

46th Legislative District Democrats

www.46DEMS.org ~ facebook.com/46dems ~ [@wa46dems](https://twitter.com/wa46dems)

September 2018

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 26th

Seattle Mennonite Church

Auditorium

3120 NE 125th Street

Seattle, WA 98125

Sign In:

6:30pm

Meeting:

7:00pm

DEMOGRAM



< Message from the 46th LD Membership Chair >



Hello 46th LD!

We are two months out from the midterm elections, and the *most* important thing each of us can do is vote. But it also happens to be the *least* we can do. If you are engaged enough to read through our newsletter, you seek to be informed about politics, big and small. Even if you don't feel like it, this makes you a leader.

Maybe some of you have an uncle that will ask you about politics at Thanksgiving. Maybe a sibling who asks why our taxes are so high. It is important that we openly engage with the people in our lives about the policies that affect us all. When we do so, it is important that we frame issues in ways that personalizes them, highlighting how the things that occur in courtrooms and legislative chambers matter in our everyday lives.

Making sure that the people in our lives make informed votes is crucial, but to make the most important difference, to truly take responsibility of your leadership, to take ownership of your citizenship, it is important to amplify your voice. And that means stepping outside our comfort zones, and engaging with people we don't know. We have 2 months to steer this country away from the abyss. Be involved. Commit to doing something you might never have considered before. Canvass for candidates and causes you believe in. Because when the results roll in on the night of November 6th, I want you to feel no regrets. A phrase like "Blue Wave" has an air of inevitability, but there is *nothing* inevitable about it. It needs to be comprised of people like you. It's only when we all push in the same direction that it will become a reality.

Marty Ross

-Membership Chair, 46th LD Democrats

Important Notice:

The 46th LD General Meetings will now take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month
Please note the September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26

46th Legislative District Democrats

www.46DEMS.org ~ facebook.com/46dems ~ [@wa46dems](https://twitter.com/wa46dems)

September 2018

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 26th

Seattle Mennonite Church

Auditorium

3120 NE 125th Street

Seattle, WA 98125

Sign In:

6:30pm

Meeting:

7:00pm

DEMOGRAM

UPDATE



◀ [Table of Contents](#) ▶



- Page 1: Message from the 46th Membership Chair*
- Page 2: Table of Contents*
- Page 3: September Featured Program Description*
- Page 4: Upcoming Monthly Meetings & Programs*
- Page 5: PCO Update*
- Page 6: Code Red, Code Red : Vote Blue, by Jay Johnson*
- Page 7: Monthly Programs — send us your ideas, Program Chair, Alan Zelt*
- Page 8: Washington State Democrats Volunteer Activities*
- Page 9: Other Events to Activate & Engage*
- Page 10: Executive Board & Committees*
- Page 11: General Information, Membership, Meeting Notification*

46th Legislative District

September 26th — Featured Program

Who Chooses a Presidential Nominee?

Please join the 46th District Democrats' distinguished invited guests for a lively discussion and learning session about the Democratic Presidential Nomination process in the state of Washington for the 2020 election. We have news and decisions from the Democratic National Committee, we have conversation about in-state proposals for our 2020 process, we have everything you always wanted to know but may not have known who to ask.

Bonus conversation! We have new gender parity rules and diversity guidelines at the national and state levels, about which we will also learn.

The panel includes:

- Mr. David McDonald, Washington's longest-serving Democratic National Committee member and member of the national rules committee for the DNC.
- Ms. Sharon Mast, Democratic National Committee member and member of the DNC national women's caucus.
- The Hon. Chris Roberts, Co-Chair of the WSDCC rules committee, 32nd LD State Committee member, and Shoreline City Councilmember.
- Ms. Sophia Dannenberg, Co-Chair of the WSDCC rules committee, and 36th LD State Committee member
- Mr. Bryan Kesterson, State Committee member from the 47th LD, immediate past chair of the KCDCC rules committee, and chair of the gender parity rules workgroup.
- *This is a panel discussion that you do not want to miss!*

Reminder: the September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26th, 2018,

The agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

46th Legislative District

Upcoming Monthly Meetings & Programs

(changed to the 3rd Wednesday of every month)

Invite your friends, neighbors, & family!

- **Wednesday, September 26th — Who Chooses a Presidential Nominee**

⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church Auditorium: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA

⇒ Doors open: 6:30 pm Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

⇒ Please note: Change in date: (moved to 4th Wednesday to accommodate the Jewish Holiday)

- **Wednesday, October 17th — Low-Income Housing in the 46th: Two Case Studies**

⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church Auditorium: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA

⇒ Doors Open: 6:30 pm Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

- **Wednesday, November 14th — Post Midterm Election Discussion**

⇒ Location: Eagles Aerie #1, 8201 Lake City Way *special location*

⇒ Doors Open: 6:30 pm Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

- **Sunday, December 2 — 46th Legislative District Holiday Party - Save the Date!**

⇒ Location: Meadowbrook Community Center, 10517 35th Avenue, NE Seattle, WA 98125

⇒ Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm





Precinct Committee Officers



Save the Date for the Midterm Elections Packet Pick-Up Saturday, October 13th

We will be handing out packets all day so please plan to carve out a few minutes to swing by to get your materials. We had the highest voter turnout in the state for the primary so we have a record (and bragging rights!) to maintain! Extra packets will be available if you would be willing to adopt an additional precinct so that we can reach out to voters in the 46th who wouldn't be contacted otherwise. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Anna Borris, PCO Coordinator, at pco-coordinator@46dems.org or call/text 206-201-1714.



A **big thank you** to the folks from the 46th LD who supported key districts and candidates in the 5th, 30th, 47th & 48th leading up to the August Primary. Our GOTV (Get out the Vote) activities, were greatly appreciated and we'll be doing more of this leading up to the November midterm elections. **Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to support Dems up and down the ticket this fall.** Contact Anna Borris, PCO Coordinator, at pco-coordinator@46dems.org if interested in participating in future GOTV activities.





46th Legislative District Announcements



Message from the Program Chair

Alan Zelt

**We, in the 46th, have become more focused on our singular mission:
“To elect Democrats”**

As we prepare for our programming for 2019, we are sharpening our focus on our programming. We have three goals with the programs we present at our monthly meetings. First, we want to elect Democrats. Everything we do should point us in that direction. Second, our members must be informed and educated. That makes us better voters. And three, we want to fill the seats at our monthly meetings. Toward that end, ***we are asking for all our members to participate in this*** process. The Programming Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 8. At the Olympic View Church in Northgate. The address is 425 NE 95th St, Seattle, WA 98115 (just south of Northgate Mall). It will be held from 7PM until 9PM and open to all 46th Dems members.

We want exciting and educating programming. But, above all, it should head us towards electing Dems. Think out of the box. We don't need re-warmed and re-hashed ideas. We need you to provide us with fresh ideas. The better the programming, the more seats we will fill at our monthly meetings.

See you there!

Alan Zelt,
Chairman, Programming Committee



Code Red, Code Red : Vote Blue



The title of this GOTV (Get-Out-The-Vote) message comes from Tom Friedman's New York Times OpEd piece published a while ago (30 May 2018, p A23). Whenever I hear this "code red" message, over the loudspeaker in a hospital, my first thought is: "Somewhere in this place someone is in serious trouble". My second thought is: "Someone in this place is trained to take care of the crisis and they will". Fleeting thoughts; disappearing as quickly as they appear. Why? Because I just assume that hospitals are staffed with competent professionals who follow some well thought out, rational procedures designed to handle serious medical problems.

People! This coming midterm election is like a hospital emergency event. America is the hospital and, supposedly, government officials are the professionals taking care of serious problems that occur in a complex society. We, the people, choose these professionals. We believe they will construct solutions based on experience, judgement and good will. In the past, this difficult and contentious business has been done relatively successfully. Compromises are necessary. No one is completely happy with how we govern ourselves but we have faith in the process of how we go about it.

BUT NOT ANY MORE!

The winner-take-all mode of thinking, the rigid adherence to ideological pronouncements, the financial instability induced by rapid technology, the humiliation of being left behind, the fear of the future induced by demigods as well as numerous other factors have produced an extremely polarized American citizenry. The implicit faith they once had in our elected officials and the traditional institutions has been eroded. And the erosion continues precipitously with the current ethically challenged federal administration.

But don't take my word about this. Numerous scholarly reports document this development. My favorite is: "Who Stole the American Dream?" published in 2013 and authored by Hedrick Smith, a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter and author of bestselling books: *The Russians (1976)* and *The Power Game (1988)*. Smith begins by covering the famous memo written by Lewis Powell in 1971 which was a "full-scale political rebellion by America's corporate leaders" to change the political system more favorable to business ("the Revolt of the Bosses"). He documents "how pivotal laws and policies were altered while the public wasn't looking". Wall Street started hiring former government officials as lobbyists by the thousands. Moderate politicians lost their influence. Eventually the middle-class, and their "dreams" were slowly and steadily significantly diminished.

Cutting to the chase, the influence of propaganda spread by the ideological rich and powerful over the past half century now has the possibility of turning America into an authoritarian society with the powerful living in walled-off communities protected by private armies and the rest of us living out lives no better than isolated, consumer driven slaves barely surviving. What kind of life is that for our children and grandkids?

It is said that "Power corrupts". No argument about this. But Ernie Cortes, an activist, has also made the comment that "Powerlessness also corrupts". In other words, if you do not vote you are complicit in the resulting negative consequences. **You must vote!** And it would be a good thing if you encouraged your neighbors to vote and encouraged them to encourage their neighbors to vote. It will take a long time for progressives to stem the tide and get this country back to a balance between the political poles defined by some sense of altruism and the proper influence of self-interest. But it will never be done if we progressives do not cast our ballots. The greatest danger to democracy is indifference!

Code red, Code Red : Vote Blue by, Jay Johnson, 46th LD Dems, Executive Board Member

Message from the Washington State Democrats

Volunteer Activities

The Washington State Democrats is launching a massive organizing effort to recruit and train volunteer leaders, and reach out to voters we've never talked to before across our state.

We are delighted to announce that the Washington State Democrats has hired a new Field Organizer dedicated to the 46th District. **The new organizer, Audrey Smith**, is looking for volunteers to canvass and phone bank throughout the 46th to get out the vote this mid-term election. It's important that we, as Democrats are motivating other Democrats to vote this election. There are multiple ways to get involved:

Canvass events scheduled in the 46th District this month:

- September 22nd | Canvassing
Where: Meet at Ingraham High School Parking Lot — 1819 N 135th Street, Seattle, WA
When: 11am – 2pm
RSVP: <https://www.wa-democrats.org/ngpvanforms/17459>
- September 30th | Canvassing
Where: Meet at QFC Parking Lot in Wedgewood — 8400 35th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA
When: 11am – 2pm
RSVP: <https://www.wa-democrats.org/ngpvanforms/17474>

There are also a number of phone bank opportunities:

- September 20th | Phone Bank
Where: Seattle Northgate Branch Study Room — 10548 5th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA
When: 6pm-8pm
- September 27th | Phone Bank
Where: Lake Forest Park Library Meeting Room — 17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park, WA
When: 4pm-6pm
- Every Sunday – Thursday | Phone Bank
Where: Washington State Democrats Office, Pine St., 4th Floor, Seattle, WA
When: 4pm-6pm or 6pm-8pm

If you cannot canvass on weekends or make any of the dates listed for phone banking please contact [Audrey Smith](#) and she can provide training in person, by phone or Skype for either phone calling or canvassing on days you are available.

Field Organizer Opportunities!

The Washington State Democrats are looking to hire Deputy Field Organizers. These are part time positions, ideal for college students or anyone just looking for some part time campaign work. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Deputy Field Organizer role.



Other Events to Activate & Engage



There are no shortage of activities, events, fundraisers to support Washington State candidates both in the 46th LD and other Districts. Many folks within our district are looking for ways to get involved. Here are some additional events taking place in the Seattle area.

- **Join Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal for a lunch supporting Dr. Kim Schrier for Congress!**
 - ⇒ When: Monday, September 24th | 11:15AM-12:30PM
 - ⇒ Location: Tulio Ristorante, 1100 5th Ave, Seattle, Washington 98101
 - ⇒ Questions: Devon@drkimschrier.com or (206) 328-2969
- Join Noah Purcell & Jasmin Weaver, Paul Purcell & Barbara Guzzo, and Fay Weaver for an evening reception supporting Dr. Kim Schrier for Congress!
 - ⇒ **When: Monday, September 17th | 6:00PM – 7:30PM**
 - ⇒ **Location: 3426 19th Ave South, Seattle, WA 98144**
 - ⇒ Questions or to RSVP: Tyler at tyler@drkimschrier.com or (206) 328-2969
- **Fighting for the Majority**
 - ⇒ What: Join the Democratic caucus for the 21st annual Fighting for the Majority event as they maintain control of the WA Legislature!
 - ⇒ When: **Monday, October 29 5:30 – 7:30pm**
 - ⇒ Where: Address given upon RSVP (<https://fightingforthemajority.com/> / info@fightingforthemajority.com)
- **The Last Weekend: Code Blue + Swing Left + many more, massive GOTV Effort**
 - ⇒ When: Saturday, November 3rd–Tuesday, November 6th
 - ⇒ For more information: <https://thelastweekend.org/codeblue>

Other Volunteer Activities:

- [Kim Schrier's Seattle phone banks](#) (US House of Representatives, Congressional District 8)
- [Carolyn Long's activity calendar](#) (US House of Representatives, Congressional District 3)
- [Lisa Brown's activity calendar](#) (US House of Representatives, Congressional District 5)
- [WA Democrats Flip Congress and State Leg canvass and phone bank events](#)

46th Legislative District Executive Board Members

Chair:

[Julie Anne Kempf](#) chair@46dems.org

First Vice Chair:

[Andrew Everett](#) andrewjeverett@me.com

Secretary:

[Leah Ross](#) secretary@46dems.org

Treasurer:

TBA

State Committeeman:

[Javier Valdez](#) javiervaldez@comcast.net

State Committeewoman:

[Elizabeth \(Betsy\) Walker](#) elections@46dems.org

King County Male Representative:

[Andrew Everett](#) andrewjeverett@me.com

King County Male Alternate:

[Lawrence \(Larry\) Smith](#) gabriel_freeman@yahoo.com

King County Female Representative:

[Sarajane Siegfriedt](#) sarajane3h@comcast.net

King County Female Alternate:

[Anne Udaloy](#) anneudaloy@gmail.com

At Large Members:

[Jay Johnson](#) farfarjohnson04@gmail.com

[Corina Pfeil](#) corina.pfeil@gmail.com

[Andrzej Montañó](#) andrzejmontano@gmail.com

[Phillippa Kassover](#) pmkassover@gmail.com

[Alan Zelt](#) alzelt@outlook.com

[Anna E. Borris](#) pco-coordinator@46dems.org

[Hunter Brown](#) hunterkbrown@gmail.com

[Marty Ross](#) membership@46dems.org

[Erika Krebs](#) tech@46dems.org

[Lori Shelden](#) communications@46dems.org

46th Legislative District Committees

PCO Coordinator [Anna E. Borris](#)

Election [Betsy Walker](#)

Platform/Resolution [Sarajane Siegfriedt](#)

Bylaws [Larry Smith](#)

Tally TBA

Membership [Marty Ross](#)

Program [Alan Zelt](#)

Raymond T. Cole Fund [Norma Miller](#)

Community Outreach [Phillippa Kassover](#)

Inclusion & Affirmative Act. [Hunter Brown](#)

Technology [Erika Krebs](#)

Communications [Lori Shelden](#)

Comms Co-Chair [Jay Johnson](#)

Legislative Action [Corina Pfeil](#)

Finance TBA

If you are interested in joining a committee,
please contact your Committee Chair.

Demogram Editors: Lori Shelden, Jay Johnson



Day of Action with Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal

Great turn at our 46th LD Day of Action Event. A huge thank you to our volunteers, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, State Senator David Frock, Representative Gerry Pollet and Representative Javier Valdez for knocking on over 1500 doors! **THANK YOU!!**



**46th District
DEMOCRATS**

P.O. Box 15435
Seattle, WA 98115-0435

Click Below to



Meeting Location

**Wednesday September 26th
Meeting**

*Doors Open: 6:30 M
Meeting at 7:00 PM*

AT:

**Seattle Mennonite Church Auditorium
3120 NE 125th Street
Seattle, WA 98125**



Show Your Commitment to the 46th District Democrats. JOIN NOW!

Pay dues electronically [via Click and Pledge at our website](#)— where you can pledge as little as \$5 a month - or mail a check payable to “46th District Democrats” to **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435**. To check if you are already a member, email **Marty Ross** at membership@46dems.org.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

HOME
PHONE _____

WORK
PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

YES! Please send me an email when the newsletter is ready for online reading!

Control your Demogram Subscription!

Please help us be more “Green”, while also meeting your needs as a member.

Our default delivery of the Demogram is now via email ten days prior to the next meeting. You may still receive a mailed paper Demogram—just let us know!

Both Email and Print! I am a paid member of the 46th District Democrats in good standing, and I would like to receive the paper version of the newsletter as well as email each month.

Print Only, Please! I need to receive the printed copy, as I either don't have easy access to email or other reason.

Alternatively, you may e-mail a subscription request to **Marty Ross** at membership@46dems.org