

## 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:**  
**6:30pm**

**Meeting:**  
**7:00pm**

# DEMOGRAM



## ◀ From the Chair ▶



Hi Friends,

I wanted to let you know a few details about our **June General Meeting**, which is happening this **Thursday, June 15th, at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be at our usual location, the Seattle Mennonite Church.

First, we have a terrific program lined up about the **long-term relationship between Democrats and Organized Labor**. Our speakers are **Lynne Dodson**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, and **Richard Burton**, State Internal Organizer for the American Federation of Teachers-Washington. We'll cover the evolving composition of organized labor, hear real talk about the perceived disconnect between the Democratic Party and blue-collar workers, and engage in an important conversation about how to strengthen the bonds between our party and workers.

Second, we will not be holding a Chair's Election at this meeting. With multiple candidate forums, endorsement meetings, and a legislative vacancy to fill, it's been quite a busy month! I want to give our members time to catch their breath before diving into another election process. As of now, I plan to call for the election of a new chair at our August general meeting. If you're interested in running, give it some thought over the next few weeks and feel free to reach out to me at any time.

I hope to see many of you at our June meeting this Thursday!

In solidarity,

Jesse Piedfort  
Interim Chair  
46th District Democrats

P.S. Thanks to those of you who participated in the legislative nominating caucus over the weekend! After nominations and a candidate forum, the PCOs voted to recommend Javier Valdez, Melissa Taylor, and Nigel Herbig to the King County Council for selection. **On Tuesday, the Council selected Javier Valdez to fill the appointment. Congratulations to our newest legislator, Representative Javier Valdez!**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**June 15th: 46th LD Dems General Membership and Labor Forum @ 6:30PM**

**July 1: PCO Training 12PM – 5PM — Location: Lake Forest Park Library**

**July 8: Save the date! 46th LD Annual Picnic—Location TBD**

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# 46th Legislative District

## Upcoming Events

- **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 and opportunities between the Democrats and organized labor! See Agenda on Page 4
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- **June 24 — King County Democrats Salmon Feed**

- ⇒ Location: Daybreak Cultural Center (5011 Bernie Whitebear Way, Seattle, WA 98199)
  - ⇒ Time: 6:00pm Reception; 7:00pm Program
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- **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 (PCO Training) 4:00pm - 5:00pm (Votebuilder/Minivan coaching)
  - ⇒ Following the PCO training, at 4:00 pm, we will have some of our resident VoteBuilder 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](mailto:pco-coordinator@46dems.org) .
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- **July 8—46th LD Annual Picnic**    Location: TBD

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## **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 Shelden
- ♦ 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.

## Program Summary

### Strengthening our Relationship with Labor

After the last election, many democrats have been concerned of a disconnect between Organized Labor and the National Democratic Party, which may have served as a leading factor resulting in our loss in the race for President. True, or not, our relationship has changed over time. Organized Labor has evolved quite a bit over the years, too. We have always thought of traditional blue collar manufacturing jobs when we thought of organized labor. This has changed significantly, to include service workers, an exploding segment of our workforce.

What is apparent in key counties in states that the Dems lost (MI, OH, PA, WI), is that formerly long-term blue collar workers flipped to Trump, tipping the state totals. In Washington, Grays Harbor County switched for the first time to the GOP. Under-employment and unemployment were often mentioned as key reasons for this switch. As the party continues to determine the factors that led to our loss, we need to address the labor issues that impacted this election in order to regain control of the House and Senate.

This month's forum is focused on our long-term relationship with Labor. To address this topic, our speakers for June 15 will be: **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**.



# Congratulations Javier Valdez

**Wow! It has been a busy couple of weeks for the 46th LD.**

From endorsement meetings to forums to special appointments, 46th District Democrats have been buzzing around with a calendar full of important events.

One amazing thing that has come from it is our newest **legislator State Representative Javier Valdez**, who was officially appointed and sworn in on June 12th by the King County Council.

After Jessyn Farrell's resignation as our state representative to fully pursue her race for Mayor of Seattle, a special appointment meeting to fill the vacancy took place on June 10th. The district was blessed to have *EIGHT(!)* extremely qualified and professional candidates running for the appointment, which was decided by elected and appointed PCOs on a ranked first through third basis.

After two forums and countless phone calls, the ranked choices were as follows: **Javier Valdez** was first, **Melissa Taylor** was second, and **Nigel Herbig** was third. Interviews conducted by the King County Council were held for consideration of all three candidates, and at the end, the Council affirmed the PCOs choice of Valdez.

Please take a moment to congratulate the candidates who made the huge choice to run and contribute to the dynamic and in depth discussion of the issues related to our district and state. Those who volunteered their time and energy to contribute in making our district a better place were: **Olivier BenHaim, Jill Geary, Nigel Herbig, Laurie Lippold, Lelach Rave, Melissa Taylor, Javier Valdez, and Betsy Walker.**





# **SAVE THE DATE, Annual Picnic on July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Be sure to come to the  
46th District Democrats Annual Summer Picnic!**

**Bring your family, neighbors and friends. This is a great way  
to meet new people and catch up with old friends.**

**Looking forward to seeing you!**

**PCOs: Plan to pick up your walk packets at the picnic or  
email [pco-coordinator@46dems.org](mailto:pco-coordinator@46dems.org)  
to make other arrangements.**



**46th District Democrats**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
*Save the Date*

**2017 Annual Summer Picnic**

**Join Us for Some Delicious Food, Socializing and Making  
New Friends, and the Best Opportunity for PCOs to Pick Up  
Precinct Walking Packets for the August Primary**

## 46th Legislative District Membership—Other Legislative District Updates

This spring has been a busy one for the members of the 46<sup>th</sup> 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 45<sup>th</sup> District for Manka Dhingra.

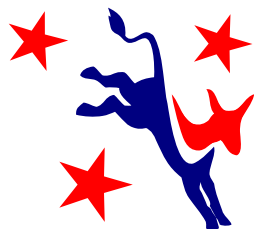
As the summer approaches, our campaign efforts outside the district will intensify. We'll be orchestrating carpools out to canvass and knock doors in the 45th for Manka's State Senate race and then down to the 31st for Michelle Rylands, another promising State Senate candidate in South East King County.

The 46<sup>th</sup> District will participate in volunteer events throughout our area so stay tuned and feel free to email me at [organizer@46dems.org](mailto:organizer@46dems.org) with any questions or suggestions.



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





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## Meeting Location

**June 10th  
Special Caucus**  
*Doors Open at 10AM*

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

**BOTH AT:  
Seattle Mennonite Church**  
3120 NE 125th St, Seattle, WA 98125



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