

## **34<sup>th</sup> District GOP Meeting Minutes for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:08PM by Chairman Chuck Rangel.

### **New Business:**

**Executive Board update from KCGOP 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Courteney Lyle:** KCGOP Lincoln Day Dinner was a sold-out success. Data Beacon mobile canvassing app is still not functional for canvassing. LD30 is looking for volunteers to help with Teri Hickel's campaign for State Representative. Look for Ashley Burman's email about upcoming PCO training events.

**Report from Chairman Rangel:** Craig Keller was appointed as Regional Chair for West Seattle. Cindi Vance was appointed as Regional Chair for Vashon. We still need volunteers for the positions of Regional Chair for White Center, and Burien.

**West Seattle Regional Chair Report from Craig Keller:** first meeting for West Seattle Region was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Statue of Liberty on Alki; June meeting date TBD. Goal will be to enrich the Republican presence within the Region, from the Precinct level all the way down to Area Chairs, Precinct Captains, Block Captains etc. Concern was expressed that incumbent Joe McDermott is running unopposed for King County Council. We need to get Republican candidates in these local races, especially for the State Representative positions in 2016.

**Fairs and Community Events Committee report from Myke Wilson, speaking in committee Chair Becky Nicholas's absence:** deadlines have passed for summer festival sign-ups. Cost for event registrations ranges from \$60 - \$500. We need committed, reliable people to sign up for event coverage time slots well in advance before we commit to an event. Discussion ensued about possibility of late registration for the Burien Wild Strawberry Festival (June 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>).

**Events and Youth Committee report from Chairman Rangel, speaking in committee Chair John Denault's absence:** re: LD34 picnic event, picnic shelters are available at Lincoln Park on Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, cost is \$140, plus \$20 extra per extra table we request.

**Treasurer Report from Jim Clingan:** we have \$2200 in the treasury.

Darla Green spoke briefly to introduce herself as a candidate for Burien City Council; her goal is to be a voice for small business on the Council, and to keep Burien safe. For more info: [darlagreen.com](http://darlagreen.com).

**Guest Speaker:** John Wilson, candidate for King County Assessor. Worked as Chief Deputy Assessor and spearheaded programs that used technology to save taxpayers 250K. Intends to make office of King County Assessor more tech savvy with goal of cutting costs and making it easier for taxpayers to navigate property tax data and

payment. Intends to be a team player, work with Burien and Seattle City Councils. Endorsed by Rob McKenna and Chris Vance. Supports increasing income threshold for seniors in the property tax exemption program. Supports the property tax exemption program for disabled vets. Won't take money from known slumlords. Wants to streamline permitting processes to help decrease cost of housing, noting that "the longer it takes, the more it costs". Opposes rent control and notes that it is illegal in Washington state. Proposes solutions to increase affordable housing e.g. Assessor's office can identify parcels of property appropriate to development and streamline permitting to help increase supply of housing, which could help lower housing prices.

**Good of the Order:**

Craig Keller requested signatures for Tim Eyman's Initiative I-1366, which will require state lawmakers to pass a 2/3 vote whenever they want to raise taxes. If you are interested in helping to collect signatures, email [Craig@craigkeller.us](mailto:Craig@craigkeller.us)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.