first ask for an LD endorsement. Many conversations have helped him dig deep into the WHY of running for public office. He was in the U.S. peace corps, advocates for common sense gun legislation, and he has an AG Bob Ferguson endorsement*
  - i. Chris G. How do you see the job of prosecuting attorney as helpful to the community? *He is able and willing to prosecute people for horrific crimes such as the Mukilteo Massacre. He sees first hand the horror people go through. He also prosecutes against perpetrators of sexual assault.*
  - ii. Cody H. – Does Prosecutor have discretion over sentencing? *Legislation decides sentencing laws but prosecutors use discretion on whether to bring charges and are mindful of what the consequences are. Just because you CAN doesn't mean you SHOULD.*
  - iii. What is your stand on the death penalty? *Hard to answer in 1 minute. It can be useful in victims receiving justice right away rather than waiting and wondering what will happen.*

Adam Cornell leaves the room. Discussion.

*Against: None*

- f. Unanimous vote to endorse Adam Cornell for County Prosecuting Attorney
- g. Jennifer Rancourt – Candidate for Snohomish County District Court Judge, Cascade Division, Position 1 - *Public Defender 17years, Tulalip tribal bar, Skagit County, compassion and understanding for folks who are down on luck, have mental illness, etc. Judge pro-tem, on the clemency board for Governor Inslee, endorsed by Marc Roe, Adam Cornell, Greg Lineberry, Marysville police. She will bring people together and look or therapeutic alternatives to jail.*
  - i. Jim D. – Why do we need a new courthouse? *The stability in an earthquake is poor to dangerous. An example is the very dated, half time non-working elevators.*
  - ii. Marian H. – Where exactly is your jurisdiction? *Arlington, Darrington, Stanwood, Oso, Granite Falls, North County, East County, misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor.*
  - iii. Nico Q. – What about the other judge? *She (Judge Olbrechts) has had a few affidavits of prejudice written against her which is one of the reasons other judges are endorsing Rancourt.*

Jennifer Rancourt leaves the room. Discussion.

***Against: None***

- h. Unanimous vote to endorse Jennifer Rancourt for Snohomish County District Court Judge, Cascade Division, Position 1**

**11. Resolutions and Vote**

- a. Jack L. brings a “Call for Legislation to Establish Reasonable Firearms Controls and Restrictions, Safe Storage, and Firearms Safety Instruction”**
- i. Motion to suspend the bylaws requiring 5 PCO signatures, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved**
  - ii. Motion to approve Resolution as is.**
    - 1. Discussion**
    - 2. Motion to amend the line about insurance research – Laura B.**
      - a. Friendly addition to remove language about \$1million insurance – Zack T., accepted by Laura B.**
      - b. Motion to amend with friendly motion 2<sup>nd</sup>, and passed**
    - 3. Motion to amend the language about gun storage, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved**
  - iii. Call the vote, Firearm Resolution, with amendments, passes unanimously**

**12. Proposed Bylaws and Vote**

- a. Motion to accept ALL proposed changes to the bylaws, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, approved**

**13. Reports of officers, delegates, committees**

- a. Mary R. – Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon is the last day to gather your personal belongings from the County Dems office. Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> they go on sale.**
- b. Will call a finance committee meeting very soon.**
- c. State party convention in June**

**14. Old Business**

- a. Everett Districts Now – Do it**
- b. Adopt-a- Street - Tabled**
- c. Forums – Committee formed, needs to meet**

**15. New Business**

- a. July 4<sup>th</sup> parade – Mary R. will submit application then we’ll figure it out**

**16. Good of the Order**

- a. Equitable Justice – Communities of Color Coalition is putting this 7<sup>th</sup> annual race conference on at Edmonds Community College. Lots of great work goes into it every year.**
- b. Jack L. – Native Habitat Restoration... talk to him if interested**

**17. Adjourn – 9:17pm**

**Dates to remember:**

- April 28, Saturday – Equitable Justice – 8:30am – 2:00pm, Edmonds Community College**
- May 6, Sunday – Solidarity March – Noon, Walter Hall Park on W. Casino Rd**
- May 14-18 – file candidacy for PCO**
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – North Sound Progressive People’s Summit – Noon – 3:00pm**

