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DEMOGRAM

March 2018

General Meeting

Thursday, March 15th
Seattle Mennonite Church

Auditorium
3120 NE 125th Street
Seattle, WA 98125

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



◀ Message from the Chair ▶



Dear 46th LD Members,

Spring is upon us, thank goodness! We have an exciting and busy cycle to shake us up from the winter doldrums, and often dreary news, and to fully engage on making a difference in our district, the state and our nation.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our meeting this **Thursday, March 15th** with the legendary **Nick Licata**, former Seattle City Council Member, activist and now author to talk about *citizen activism*.

Also at the meeting we'll be hearing from judicial candidates on the ballot in 2018, voting to approve our district budget, considering multiple resolutions, one which involves our current King County Democratic Central Committee Chair, and hearing updates from the 46th LD Board on various upcoming activities including the **2018 Caucus on Saturday, March 24** which involves your participation on landing the 46th LD Platform for the upcoming mid-term elections. Be sure to join us at the Caucus!

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday...

Democratically yours,

Julie Anne Kempf
46th Legislative District Chair

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Agenda for March 15th, 2018

Location: Mennonite Church Auditorium

3120 NE 125th, Seattle WA

Sign in and Mingling — 6:30 PM Meeting Starts — 7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Approval of Agenda and February Minutes
4. Guest Judicial Candidates
5. Caucus Planning Report
4. **Program: Nick Licata, Citizen Activism**
5. Resolutions
6. Budget
7. Officer Reports
8. Adjourn

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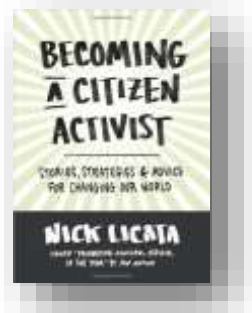
March 15th Featured Program

Featured Speaker:

NICK LICATA, former Seattle City Council member, and author
“Becoming a Citizen Activist: Stories, Strategies & Advice for Changing our World”

Learn to be a great Citizen Activist! We are excited to present a very engaging agenda and program this March 15th.

Join us to hear the renowned **Nick Licata**, legendary activist, Seattle City Council-member and author of **“Becoming a Citizen Activist: Stories, Strategies & Advice for Changing our World”**. Nick will share best practices and fresh ideas in how to be an effective activist to influence law-making and policy at the grassroots level. After the presentation, Nick will take questions and sign your copy of his book! Remember to bring your copy and we will have a few available to purchase as well.



“From post-inauguration rallies to #NoDAPL and the Black Lives Matter movement to the global Women’s March on Washington, the people are exercising their power through protest and community organizing in a way that hasn’t been seen in years. For those looking to organize for the first time or for seasoned activists looking to update their repertoire, the time is ripe for a playbook like *Becoming a Citizen Activist*. A longtime Seattle city councilmember and one of the city’s most effective and inspiring leaders of progressive political and social change since the 1960s, Nick Licata outlines how to get organized and master the tactics to create change by leveraging effective communication strategies (such as creating community through online channels like Facebook and Twitter), how to effectively engage traditional media channels, and how to congregare local and national people power. Licata demonstrates by example that we *can* fight city hall. Balancing an idealistic vision of a better world with the clear-eyed pragmatism necessary to build it from the ground up, this smart and powerful book will empower any activist with the tools they need to effect change.”

46th Legislative District

Upcoming Monthly Meetings & Programs

Invite your friends, neighbors, & family!

- **Saturday, March 24th, LD Caucus with Brief LD District Business Meeting**

Hear amazing Democratic speakers, participate in approving the **46th LD Platform**, the agenda and values representing our district. Join the hundreds of like-minded Democrats from all over the district! Your input is vital for us to create and act as a cohesive district in preparation for the upcoming mid-term elections! Be sure to join us for this important community event.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged: https://www.46dems.org/caucus_2018

⇒ **Location: Ingraham High School, 1819 N 135th St, Seattle, WA 98133**

⇒ Doors open: 9:00am **Caucus Begins: 10:00 am**

- **Thursday, April 19th –Legislative Session Review with Senator David Frockt, State Representative, Gerry Pollet and State Representative Javier Valdez**

Annual review of this year's legislative session in Olympia. Come and hear our LD representatives about the session, what passed, what didn't, opportunities and issues going forward. Great opportunity to hear from our legislators, ask questions and get your voice heard.

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

- **Sunday, May 20th— 46th Legislative District Endorsements**

Our endorsement meeting is always an interesting event, with speeches from our candidates for office, and our important votes to endorse in each race. Unlike many districts, we do not have the executive board or an endorsement committee make recommendations and have heavy influence on the process - we rely upon the good judgement of each of you, our members, and hold an entirely grassroots endorsement process. Any member in good standing is eligible to participate, and you can join as a member right up to 21 days before the meeting. Races on the ballot this year: US Senate, Our US Representatives in District 1 and 7, all three of our State Legislators, three of the nine State Supreme Court Positions, and a number of municipal and district court judges.

Participate in endorsing candidates for the mid-term elections

46th District Democrats 2018 Midterm Caucus

Midterm Caucuses are Coming in just 2 weeks!
Saturday March 24th, 2018 — Ingraham High School

Join us to approve and vote on our party's platform, elect delegates to this summer's State Democratic Convention; hear from elected officials and candidates and appoint new Precinct Committee Officers.

What is the Caucus and Upcoming Convention?

The charter of the Democratic Party of Washington State calls for a State Convention, held every two years, to vote for and adopt the Washington State party platform and rules. These decisions are voted on democratically, by delegates elected at Local Party Organizations throughout the state. There are 49 Legislative District party organizations and 39 County Party Organizations in Washington. Each local party organization elects delegates to the State Convention, which will be held in Wenatchee this year, on June 16

The District Caucus is your opportunity to take part in rebuilding and renewing the Democratic Party to take on the challenges we face in 2018, first and foremost taking back Congress in the midterm elections. Caucuses are a great way to dip your toe into Democratic Party activism.

Business of the Caucus

The principal business of the Legislative District Caucuses is the election of delegates and alternates to the 2018 Democratic State Convention and selection of nominees for partisan office, as required. The elections shall be conducted pursuant to Section IV of the Washington State Democrats 2018 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan, which can be found on the Washington Democrats website [here](#).

Eligibility to Vote or Participate

To vote at the Caucus an individual must be a resident, registered voter in the 46th Legislative District, and sign a registration sheet stating that they are a Democrat, and agree to recordation of and public display of their attendance at the Caucus. Further, 17 year-olds who will turn 18 by election day, November 6, 2018, are allowed (and encouraged!) to fully participate and vote in the caucuses and conventions.

This is your opportunity to shape what the Democratic Party stands for and make sure that the platform we pass at our LD level accurately reflects the beliefs and values of the members who live here.

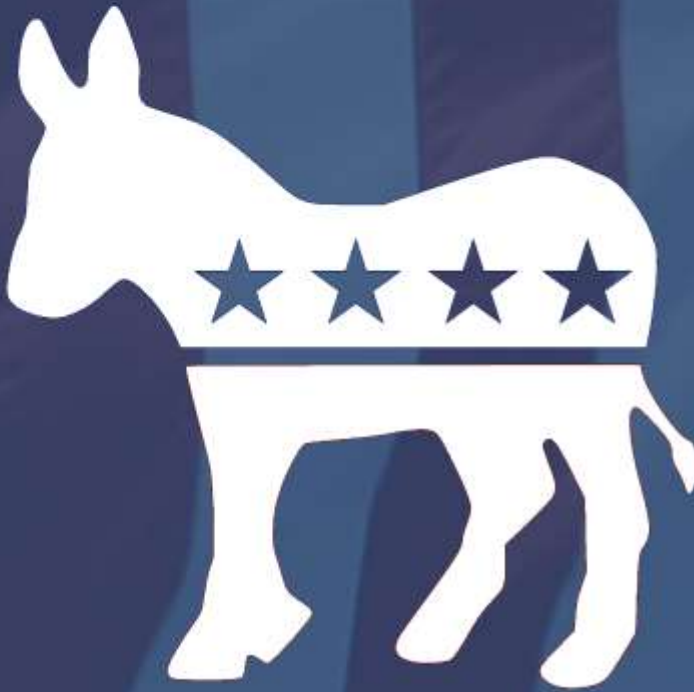
Pre-registration is strongly encouraged : https://www.46dems.org/caucus_2018

Email questions to: caucus@46dems.org

For more information please see the [2018 Washington State Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan](#).

46th District Democrats

2018 Midterm Caucus



Saturday, March 24
Ingraham High School Auditorium
10:00 A.M.

Be a part of democracy in action - join the 46th District Democrats at the 2018 Midterm Caucus! Hear from elected officials, appoint new Precinct Committee Officers, approve our party platform, and elect delegates to this summer's State Democratic Convention. All resident Democrats of the 46th District are welcome!

Skip the lines! Pre-registration strongly encouraged at:
46dems.org/caucus_2018

Email questions to: caucus@46dems.org

SPEAKERS



Justice Steve Gonzalez



State Sen. David Frockt



State Rep. Gerry Pollet



State Rep. Javier Valdez

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2018 RULES AND PLATFORM

for Membership Review

Introducing the 46th District 2018 DRAFT Platform

Every two years at the 46th District Caucus, we adopt a platform that represents the values and aspirations of Democrats in our district. We formed a committee of volunteers that met weekly for six weeks. Thanks to Corina Pfeil, Alex Davis, Manny Jacobowitz, John Webber, Anne Udeloy, Joan Burton and Joe Mangan for their expertise and dedication. This same team will be present at the caucus on Saturday, March 24th, to answer questions and help us adopt a final platform for the next two years.

The [draft 2018 46th District platform](#) is posted in sections on the website, so that **you can comment, pose questions or propose missing bullet-ed planks on any section you are most interested in.**

The Platform Committee has finished meeting. Your comments will be directed to the Platform Committee Chair, who can suggest a further course of action, including how to delete a plank you disagree with, or how to add a (complete) plank, with signatures, at the Caucus.

The proposed [rules](#) and [platform](#) can be found here.

[See you at the Caucus!](#)

Sarajane Siegfriedt,
Platform & Resolutions Chair





46th Legislative District Announcements



Message from the Membership Chair Marty Ross

Show your support for progressive politics by becoming a Member of the 46th Legislative District Democrats!

Your membership and dues enable our organization to pay for and support key operations and initiatives including:

- Funding door-to-door outreach to build the party at the grassroots level
- Operational costs such as our meeting space rental, annual picnics, caucus events, etc.
- Serving as an acting member of the voting body
- Securing your voice to support local candidates through the endorsement process and influencing the trajectory of the Democratic Party
- Supporting legislative efforts by adopting resolutions
- Electing members of the Executive Board of the 46th LD

Your membership is an essential building block to constructing a just, equitable society that reflects our shared Democratic values.

Be sure to keep your membership active and feel free to share our membership information with your friends and neighbors of the “Fighting 46th”.

https://www.46dems.org/donate_join

In Solidarity,

Marty Ross
46th LD Membership Chair



From the Desk of Lake Forest Park City Council Member: ...Mid-Term Update - Phillippa Kassoover...



I was recruited to run for Lake Forest Park City Council almost three years ago, after I had retired from my career as a journalist, and communications professional and fundraiser for colleges, universities and science organizations. I was fortunate to gain the support and endorsement of the 46th District Democrats and won my election with more than 60% of the vote. Since then, my life has changed dramatically, and I am writing to share with you all that now occupies my time and fascinates me about the complexities of local government.

I have spent much of the past three years learning about issues of land use, housing, the environment, human services, waste disposal and transportation, all of which are made more urgent and complex by the significant growth in our region.

My role and responsibilities on the Lake Forest Park (LFP) city council are to research - including engaging with local residents - analyze, discuss, and vote on priorities and plans for LFP, as well as local ordinances and agreements that determine the future of our city. I also serve on several regional boards and forums whose job it is to advise the King County Council on broader topics that affect our city and our residents:

North Urban Human Services Alliance: I'm honored to represent the city of LFP on this board. The mission of this alliance is to advocate for the human service organizations that serve the residents of North King County. This has given me the opportunity to meet and hear directly from the leaders of a wide range of agencies, to understand their funding challenges, and to understand the need for better coordination among agencies and with government. This has allowed me to better inform my city so we grant the right level of funding to these agencies.

Our Board has also worked to gather better data on the changing demographics of our cities and the needs of local residents. We have made these data available to agencies and to cities, but there is more to be done. This work is important and ongoing.

Seashore Regional Transportation Forum: I am one of two LFP members of this King County-run forum, which reviews and discusses transportation issues that affect LFP, Shoreline and Seattle. Similar forums exist in the eastern and southern parts of the county. We are fortunate to also have representatives who join us from Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace, our neighboring cities in southern Snohomish County, as well as officials from local transit agencies and the state transportation department. We are currently reviewing Seattle and Shoreline projects competing for federal funding, and will vote on which projects go forward in the competition. This cycle came a little early for LFP, but we are hopeful that in two years, we will be ready to compete with projects for improvements on SR104 (Ballinger Way) and SR522 (Bothell Way) that benefit our residents.

One of the lessons I have learned on this forum, is that we often make policy decisions based on jurisdictional boundaries that don't make a lot of sense to how people actually live their lives. The border between King and Snohomish County has complicated good regional transportation planning, sometimes making life more difficult for those who live north of the county line, but work or study south of that line. The same is true for the city boundary along 145th street, between Seattle and Shoreline, which also affects LFP, especially at the 145th and Lake City Way intersection.

From the Desk of Lake Forest Park City Council Member: ...Mid-Term Update - Phillippa Kassover...



(continued—Phillippa Kassover)

We are fortunate that the cities along the SR522 corridor, LFP, Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville came together during the ST3 campaign to advocate for our transit needs. I am a strong advocate for spreading that spirit of collaboration and cross-jurisdictional co-operation throughout our region and for a rethinking of the transportation forums as determined by King County decades ago.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee: I serve on two committees focused on the issue of the waste disposal in our county. The first comprises representatives of each city whose garbage and recycling companies' contract with King County to use the county transfer stations and the Cedar Hills landfill. The second is an appointed advisory committee to the King County Council, who ultimately makes decisions about the future of waste disposal and recycling in the county, outside of Seattle who have their own transfer stations and disposal contracts. There are two big issues that the county must wrestle with in the near and mid-term. The first is the state of the recycling markets. Most of our recycling had been shipped to China, but they are now refusing to accept recycled materials that are contaminated or of poor quality. King County has been reaching out to other jurisdictions along the west coast, including British Columbia, to discuss the development of domestic markets for these materials. For any of you who want to learn more about this complicated subject, I recommend that you join us at LFP's 15th Annual Earth Smart Green Fair on Saturday March 31st at Third Place Commons, to hear the Republic Services representative talk about how we all become better at recycling. Until then, I'll leave you with three words on this topic: Empty, Clean and Dry!

The second big topic is what to do with all that garbage that remains after we have recycled and composted everything we can. Today that garbage goes to a landfill in the south east of our county called Cedar Hills. But this landfill will reach its end of its life in another decade. The landfill is permitted through 2028, and there are three options for the future - increase the capacity of the current landfill (potentially a short-term solution), export waste to Eastern Washington, Idaho or Oregon via trains as Seattle does now (capacity on current train routes may not be able to accommodate all the county waste) or build a waste-to-energy plant (an expensive option that some believe carries more potential for air pollution). Each of these options has costs and complications which will affect us all, so the choice will be difficult. I believe that one of the real solutions is for us all to produce less waste, including lobbying for smarter packaging materials.

When I first ran for city council, I had no idea that I would have the opportunity to take deep dives into these diverse and fascinating areas of public policy. I am grateful to all who supported me and am honored to serve. It's a heck of a way to spend a retirement!

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Precinct Committee Officers



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PCOS!

All PCOs who would like to maintain their position for the 2019-2020 term must file for re-election. This is applicable for all elected AND appointed PCOs. **Filing week is May 14th - May 18th, 2018.** We will continue to keep you informed as the new 2018 information is released. If you are not planning on running for re-election, please contact Anna at pco-coordinator@46dems.org or call her at 206-201-1714 so we can work together to field another candidate to fill your position.



HELP US RECRUIT NEW PCOS!

The District is not able to appoint new PCOs between Primary Day, August 7th and December 1st, when new and returning PCOs officially take office. That means if we are going to bring in new PCOs to help us reach our goals in 2018 we need to double our efforts now! Do you have a friend or neighbor looking for a way to get involved? Give them an application! Applications are available here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwEnE7HXETnFMF82UTd0TnVGVIU/view>

PCOs: Do you want to help with the LD Caucus on Saturday, March 24th?

We have assignments for you! Please let Anna Borris know at pco-coordinator@46dems.org or call her at 206-201-1714 so we can plug you in to the Caucus PCO work team!

Spotlight— Unsung Hero - Laura Berntsen

The Warrior Who Would Not Quit

One of our own, **Laura Berntsen**, Senator Ron Wyden's (D-Oregon), Domestic Policy Advisor for the Senate Finance Committee, and former aide to the great Jim McDermott, was instrumental in the effort to pass the Family First Prevention Services Act, a sweeping change in the foster care system. This bill was passed by the US Congress and was signed by President Trump this February 2018. The push through congress required a strong bipartisan shove and is an example of how good things can still get done in the legislative branch of the United States Congress despite the severe polarization that exists there.

Essentially the Act focuses on keeping families intact and utilizing kin to harbor and provide care for children whose lives have been disrupted, as opposed to farming them out to strangers. Because of the tension between various factions who opposed these changes and those who believed change would better serve the kids involved, the enactment of this Act took a long time. Details of Laura's persistent role in this endeavor is well documented in an excellent article, "Inside Game: The Key Players Behind Washington's Biggest Foster Care Reform in Decades" (by Daniel Heimpel), published in the Chronicle of Social Change. (See: <https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/featured/inside-game-how-foster-care-changed-forever/30118>) .

Laura grew up in the 46th LD, precinct 46-2096, and graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Political Science. She began working for Jim McDermott, in his local office, during college and later in Washington DC. Among many other things, she has "owned" the foster care issue for most of the time she has spent in Washington. The passage of the bill was very satisfying for her.

We Democrats must always keep in mind that the road to legislative success is steep and full of pitfalls. Those who we elect, and their well-chosen, hard-working staff, are the ones who enact legislation fostering our commitment to make this country a decent place to live -- a place where all of our citizens are provided for at a basic level and not to be cast out due to circumstances beyond their control. It is up to us volunteers, at the local level, to work as hard as possible to make sure we have the right individuals in positions of power to promote and uphold the public good.

Thanks Laura and keep up the good work!

Author: Jay Johnson (46th LD Board Member)

UW Lecture Series

Spring 2018 Lecture Series | Trump in the World

The presidency of Donald Trump is having a significant impact on international affairs, global alliances, the US role in the world, and on the status and politics of other countries

Faculty at the UW's [Henry M. Washington Jackson School of International Studies](#) and [Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering](#) will explore these issues in a series of public lectures and discussions through spring quarter.

The series "[Trump in the World: International Implications of the Trump Presidency](#)" will be moderated by [Reşat Kasaba](#), professor and director of the Jackson School.

The lectures will be held Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Room 220 of Kane Hall, starting March 27, and all are open and free to the public. For students, the series is a 2-credit lecture class.

The lectures are as follows:

- March 27:** Japan, with [Robert Pekkanen](#)
- April 3:** Two Koreas, with [Clark Sorensen](#)
- April 10:** Indo-Pacific Strategy Challenges, with [Anand Yang](#)
- April 17:** Migration, with [Nathalie Williams](#)
- April 24:** Global Energy Challenges, with [Scott Montgomery](#)
- May 1:** Online Disinformation, with [Kate Starbird](#)
- May 8:** Israel/Palestine, with [Liora Halperin](#)
- May 15:** European Union, with [Sabine Lang](#)
- May 22:** Putin and Russia, with [Scott Radnitz](#)
- May 29:** The Kurds, and a general discussion with [Resat Kasaba](#)

All the speakers are faculty members in the Jackson School except Starbird, who is a professor of human centered design and engineering.

For more information about the series, call 206-543-6001 or write to jsisadv@uw.edu.

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please contact your Committee Chair.

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Representative Gerry Pollet held a Traveling Town Hall at Lake Forest Park Town Center on Saturday, January 26th - over 20 attendees participated..
(Photo by Sarajane Siegfriedt)



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