

46th Legislative District Democrats

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DEMOGRAM

August 2017

General Meeting

Thursday, August 17th
Seattle Mennonite Church
in the Auditorium
3120 NE 125th St.
Seattle, WA 98125

Sign In:
6:30pm

Meeting:
7:00pm



◀ From the Interim Chair ▶



One of the most common refrains I hear from friends is a sense of powerlessness or frustration over the state of current events. Sometimes our leaders take actions (or tweet things) that terrify, enrage, or dumbfound us. Other times, good people running for office fall just short on Election Day. What can we do?

As activists, volunteers, and supporters of local Democratic and progressive campaigns, you have a unique opportunity to answer that question. In the last few months, scores of Democrats from the 46th and other legislative districts have pitched in by knocking on doors for Manka Dhingra in the 45th District. Our efforts were rewarded with a decisive primary win over a Republican who has tried to duck from past statements denying climate change and a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions that gives us a clear path to taking back the State Senate in November.

In the 46th, PCOs knocked on thousands of doors to deliver our Voters Guide, announcing our endorsements to voters across the district. And while not every candidate endorsed by the 46th won the election, endorsed candidates for Port Commission, local school boards, and city councils all advanced to the general election. Your voter outreach efforts made a real difference.

With three months until the general election, you'll have more opportunities to get involved. We'll make more endorsements for the general election and will be organizing more action days in the 45th District and in the 31st, where Teamster, veteran, and PTA President Michelle Rylands is running a spirited campaign against one of the most right-wing legislators in the statehouse. Stay tuned to this space, our web and Facebook pages, or come to a meeting to learn the details.

Here's hoping I see many of you on the doors in the next few months.

In solidarity,
Jesse Piedfort



UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

- **August 17 — General Election Endorsement Meeting @7PM**
(Port of Seattle Pos. 4, Seattle Mayor, Seattle School Board, plus others)
- **September 21 — Statewide Re-Districting**
- **October 19 — Protect, Strengthen Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid**
- **November 18 — Post Election Analysis & 2018 Look Ahead**

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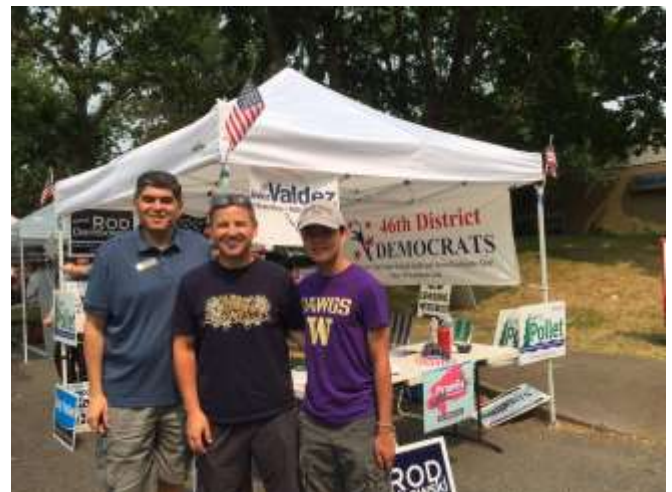
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L to R: State Representative Javier Valdez, King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, and Evan Dembowski at the 46th District Booth for Lake City Salmon Days

46th Legislative District

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Mark the third Thursday of every month—invite your friends, neighbors, family!

- **August 17 - General Election Endorsement Meeting** — Packed agenda! Endorsements for Port of Seattle Pos. 4, Mayor of Seattle, Seattle School Board, and other candidates seeking endorsements in races not previously considered. Also joining us will be State Representative Javier Valdez, who will share his impressions on the recent legislative “special session” and budget resolutions and take questions from the membership.
⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church, Auditorium: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98125
⇒ Doors Open: 6:30 pm Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

- **September 21 — Statewide Re-Districting:** a 10 year occurrence which can be determined by which party controls the legislature! A vital topic that continues to impact state & national elections, Important discussion to help us get ahead of it within the coming decade!
⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church, Auditorium: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98125
⇒ Doors Open: 6:30 am Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

- **October 19 — Protect, Strengthen, Expand Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid:** Forum to discuss this salient topic — learn from the experts
⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church, Auditorium: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98125
⇒ Doors Open: 6:30 pm Meeting begins: 7:00 pm

- **November 16 — Post Election Analysis & 2018 Look Ahead** - we will hold a forum with key community leaders to discuss the November election and what we can expect in 2018 and beyond.
⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church, Auditorium: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98125
⇒ Doors Open: 6:30 pm Meeting begins: 7:00 pm

- **December 3 — 46th Legislative District Holiday Party!**
⇒ Meadowbrook Community Center, time TBD in the early evening, mark your calendars!

46th Legislative District

August 17 General Meeting

General Election Endorsement Meeting

We have a jam-packed exciting program in August!

The August meeting will be focused on endorsements for Port of Seattle Pos. 4, Seattle Mayor, Seattle School Board and for positions in which our endorsed candidates did not move through the primary, or for races where candidates are seeking our endorsement. Your attendance is vital — ***your voice counts!***

We're excited to hear from the candidates for Seattle School Board in half-hour forum format. These candidates did not appear on our primary ballots—all of these districts are south of the ship canal, and in Seattle only the school board district represented votes in the primary, but we vote district-wide in the general election— so we have not had a chance to hear from them before.

We will also provide a brief session for the Seattle Mayoral candidates to answer questions to get deeper insight into their respective agendas. Neither of the two candidates were endorsed by the 46th LD Dems in the primary, and this gives us a chance to get additional context on how they will handle key issues impacting our city and 46th Legislative District communities. The candidates, or their surrogates, will have an opportunity to speak and will include a question & answer session.

Additional Program items include:

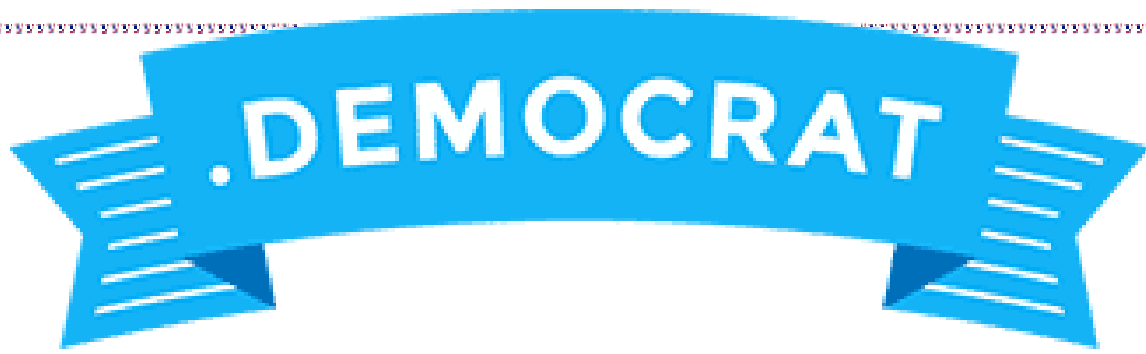
- ⇒ **Port of Seattle, Pos. 4:** Neither of our endorsed candidates advanced to November.
- ⇒ **King County Families and Veterans Levy** (countywide)
- ⇒ Other race endorsements and initiative considerations
- ⇒ Hear from our *newest legislator*, **State Representatives Javier Valdez**. Learn firsthand Representative Valdez' perspective on the "state legislative special session" and budget resolution. This contentious session resulted in some constituent discontent. There will be time for questions and answers. This is a great opportunity to share your views with our state representative on these important topics.

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JENNY DURKAN





Agenda for August 17th, 2017

Sign in and Mingling– 6:30PM

Meeting Begins - 7:00PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Flag Salute**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of June Minutes**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. PCO Appointments**
- 8. Program - General Election Endorsement Meeting**
 - Seattle School Board Director Districts Candidate Forum
 - Brief Seattle Mayoral Q&A
 - Endorsement Nominations and Votes
 1. King County Families and Veterans Levy (countywide)
 2. Port of Seattle Commissioner Pos. 4 (countywide)
 3. Seattle Mayor
 4. Seattle School Board
 - 5. Also, any races in which a candidate seeks our endorsement in a race not previously endorsed during the May endorsement sessions.
 - 6. Consideration of support for the signature gathering campaign for Initiative 940
 - 7. Consideration of opposition - decline to sign - for the sig gathering for Initiative 947
- 9. Summer Committee Reports (may be presented between endorsement votes)**
 - Resolutions Committee—Environmental Caucus Resolution (see pg. 8 for text)
 - Other Committee Reports as needed
- 9. Good of the Order**
- 10. Adjourn**

*For reference, you will find the Endorsement Rules attached to this Demogram,
Pages 13-16*



EVENTS TO ACTIVATE AND ENGAGE



- **August 9th — Where's Dave Reichart? Door knocking with Planned Parenthood & Indivisible** Join these two wonderful organizations as they search for the elusive US Rep. Dave Reichart and do some amazing work doorbelling in the 45th LD to help flip the State Senate!

⇒ Location: Sammamish Public Library: 825 228th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075

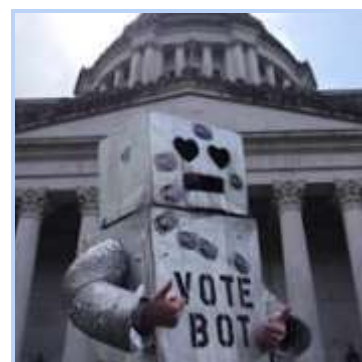
⇒ Time: 5:30 PM — 8:00 PM

- **August 11 — Washington Bus's 10 Anniversary Bash** — Join the Washington Bus, the state's foremost youth voter registration organization, at their anniversary concert and birthday party!

⇒ Location: Vera Project, Warren & Republican, Seattle, WA 98109

⇒ Tickets: <https://co.clickandpledge.com/advanced/default.aspx?wid=128654>

⇒ Doors Open: 7:00pm



- **August 16 — Annual Summer BBQ & Potluck**: Bring a dish and chow down on some delicious food with the amazing company of our east-of-lake friends, 45th/48th Dems.

⇒ Location: Crossroads Park: 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue, WA 98008

⇒ Doors Open: 6:30 PM — 8:30 PM

August 26th — Henry M. Jackson Banquet and Gala: Join Snohomish County Democrats and the Western Washington community at this annual soiree that you wouldn't want to miss!

⇒ Location: Tulalip Casino and Resort: 10200 Quil Ceda Blvd., Tulalip, WA 98271

⇒ Time: 6:00 PM — 10:00 PM



46th District Democrats Environmental Caucus

By Anne Udaloy

On April 22, 2017, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee approved a Resolution to Create an Environment and Climate Caucus of the Washington State Democratic Party (the resolution had been submitted by the 16th LD Democrats). The primary stated intent of the new Washington State Environment and Climate Caucus is to address disruptions caused by climate change. This will include addressing negative disruptions such as impacts to agriculture and increased risk of forest fires, and positive disruptions including transitioning to an economy based on sustainable renewable energy and energy efficiency. In addition, this caucus will support our ability to discuss and address new environmental topics of interest as they arise - and they will arise.

During mid-May, members of the 46th District Democrats (and other LDs, too!) began discussing developing an Environmental and Climate Caucus, met, and resolved to do so. We respectfully request your support of our Resolution, which is presented in today's Demogram and will be on the agenda at the August 17, 2017 meeting of the 46th LD Democrats.

We also invite you to join with us!

We will work to:

- Develop candidate questionnaires and evaluate candidate responses
- Evaluate proposed citizen's initiatives
- Evaluate proposed legislation (and supporting development of legislation)
- Serve as a resource to legislators by providing organized input from constituents
- Serve as a resource to our Legislative District by developing educational materials and programs related to environmental issues
- Support our communities through honest and open discussions of the complex issues related to climate change, including justice for workers and communities adversely affected by the transition to a clean-energy economy

Our focus can and will extend from local issues (e.g., air quality in Kenmore) and state-wide issues (e.g., regulation of exempt water wells) to national and global issues (e.g., management of atmospheric carbon).

We intend to meet monthly (or more frequently when appropriate). We will maintain communications through periodic emails and the Demogram (you are welcome to join the email list even if you do not plan to regularly attend our meetings).

Our next meeting will focus on climate change and options for responding to climate. Our Federal government is now controlled by science-deniers who are committed to increasing our national reliance on fossil fuels and eliminating support for developing renewable energy resources, which makes local and state-level actions even more important.

Our next meeting will be held at 5:30 – 6:30 pm on Thursday August 17, 2017; immediately before the LD meeting. We'll meet at the Lake City Library Lake City Library; 12501 28th Ave NE; Seattle, WA 98125. If driving, either park at the LD meeting lot under the library (come in from the north due to the Farmer's Market). Please invite guests!

Resolution in Support of a 46th District Democrats Environmental Caucus

Whereas climate change and inadequacies in environmental protection are urgent local, international, economic and moral crises; and

Whereas climate change and environmental protection are directly linked to issues of social justice, racial equity and economic equity; and

Whereas the elevation of a science-denying administration to the Federal Executive branch makes local action on climate change and environmental protection more necessary than ever; and

Whereas there is a need for justice and compensation for low-income communities, communities of color and other communities disproportionately affected by fossil fuels and climate change; and

Whereas there must be a Just Transition for workers and communities affected by the transition to a clean-energy economy; and

Whereas the Democratic Party can and must do more to address environmental issues and become a leading standard-bearer for rigorous environmental protection; and

Whereas local grassroots organizing within party structures is a necessary and effective means for achieving environmental goals; and

Whereas the Washington State Democratic Party recently approved the formation of a State Democratic Environmental Caucus;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 46th District Democrats recognizes and supports the formation of an Environmental Caucus within the district organization, in affiliation with the Washington State Democratic Party Environmental Caucus.

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Important Meeting Dates

Thursday August 17th: Monthly 46th LD Meeting Doors open 6:30 PM; Seattle Mennonite Church (address on cover page)

Tuesday August 22nd: King County Dems Meeting 7PM-9PM; Teamsters 117 Hall in Tukwila

Wednesday September 6th: 46th Executive Board Meeting 7:15PM-9PM; Olympic View Community Church -

Tuesday September 9th-10th: WA Dems Quarterly Meeting Beginning at 8AM, South Seattle Community College

Thursday September 21st: Monthly 46th LD Meeting Doors open 6:30 PM; Seattle Mennonite Church (address on cover page)

Tuesday September 26th: King County Dems Meeting 7PM-9PM; Teamsters 117 Hall in Tukwila

46th Legislative District PCO Update

THANK YOU PCOs!

Thank you so much to all the dedicated PCOs and volunteers who spent the month of July knocking on doors to help get out the vote for the primary election!

Together over 100 people knocked on almost **15,000 doors** and distributed voter guides to help voters make their decisions! It might have been a historically low turn-out election but together the 46th district democrats did their part to turn out the democratic base.

PCOs who did not sync their data through the miniVAN app, please bring your annotated walk sheets to the August general meeting or scan and e-mail them to : pco-coordinator@46dems.org.

Upcoming PCO Trainings*:

- PCO 101: Northgate Library Meeting Room, September 30th, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- Votebuilder/Minivan Training: Northgate Library Meeting Room, October 7th, 1pm - 3pm
- PCO 101: Northgate Library Meeting Room, October 21st, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**trainings are open to all who are interested, however, content will be geared towards PCO objectives and duties.*

PCO SPOTLIGHT

A Call for new PCO's in the 46th LD

Democracy, when it came to ancient Athens, developed in fits and starts, somewhat by accident, and over the course of more than a century. Parallel to the story of the American experiment twenty-two centuries later, the vote was granted first to only wealthy property owners. Eventually the volatility unleashed by the dynamic, prosperous, and open society led to even greater reforms for ancient Athenians, among them, the ending of slavery, universal male suffrage, and trial by a jury of peers.

In the America of the 21st century, we've progressed further than Athens, but still have far to go. Like many of you, the election of the 45th president came as a shock to me, as I struggled to come to terms with the country that I love, and puzzled to understand how this could have ever happened. The answer is far bigger than me, but I understood on November 9th that, moving forward, I had to be in this fight. Not with words on a Facebook comment, or just by voting every year, but with my feet on the ground.

I've been walking my precinct as a Precinct Committee Officer since April, and one of the most important lessons I've learned is how important it is to listen and learn. I've taken to focusing on voter outreach, speaking to people who are known to have been reliable voters for many cycles, but that the Democratic Party has had no communication. Every door knock is a lever pull on the slot machine; I never know what I'll get. Once, a Republican on fixed income who is very angry about increased property taxes. Could I persuade her that a progressive income tax might alleviate property taxes on the middle class? Another time, a professed libertarian who doesn't like how much money is spent on health care, and considers single-payer a more budget-friendly option. Could I convince him to vote for a Democrat who supports single-payer? And once, a woman in a mixed-race marriage, terrified for her children's safety both from right-wing extremists and law enforcement. Could I convince her that the Democratic Party stands with her and her family to build a safe, inclusive America?

There are precincts that have not heard from the Democratic Party in several years. No one has taken the time to visit people's homes and asked them what they want for a future America, or had that conversation about how our shared values can create positive changes in everyone's lives. I know I hadn't taken that time to participate in our democracy until this year. But now that I have, I am grateful and never want to look back.

Ben Franklin said half-jokingly during the Revolutionary War: "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately." The quote rings true today. The way forward is together. Building a movement, home-by-home, is what it takes to turn the tide.

In Athens, active participation in democracy by many citizens ensured the survival of the state. Being civically involved was ingrained in the culture. In fact, around 500BC, the term "idiot" (literally, "one's own self"), was used in a derogatory sense, for those who chose not to be engaged in their community.

So my advice for changing the world and making it a better place?
Don't be an "idiot"; be a PCO!

-Marty Ross
PCO: LFP 46-2439



KING COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Dear Friends,

On Sunday August 20th from 2-5pm, the King County Democrats will be hosting a summer pool party! Support the KCDCC at this event held in our own home district, as we lounge in the pool and enjoy this hot weather.

Our gracious friends and supporters, Kathy & Geoff Sakahara (PCO SEA 46-2303) are hosting us at their beautiful home in the Wedgwood neighborhood of northeast Seattle.

The KCDCC will be celebrating the launch of their Progress Fund, [a small-donor program that supports candidates up and down the ballot throughout all of King County](#). The word is out that our chair, Bailey Stober, may even get a chance to show off some of his dance moves.

We will have refreshments and snacks at the event. You can find more details about the event on Facebook, [located here](#). RSVP on either Facebook, to Kalani@ravenmcshanestrategies.com, or by phone to 360-624-7306. The address will be provided upon RSVP.

Hope to see you there!



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46TH DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

2017 Standing Rules for Endorsements

1. Meeting Scheduling and Conduct

- a. Meetings to allow the 46th District Democrats to express support for or against candidates and ballot measures shall be called according to the terms of the Bylaws.
- b. Endorsement Meetings shall be conducted according to these Standing Rules.
- c. At least one Endorsement Meeting shall be held before each of the Primary and the General elections.
- d. Ballot measures on the November ballot will be eligible for endorsement at the August District General Meeting (August 17, 2017)

2. Eligibility to Vote

- a. All members in good standing who will be 18 years of age or older on or before November General Election Day (for 2017: November 7, 2017) are eligible to vote in Endorsement Meetings.
- b. Persons who were members in good standing of the 46th District Democrats in the previous year may renew their membership up to the time of the Endorsement Meeting. Other members must have become members at least 21 days prior to the Endorsement Meeting.
- c. Voting by proxy is not allowed.**

*** For further guidance on this rule, please refer to the 46th District By-Laws*

3. Eligibility for Endorsement

- a. To be eligible for endorsement, a candidate for partisan office must file as a Democrat and declare affiliation only with the Democratic Party for a period of at least one year prior to the Endorsement Meeting.
- b. For non-partisan races other than judicial races, a candidate must have either declared affiliation only with the Democratic Party or else publicly indicated non-affiliation with any political party for a period of at least 1 year prior to the Endorsement Meeting.
- c. To be eligible for consideration for endorsement, with the exception of Presidential candidates and candidates for judicial office, candidates must declare their Party affiliation for the past 5 years and must sign and submit the King County Democrats candidate questionnaire and the 46th District Democrats questionnaire addendum. The Chair of the 46th District Democrats must receive the completed questionnaire (which can be sent to Chair@46Dems.org) no later than 10 days prior to the Endorsement Meeting (i.e., by May 15, 2017 for the May 25, 2017 Seattle and county-wide endorsements meeting, or May 10th for the May 20, 2017 Lake Forest Park and Kenmore endorsements meeting).
- d. A motion to suspend the deadline for receipt of a candidate's questionnaire by the District Chair may be made at the Endorsement Meeting and requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present and eligible to vote.
- e. The District Chair or her/his appointed representative(s) will make best efforts to contact all eligible candidates for office, as well as both proponents and opponents of ballot measures, to participate in the Endorsement Meeting and any candidate and issues forums. However, it is the responsibility of any candidate or ballot committee wishing to participate in the endorsement process to contact the District in a timely fashion.

4. Voting

- a. A minimum of 60% of the eligible voters present and voting, excluding abstentions and excluding ballots ruled invalid, is required for adoption of an endorsement position.
- b. As specified in the Bylaws, action taken may include Endorsement, No Endorsement, or No Recommendation. An “Endorsement” or support is specifically positive, “No Endorsement” or oppose or reject is specifically negative, and “No Recommendation” otherwise known as “Take No Position” is as stated—no action, either positive or negative, is taken at that time. Endorsement or recommendation may include adoption of a position specifically opposed to a candidate or ballot issue.
- c. Voting will be by written ballots issued to eligible voters in all races with two or more eligible candidates. Other votes may be by show of hands.
- d. Counting of votes shall be completed according to accepted best practices and in accordance with any adopted Tally Rules in a manner that allows observation by any member who wishes to do so.
- e. After voting is completed, witnesses shall observe ballots being sealed in an envelope and handed to the District Chair for retention for at least 90 days.
- f. In order to expedite the endorsement process, motions will be entertained to endorse a block of unopposed Democratic candidates, provided that a motion to divide the question (i.e., flag one or more names from the list for separate consideration) will be in order. A motion to divide requires a second; it requires a simple majority to pass.
- g. Motions to endorse groups of candidates unopposed by other candidates eligible for endorsement by a show of hands or credential cards may be entertained at the beginning of the meeting or at other junctures in the endorsement agenda deemed appropriate by the Chair. Once a list of candidates to endorse in this manner is proposed, a motion to “flag” one or more candidates for individual consideration and so to divide the question is in order, if any member wishes to so move.

5. Suspension of Endorsement Rules

Any request to suspend these rules for a particular race or ballot issue must be made prior to consideration of that race or ballot issue; such a motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by voting members present for such suspension. The requirement specified in Rule 4 of a 60% vote for an endorsement or recommendation cannot be suspended, and any motion to close nominations is prohibited. By-laws may not be suspended.

6. Endorsement or Recommendation Procedures—Candidates

a. Nominations

- 1. Each eligible candidate, or their designees who may only be 46th District members eligible to vote at the time of the meeting, may be given up to 2 minutes to speak at the time they are nominated. If the chair, in their sole determination, feels that in the interest of limited time this amount of time must be reduced, the chair may do so, provided that all nominees in a single race are given the same amount of time. The chair may consult with others to make this determination, however, this decision of the chair is final and is not subject to appeal.
- 2. For each race with candidates, the floor will be open to nominations/seconds and “Take No Position” for all eligible candidates. Only eligible voters may make motions to endorse/nominate or speak on behalf of an endorsement/nomination. A motion to close nominations shall be out of order.
- 3. For each motion to endorse, a single nomination presentation by voting eligible members of the 46th district and/or the candidate themselves of no more than 2 minutes may be allowed. The Chair may recognize a candidate or member for up to an additional 30 seconds to rebut a specific negative statement directed against a named candidate. Speakers shall identify themselves prior to making nomination speeches on behalf of any candidate or ballot measure. Eligible voters may NOT cede their time to anyone ineligible to vote at the meeting.

4. All eligible candidates who are nominated and “Take No Position” will be an option on every ballot. Reject will only be on the ballot if nominated and seconded.

b. Voting

1. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or “Take No Position” If a candidate or “Take No Position” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If neither a candidate nor “Take No Position” receives 60% of the votes cast, then we will move to a second ballot. In races with two or three eligible candidates, the top two choices shall move on directly to the Third Ballot. In races with four or more eligible candidates, all candidates receiving 15% of the votes cast shall move on to the Second Ballot. Should only one candidate or none of these candidates have more than 15% of the votes cast then the top 4 will move on to the second ballot.

2. Second Ballot: If a candidate or “Take No Position” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If no candidate or “Take No Position” receives 60% of votes cast, the top two choices will move to a Third Ballot.

3. Third Ballot: If a candidate or “Take No Position” receives 60% of the votes cast, then that motion passes. If no candidate or “Take No Position” receives 60% of the votes cast, then a motion for dual endorsement is in order. This motion must pass by 60%; if not, an endorsement in the race is not made. A show of hands may be called for the dual endorsement ballot. No motion for a dual endorsement is in order until after the third ballot.

4. No more than two candidates may be endorsed for any one office.

7. Endorsement or Recommendation Procedures—Ballot Measures

a. Motions to Endorse

1. Ballot Measures include all initiatives, referenda, levies, and other races without candidates. The question to endorse a Ballot Measure shall be considered in the form it will appear on the ballot. Motions for a specific endorsement to support or oppose a Ballot Measure are not in order, as the District’s position—“Endorsement” or support, or approve, “No Endorsement” or reject, or oppose, or “No Recommendation” or take no position will be determined by the voting.

2. For each motion to consider a Ballot Measure, a speech of not more than 2 minutes and a seconding speech of not more than 1 minute will be allowed for each of the three positions (Endorsement, No Endorsement, Take No Position). Only members who are eligible to vote may make motions to endorse/recommend or speak on behalf of an endorsement/recommendation. Members will hear all speeches for that Ballot Issue before the vote.

3. Motions to endorse ballot measures shall be in order at all meetings, provided notice that such shall be considered were included in the 10-day meeting notice sent to all members in the manner specified in the By-Laws.

b. Voting

1. First Ballot: Each eligible voter will vote for Endorsement (approve), No Endorsement (reject), or No Recommendation (take no position). If any option receives 60%, then that vote passes. If no option receives 60%, we move to a Second Ballot.

2. Second Ballot: If either of the top two choices from the First Ballot receives 60%, then that vote passes. If no option receives 60%, then the position of the 46th District Democrats will be “Take No Position”.

8. Tie Votes

a. If any vote for an endorsement or recommendation results in a tie, and the tie affects which ballot choice moves on to the next step or receives the endorsement/recommendation, a Tiebreaker Vote will be held. Eligible voters will revote only on the tied items with the subsequent winner advancing to the next step.

b. If the Tiebreaker Vote results in a tie, the Chair or their designee will conduct a coin flip, as done in public elections in Washington in accordance with state law, to determine the outcome.

c. It is permissible for the reconsideration vote and potential new endorsement process to occur at the same general or special meeting of the membership.

9. Reconsideration of an Endorsement

a. Endorsements shall only be reconsidered in the following circumstances: death or long-term incapacitation of the endorsed candidate; withdrawal of candidacy of the endorsed candidate; conscious and deliberate failure by the candidate to file for office on the applicable ballot; disqualification from the ballot of the endorsed candidate; or if the endorsed candidate switches Parties, or by declared choice of caucus, would cause the Democratic Party to lose a majority or committee chairperson position in any legislative or governing body.

b. Reconsideration of an endorsement decision in these circumstances requires 10-day written notice to the body and all candidates eligible for endorsement for the affected office. The written notice must specify when the reconsideration and possible new endorsement process will occur.

d. A 60% vote of the members is required to reopen the endorsement decision. If the membership votes in the affirmative to reopen the endorsement, then the endorsement process is carried through from the beginning, following the rules described herein, as if there had not been an endorsement in the race previously.

e. Due to the fact that endorsements are not reconsiderable, outside of very specific circumstances, If only one candidate sharing a dual endorsement in the primary survives said primary, then the dual endorsement converts to a sole endorsement for the general election by rule. If no endorsed candidate(s) survive(s) a primary, then the void in endorsements for that race re-opens the field for consideration of an endorsement for the general election.

10. Special Endorsement Meetings for Internal Jurisdictions within the District:

a. In the odd-numbered years, when the municipal and special purpose district offices are on the ballot, at times it will be more just and fair for a portion of the municipal and special-purpose jurisdictions within the district to have a special endorsement meeting called to serve those jurisdictions. Such meeting shall be held in geographic proximity to the jurisdictions for which the meeting is called, to the extent possible. The Chair must consult with other officers and members, but such meeting, if any, shall be called at the Chair's sole discretion.

b. All 46th district members in good standing shall be eligible to vote, but the initial determination that a quorum has been met shall be measured using just the count of members of the municipal or special purpose jurisdictions being served by the meeting.

Example: Thus, if the meeting was called to consider endorsements for offices in the City of Kenmore, and Kenmore was the home of 45 members in good standing, then the 10% quorum required at the beginning of the meeting would be $45 \times 10\% = 4.5$ (must round up), or 5 members from Kenmore must be present to start the meeting.