

46th Legislative District Democrats

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June 2017

General Meeting

Thursday, June 15th
Seattle Mennonite Church
3120 NE 125th St.
Seattle, WA 98125

Sign In: **Meeting:**
6:30pm **7:00pm**

DEMOGRAM



◀ From the Interim Chair ▶



Dear 46th District Democrats,

When I came to my first 46th District meeting near the end of 2014, I didn't really know anybody. One kind, long-time member introduced herself, made sure I knew what was going on, and let me know about an open position on the Executive Board. I've been on the Board since 2015, and I wouldn't have been if not for the thoughtful kindness one person showed at my first meeting.

Although so many members and leaders in the 46th value and work on making our community an inclusive one, we still have work to do to reach every part of the community that we represent. In the coming months, I hope we see more young people, people of color, and active members of faith communities become engaged in the district. Our outgoing chair, Halei Watkins, prioritized community outreach and inclusion in our work - one of many reasons that we will miss her presence and leadership. If you're still in touch with Halei, please join me in extending your thanks for her service.

This month will be a busy month for the 46th. On June 1st, State Representative Jessyn Farrell resigned from her seat to run for Mayor of Seattle, leaving very big shoes to fill! I will miss her leadership and advocacy on transportation issues, her legislative savvy, and her willingness to stick up for the priorities voiced by her constituents. Fortunately, the 46th District Democrats will have a quick say in filling those shoes.

On June 10th, the King County Democrats are hosting a Nominating Caucus at the 46th's usual meeting location, the Seattle Mennonite Church in Lake City. At this meeting, 46th PCOs will choose three qualified candidates to send to the King County Council for their consideration. The Council then selects one of these three to join our legislative delegation in Olympia.

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◀ From the Chair (continued) ▶



The Nominating Caucus will include a recess for a brief candidate forum, and we're also hosting an additional candidate forum on June 8th at the Mennonite Church. Doors will open at 7, and the forum will begin at 7:30. There will be opportunities at both forums to submit your own questions for the candidates.

Finally, I want to say a quick word about who should lead the 46th District Democrats going forward. Our organization needs a Chair who can make the district their #1 priority and put in the time that the position requires. Although it has been a great honor to serve as Chair for a short amount of time, other commitments preclude me from running to serve out the remainder of the current term as Chair. In addition to my day job as a University of Washington Grants Manager, I serve as Vice Chair of the Sierra Club Washington State Chapter's Executive Committee and Chair of the chapter's Seattle Group. I'm also involved with a new project that will bring together progressive organizations to evaluate the health of Washington State's democracy, and recommend policies to strengthen it. I hope to be able to share more details about this work in the coming months.

Although I will only be Chair for a short time, I plan to stay active and engaged. Just as this community welcomed me with open arms a few years ago, I will continue to work to make sure all progressives and Democrats in our district find our organization to be an inclusive and welcoming community.

In solidarity,

Jesse Piedfort
Interim Chair, 46th District Democrats

P.S. If you are interested in running for the legislative appointment, for Chair, or simply in getting more involved in the district, please shoot me an email! You can reach me at jesse.piedfort@gmail.com. Thanks!

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46th Legislative District Upcoming Events

- **June 8 - State Legislative Representative Candidates Forum** — opportunity to meet the candidates with a question and answer session
 - ⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98125
 - ⇒ Doors Open: 7:00pm Forum Begins: 7:30pm

- **June 10 — Special Nominating Caucus** to appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of Representative Jessyn Farrell's State House of Representative Term (until January 2019)
 - ⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98125
 - ⇒ Doors Open: 10:00 am Call-to-Order: 10:30 am (see agenda on page 5)
 - ⇒ Only elected PCO's are eligible to vote however all 46th LD members are encouraged to attend to actively participate and have a voice in the process. Support your PCO's by providing your input, and have the chance to support your favorite candidate.

- **June 15 — Monthly 46th Legislative District Meeting**
 - ⇒ Location: Seattle Mennonite Church: 3120 NE 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98125
 - ⇒ Doors Open: 6:30pm Meeting begins: 7:00pm
 - ⇒ PROGRAM: Join Lynne Dodson of the WA State Labor Council AFL-CIO and Richard Burton, state political organizer for the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) to discuss the relationship between our party and how we can help organized labor!
 - ⇒ See Agenda on Page 5

- **July 1 — PCO Vote/Builder Training**
 - ⇒ PCO Training—learn effective ways to communicate & engage with your precinct
 - ⇒ Location: Lake Forest Park Library
 - ⇒ Time: 12:00pm—4:00pm
 - ⇒ Following the training, at 4:00 pm, we will have some of our resident Vote/Builder Pro's on-hand for one-on-one help in the Lake Forest Park Commons! Bring your laptop, grab a table, if you'd like, and we can try to help you solve any problems you are running into!
 - ⇒ Contact Chelsea Saunders and Anna Borris for more information at:
pco-coordinator@46dems.org .

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Agenda for June 10th, 2017

Doors Open - 10:00AM

Special Caucus– 10:30AM

- ♦ Call to Order
- ♦ Flag Salute
- ♦ Appointments: Tally Committee, Parliamentarian, Sergeant At Arms, Secretary
- ♦ Reading of the Rules
- ♦ Adoption of the Rules and Voting Method
- ♦ Call for Nominations
- ♦ Close Nominations
- ♦ Recess for Candidate Forum, hosted by 46th District Democrats
- ♦ End Candidate Forum and Resume Nominating Caucus
- ♦ Candidate Nomination Speeches
- ♦ Balloting
- ♦ KCDCC Executive Board - Confirmation Vote
- ♦ Adjourn

Note: Please send process questions in advance of the meeting to 2ndVice-Chair@kcdems.org.

Agenda for June 15th, 2017

Sign in and Mingling– 6:30PM

Membership Meeting - 7:00PM

- ♦ Call to Order
- ♦ Flag Salute
- ♦ Approval of Agenda
- ♦ **Program - Democrats and Organized Labor: Strengthening Our Relationship - featuring Lynne Dodson and Richard Burton**
- ♦ E-Board Confirmation Vote: Lori Sheldon
- ♦ PCO Appointments
- ♦ Treasurer's Report
- ♦ Old Business
- ♦ New Business
- ♦ Good of the Order
- ♦ Adjourn

Program Note: **Lynne Dodson**, the Secretary-Treasurer of Washington State Labor Council-AFL-CIO, and first woman ever elected as an executive officer of the Labor Council; and **Richard Burton**, State Internal Organizer for the American Federation of Teachers-Washington.

Bring your questions for Lynne and Richard to answer after their presentation.

Dear Precinct Committee Officer,

As you may have heard, Representative Jessyn Farrell has announced she is resigning from the State House of Representatives. Pursuant to the Washington State Constitution and Washington State Democratic Central Committee's bylaws and rules, this is the **OFFICIAL CALL for a caucus of the Precinct Committee Officers in the 46th Legislative District**. The purpose of this special caucus is to vote on three qualified candidates to serve out the remainder of Rep. Farrell's term in the State House of Representatives.

As a PCO you have an important role to play and one that is critical to the success of our party. You will be selecting the top 3 candidates that you would like to replace our dear friend and outstanding leader, Representative Farrell. I personally thank you for your time, attention and seriousness in addressing this matter. I know you all will make fantastic choices.

The special caucus will be held on **Saturday, June 10, 2017**. Doors will open at **10:00 a.m.**, and the Chair will call the caucus to order at **10:30 a.m.** This timeframe will assure that we can send our top three candidates for the King County Council in time for their Monday June 12th meeting to formally appoint a State Representative so we have full representation in Olympia during this crucial legislative session. The caucus will be held at:

Seattle Mennonite Church

3120 NE 125th Street

Seattle, WA 98125

(This is the normal meeting location for the 46th District Democrats)

There **will be** a forum for all nominated candidates on the day of the caucus, lasting no more than 45 minutes. Questions to be considered for this forum should be directed to the Interim Chair of the 46th, Jesse Piedfort, at jesse.piedfort@gmail.com. This forum will be hosted by the 46th District Democrats during a recess of the official meeting, and the KCDCC is excited to work with the 46th on this process! The Executive Board has also setup a **candidate forum on June 8th at the Seattle Mennonite Church. Doors will open at 7 and the forum will begin at 7:30** and will be moderated by your awesome Chair Mr. Jesse Piedfort. If you are free to come we'd love to have you, bring some questions! There also will be a short forum at the meeting on Saturday so if you can't come on the 8th you will still have a chance to ask questions.

Method 1: Votes will be taken on *each* rank position (1, 2, and 3). In the event no candidate receives 50%+1 on the first ballot, a second vote will be taken between the top-two vote recipients to determine who will be ranked number 1. This will continue for rank positions 2 and 3. A maximum of **six** votes will be taken under this method. **(see infographic on page 7)**

Method 2: An initial vote will be taken. The top three will be the top three, in ranked order, presented to the King County Council for appointment. In the event no candidate receives 50%+1, a second vote will be taken between the top-two candidates to determine rank positions 1 and 2. A maximum of **three** votes will be taken under this method. **(see infographic on page 8)**

Proxy voting will **not be allowed**. Only PCOs who were elected in the August, 2016, primary, or appointed by the last regular meeting of the 46th Legislative District Democrats, will be eligible to vote.

During the meeting, the main floor will be reserved for credentialed PCOs, KCDCC Executive Board Members, and media. Observers may attend, so long as they remain in the upper level of the venue.

Any questions regarding the **process** should be directed to KCDCC Second Vice Chair (and Bylaws & Rules Committee chair) Michel Maddux - 2ndViceChair@kcdems.org. Please do not wait until the candidate forum to clarify questions if some arise before the event, though questions are welcome on the day of the event.

In Solidarity,

King County Democrats

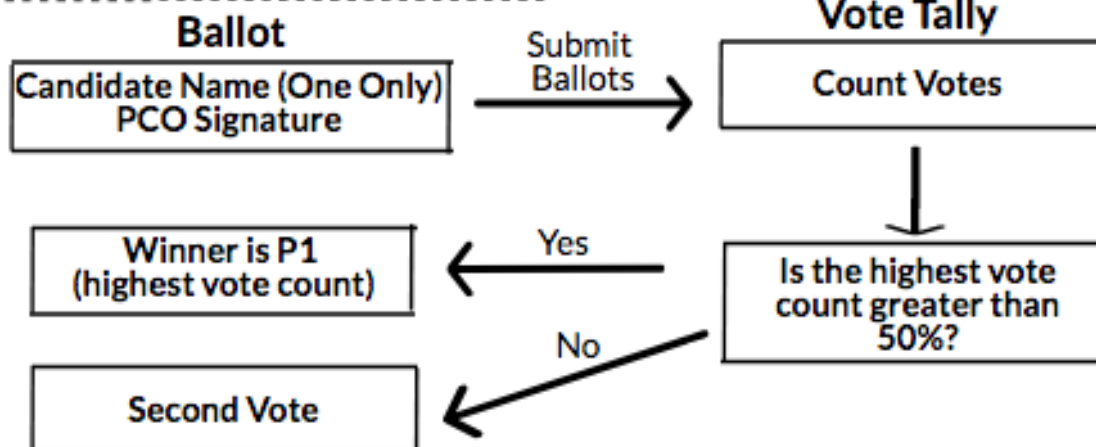
Voting Method #1

CANDIDATES: A, B, C, D, ... (3 or more)

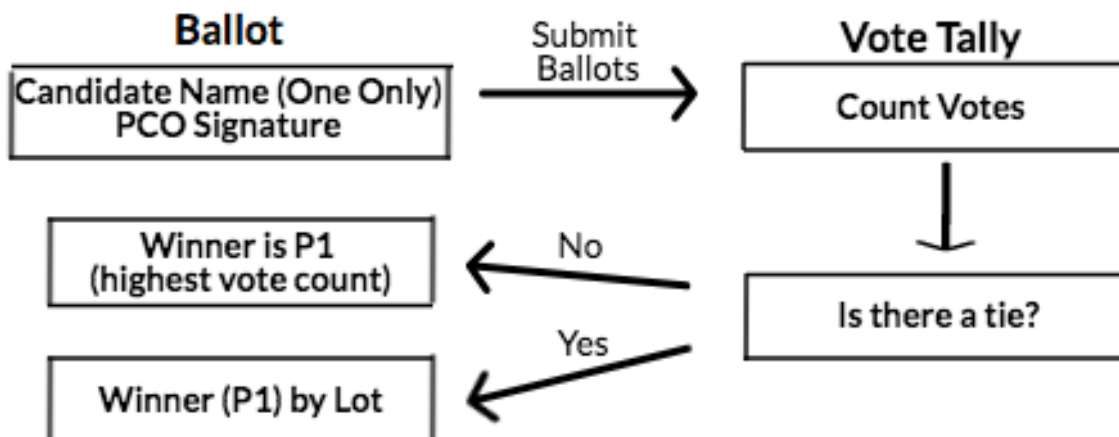
OUTCOME: Top 3 Recommendations to King County Council:
position 1 (P1), position 2 (P2), position 3 (P3)

Stage 1*: Determine Candidate P1

First Vote: All Candidates



Second Vote: Top Two Candidates from First Vote



Stage 2* (& 3*): Determine P2 (then P3)

Same voting procedure as Stage 1 with the winners of Stage 1 (and 2) eliminated as potential candidates, respectively.

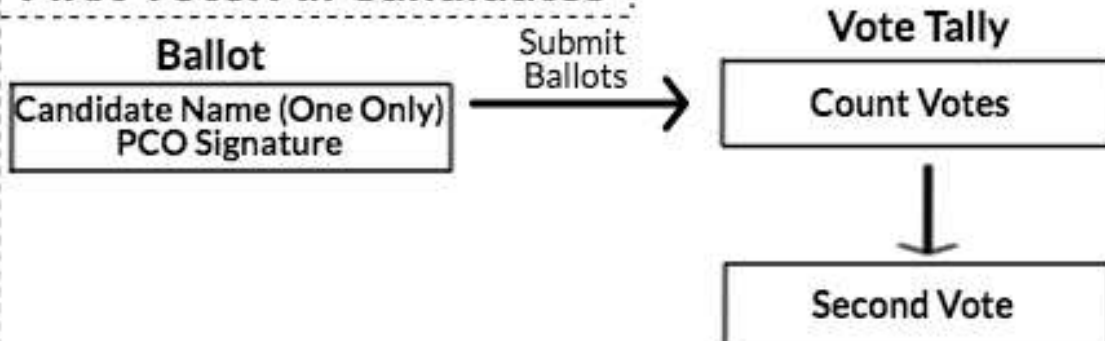
** Note: possible voting outcomes may involve ties; these will be resolved by lot under guidance of the meeting chair and parliamentarian.*

Voting Method #2

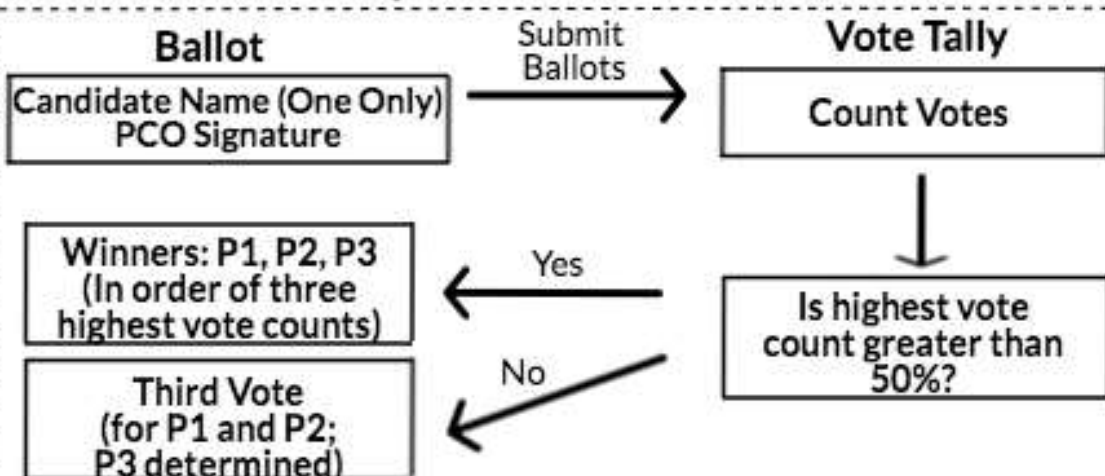
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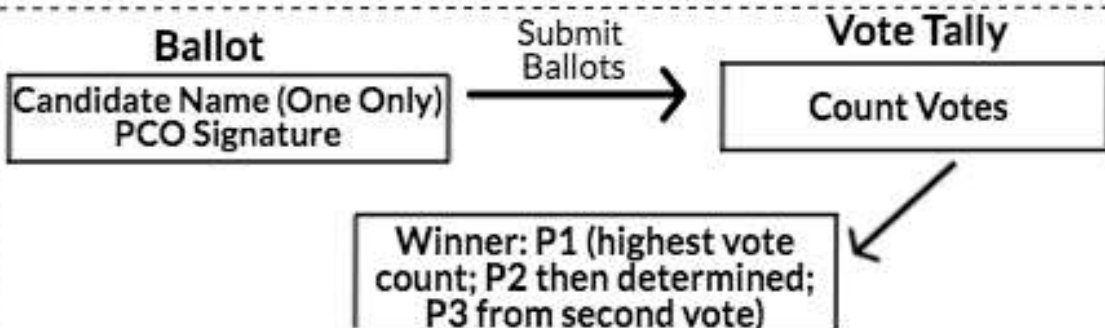
First Vote: All Candidates



Second Vote*: Top Three Candidates from First Vote



Third Vote*: Two Two Candidates from Second Vote



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We're looking for contributors for the Demogram. If you have an interest, please email Lori Shelden at secretary@46dems.org



Important Dates

Thursday, June 8th State Legislative Representatives Forum; Doors open 7:00PM; Seattle Mennonite Church (address on cover page)

Saturday, June 10 Special Caucus to replace Rep. Jessyn Farrell State House of Representative's seat; Doors open 10:00 AM; Seattle Mennonite Church (address on cover page)

Thursday June 15th Monthly 46th LD Meeting
Doors open 6:30 PM; Seattle Mennonite Church (address on cover page)

Saturday, June 24 King County Democrats Salmon Feed 6:00 PM Reception; 7:00 Program; Daybreak Star Cultural Center (see page 11 for details)

Saturday, July 1 PCO Vote/Builder Training
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM; Lake Forest Park Library (see page 4 for details)

46th Legislative District PCO Update

Hello Democrats! Feeling energized by our endorsement process? Looking to get more involved in the district?

The end product of our endorsement process is a comprehensive voter guide that we distribute to voters throughout the district so they have the benefit of our vetting process as well as a reminder to get those ballots in the mail! We will be gearing up to walk the district and distribute the voter guides starting on July 14th (just prior to ballots getting mailed) and we need ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!

PCOs (Precinct Committee Officers) and Acting PCOs will be walking their precincts but we are currently only covered in 58% of precincts. **If you would be willing to take a day or two to walk a precinct towards the end of July please reach out to us at:**

PCO-coordinator@46dems.org to volunteer.

We are actively recruiting PCOs and acting PCOs to reach our statewide goal of **one PCO in every precinct**. Don't know your precinct? Check here:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/elections/maps/find-my-districts.aspx>.

Want to see if there is a current PCO covering your neighborhood? Check here: <https://s.kcdems.org/lists/pco?f=15&s1=&s2=&dx=&df=now&dt=now&a=&l=46>.

Application forms for both positions are located here: http://www.46dems.org/application_for_appointed_pco_election_captain.

PCO SPOTLIGHT

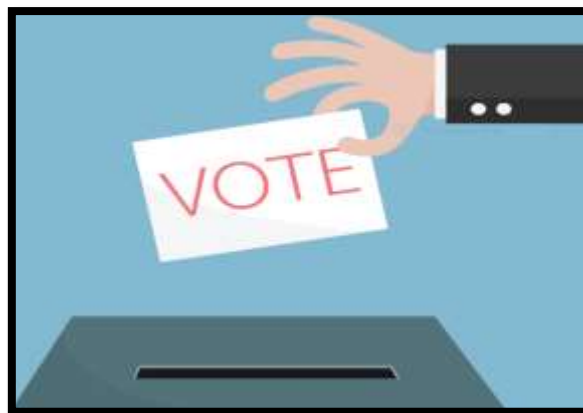
A Call for new PCO's in the 46th LD

Why would someone want to take on the role of a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) for the Democratic Party? Here are a few reasons:

- We live in turbulent political times with many difficult problems that demand attention (think Trump and climate change, for instance). Some possibilities for solving these problems can spring up from the grass roots but this requires the efforts of volunteers. Without engagement not much will happen. The greatest enemy of democracy is apathy. Volunteers are essential.
- PCO's can wield power. When elected officials vacate their offices before their term has ended, for whatever reason, PCO's in the corresponding legislative districts are called upon to select good candidates for replacements. PCO's, therefore, can directly influence the future political direction in these districts.
- There is a sense of personal satisfaction that can be gained by being a PCO, i.e. working for the good of the whole, for the public common wealth and for the benefit of the less fortunate.
- Stay up-to-date with all the happenings of your legislative district and help keep your neighbors informed and engaged.

Please note that one does not need to be some sort of super political activist to be a PCO -- although that would not a bad thing! Dedicated PCO's making sure that the 46th LD voter's guide gets distributed, prior to an election, would be a minimum but important contribution. The distribution effort involves visiting some households in the few neighborhoods of the PCO's precinct.

Jay Johnson, PCO 46-2096



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Please join former
King County Council Member
Larry Phillips

Lt Governor Cyrus Habib * Seattle Port Commissioner Courtney Gregoire *
Senator David Frockt * King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles *
Senate Candidate Manka Dhingra * Senate Candidate Michelle Rylands
at the

King County Democrats Salmon Feed

June 24th

6pm Reception * 7pm Program
Daybreak Star Cultural Center

5011 Bernie Whitebear Way, Seattle WA 98199

\$75 Non Member - \$50 Member - \$30 Living Lightly

You can find tickets at https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed_events/king-county-democrats-salmon-bake-hosted-by-larry-phillips. Stay up to date with all the details about the event by RSVP'ing on Facebook, at <https://www.facebook.com/kingcountymocrats/photos/gm.915794631895996/10154661684978450/?type=3&theater>. Questions? Contact info@kcdems.org!

46th Legislative District Membership—Other Legislative District Updates

This spring has been a busy one for the members of the 46th Legislative District Democrats. We Democrats here in North Seattle, Lake Forest Park, and Kenmore are determined to stay active, get engaged, and work to elect Democrats across the state.

Since March we've held:

- Voter identification phone banks
- Phone-called for Jon Ossoff's special election campaign in Georgia
- Helped kick-off volunteer events in the 45th District for Manka Dhingra.

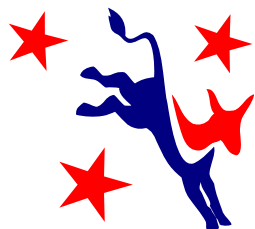
As the summer approaches, our campaign efforts outside the district will intensify. We'll be orchestrating carpools out to canvass and knock doors in the 45th for Manka's State Senate race and then down to the 31st for Michelle Rylands, another promising State Senate candidate in South East King County.

The 46th District will participate in volunteer events throughout our area so stay tuned and feel free to email me at organizer@46dems.org with any questions or suggestions.

Finally, just a reminder that all Members are welcome to participate in the appointment race forums and attend any appointment related meetings. The 46th LD Democratic PCO's will be helping to pick our next Representative for the entire 46th District so come on down to help support them and the candidates as we move forward with this process.

45th State House Representative Candidate **Manka Dhingra** getting ready to help take back the Washington State Senate





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**June 15th
General Meeting**
Doors Open at 6:30PM

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