

46th Legislative District Democrats

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May 2019

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

Elliott Bay Brewery
12537 Lake City Way
Seattle, WA 98115

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

Environmental Caucus
5:30pm - 6:30pm

DEMOGRAM



Message from the Chair



Every day in America, it happens.

Every day, an innocent person, or two, or the daily average of ninety-six, die in America through an act of gun violence.

Another two hundred and twenty-two people are shot every day by the hand of another...but survive.

We see the accounts on the news, tales of loss and fear from other places, in other communities, and we shake our heads. We even shed a tear or two. We listen to elected leaders offer thoughts and prayers. After loved ones have been notified, we hear the names of those lost, and those who survive. We see the precious photos gathered from the families on the television – the physical embodiment of the memories of the lives of the victims, which is all that is left. For days, we hear news analysis, we see B-roll of crime scene tape, and tarps draped over bodies, and scenes of impossibly large numbers of police and medics making notes and talking to witnesses. We see flowers left at the sites of violence. We wonder why.

This time, it was our community.

This time, it wasn't Sandy Hook, or Parkland, or Las Vegas, or Pittsburgh. It was Lake City.

This time, the violence happened in the physical center of the 46th District, in the neighborhood where we gather to hold our meetings.

It happened in a neighborhood where our own members and friends live. In the neighborhood where you may live.

The district executive board wanted to send a message to our community – and we swiftly drafted the customary "thoughts and prayers" message. We expressed our condolences to the families of the victims, and we celebrated the heroism of the Metro bus driver. We tried to strike the right tone. We wanted to let people know they were not alone in their grief and desperation to understand "why?"

"Message from the 46th Legislative District Dems Executive Board

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the people in our community who have been personally affected by the tragic acts of violence that impacted our family, friends and neighbors in the Lake City neighborhood this past week.

Our condolences go out to the family and loved ones of those who died, and we extend our healing thoughts to those injured.

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Message from the Chair

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We salute the heroism of those involved, from Mike Stark, the heroic Metro bus driver who, although shot in the chest, kept his passengers from harm's way to the generous good Samaritan neighbors who ran to help those who were wounded."

It didn't feel right; something was missing.

Since the day of the incident, we have learned the why, in this case. The why is that the shooter himself doesn't know why – he has said that he was blackout drunk at the time and remembers nothing of the afternoon. Nothing of shooting three people, and, shooting at a dozen more. Nothing of killing another in a head-on collision with the car he stole during an act of gun violence. He was sad, and started drinking, played some violent video games, blacked out, and when he woke up, he was a multiple murderer. So, the "why?" is that he caused all this carnage with a gun, simply because he had access to a gun during a time when he was in no condition to make good decisions.

Without the gun, he would have been a drunk screaming at cars – a neighborhood annoyance.

With the gun, he was a monster who destroyed lives, including his own. The missing piece became obvious. We are an organization of people who fight to elect people to change bad policy, to right wrongs, and to make our communities, state, and nation a better place. We added the final paragraph:

"Our entire community is impacted by this shocking event in the heart of our home. Our resolve remains strong to passionately pursue all solutions, from stronger gun responsibility laws to better mental health care policies, to create a safer environment locally and nationally."

We mean it.

We owe nothing less to our community members Dr. Robert Hassan and Mr. Richard Lee, who were both killed, to heroic Metro bus driver Mike Stark who put pressure on his bleeding gunshot wound himself while driving his passengers to safety, and to Laurelhurst Elementary third grade teacher Deborah Judd who was shot three times, yet was worried about her students. She said, "When you're 7 years old and you have to process your teacher getting shot, it's not OK."

No, it is not, Ms. Judd. It is not OK.

In the upcoming election cycles, we are going to be asking candidates the tough questions about guns and gun control and mental health issues. We are going to protest and shout. We are going to write letters and testify. We are going to be working to ensure that change will come. We are going to be keeping the pressure on. We are going to be kicking ass and taking names until we get rid of the guns.

This issue deserves nothing less than the full measure of our dedication.

And we are going to win.

Julie Anne Kempf

Chair, 46th Legislative District Democrats



May 46 Dems District Meeting – Wednesday, 5/15

Program: Let's Meet the Candidates! Fun Forum!

We have invited all the declared candidates for any office wholly or partially within the 46th to attend and give us their best two minutes on any topic, then they will draw from the Bowl O' Questions! We'll also hear from Lake Forest Park and Kenmore candidates for the first time this year!

We will be considering three Resolutions at this meeting, (which you can read in this Demogram (pages 11-15). One concerns heavy rail development, one concerns gas development, and the last is advocating against Time Eyman's I-976.

Agenda:

5:30 pm: Environmental Caucus – all welcome

6:30 pm: Social hour with optional buffet

7:00 pm: General Meeting begins

Environmental Caucus Meeting

Environment & Climate Caucus will meet from 5:30—6:30 pm, prior to the general meeting at the Elliott Bay Brewery, in the downstairs meeting room

IT'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

We will have our popular Dinner Buffet before the buffet available for \$10 for those who wish to participate, with a \$3 option for anyone who just wants non-alcoholic beverages. Beer, ale, cider, and wine are available for purchase on site. Dinner buffet starts at 6:30 for the social hour. Participation is completely optional.

Location: Elliott Bay Brewery - 12537 Lake City Way NE, Seattle WA

46th Legislative District

Upcoming Monthly Meetings & Programs

Invite your friends, neighbors, & family!

- **Wednesday, May 15th: Meet the Candidates**

May's meeting promises to be another interesting forum as we invited all the declared candidates for any office wholly or partially within the 46th, including Lake Forest Park and Kenmore to attend and share their views on critical topics.

⇒ **Location: Seattle Elliott Bay Brewery:** 12537 Lake City Way, NE, Seattle, WA

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

- **Sunday, May 19th: 46 Dems Endorsement Meeting**

Join the 46th LD to endorse the candidates for the upcoming primary. To vote, you must have been a member for at least 21 days prior. If you were a member last year, under our bylaws, you may renew your membership up to the date of the meeting. [Click for the 2019 Endorsement Rules](#)

⇒ **Location: Nathan Hale High School:** 10750 30th Avenue, NE, Seattle, WA 98125

⇒ **Time: 11:00 PM — 2:00 PM**

- **Friday, May 31st: Mystery at the Officers' Club Fundraiser**

Special event to benefit the organizing work of the 46th District Democrats.

The 46th District Democrats are hosting a **Mystery Night on Friday, May 31st**, Your donations will support the 46 Dems activities leading up to the 2020 race to get out the vote both in our district and critical swing districts. Tickets include dinner and drinks at the historic Officers' Club at Magnuson Park, a silent auction, and a chance to crack the case! Vintage cocktail attire encouraged. (See page 5 for more details).

[Click here to Purchase Ticket sales](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/murder-at-the-officers-club-a-democratic-fundraiser-tickets-58546075889), Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/murder-at-the-officers-club-a-democratic-fundraiser-tickets-58546075889>

⇒ **The Officer's Club at Magnuson Park:** 6310 NE 74th Street, Seattle, WA 98115

⇒ **Time: 6:00 PM — 9:00 PM**

- **Wednesday, June 19th: General Meeting**

⇒ **Location: Seattle Elliott Bay Brewery** — 12537 Lake City Way, NE, Seattle, WA

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

- **Wednesday, June 26th: Primary Watch Party! Presidential Debate**

⇒ **Location: Seattle Elliott Bay Brewery** — 12537 Lake City Way, NE, Seattle, WA

⇒ **Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm** (times may change; will post on the 46Dems.org calendar)



Fundraiser: Special Event to Benefit the Organizing Work of the 46th District Democrats

The 46th LD Dems are hosting a **Mystery Night fundraiser on Friday, May 31st**, and we'd love to have you join us! Bring your friends and family and enjoy an unforgettable evening with fellow Democrats and elected officials.

If you've never been to a murder mystery night, it's a ton of fun! All proceeds will benefit the organizing work of the 46th LD Democrats. Last cycle, we not only had the highest voter turnout in the state, we also sent over 100 volunteers to knock on doors in swing districts. 2020 is going to be a big year for us and we are getting started **NOW** recruiting PCOs, training volunteers, registering voters, and planning for the Caucus.

Our celebrity victim for the evening is **King County Executive Dow Constantine**, who has graciously agreed to fall victim to murder most foul in the name of a good cause.

Tickets include dinner and drinks at the historic Officers Club at Magnuson Park, a silent auction, and a chance to crack the case!

Vintage cocktail attire encouraged.

Tickets: General admission: \$100 - [Click here for details and to purchase tickets](#)

Location: The Officers' Club at Magnuson Park - 6310 NE 74th Street, Seattle, WA 98115



46th Legislative Committee Updates



Environment & Climate Caucus – Anne Udaloy, Chair

Please join the 46th District Democrats Environment & Climate Caucus May Meeting!

All are welcome! We meet for an hour before every general membership meeting and review topics of interest to our members. Last week we reviewed the resolution process and distributed resolutions that will be considered by the general membership at our next meeting. In May we will have guest speakers Lael and Tom White (32nd District Democrats) who will provide a presentation on how conventional rail can be used to reduce the carbon footprint of our transportation sector. This presentation will provide background to a resolution being introduced later in the evening on this subject. Please join us and bring your questions!

46th District Democrats Environment & Climate Caucus Mission Statement

The Environment and Climate Caucus provides members of the 46th District Democrats with a forum in which we can identify, study, and discuss environmental issues relevant to our community ranging from the very local (i.e., storm water management within the Lyon Creek, McAleer Creek, and Thornton Creek watersheds) to global (i.e., climate change). It has never been more important for citizens to organize and protect our environment while building a free, democratic, and prosperous community. Caucusing allows us to discuss and develop actions addressing issues that are of deep interest to our membership and is fundamental to participatory democracy. Many of the issues we will address are complex; resolving these issues will require addressing and resolving concerns of competing interests. By meeting to share our knowledge and concerns, we can become informed voices within our community and contribute to developing effective resolutions (including formal resolutions to our elected representatives, where appropriate). The caucus also provides a means through which we can share our understanding of environmental issues with other members of our LD, our elected representatives, and prospective candidates. We will support our communities and elected representatives by sharing our knowledge and expectations.





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Membership: Marty Ross, Vice Chair & Membership Chair



The most controversial local news program in a generation aired recently, with the proposition that Seattle is Dying. It was an ugly show, doing its level best to play to base fear and disgust in service to conservative politics of big government incarceration and small government withholding of services.

The idea that Seattle is dying may have come as a shock as many of us have enjoyed a run of warm spring days, taking in the sights of Emerald City ComiCon or enjoying a final nostalgic drive on the waterfront viaduct. As change comes to our growing cities, none of us are blind to the challenges they face. Important, far-reaching decisions are being made. What is our path forward to deal with the homelessness crisis and protect our most vulnerable citizens? How do we build a sustainable transportation system, and on what timeline?

In a functioning democracy, it is important that we have our voices heard in these decisions.

In May, the 46th Legislative District Democrats will make our Primary Endorsements for multiple city council positions in Seattle, Lake Forest Park and Kenmore, and we want your voice to be part of this process.

To have a vote in the Endorsement process, you must have an up-to-date membership with us 21 days prior to the May vote on April 28th. If you were a member last year, under our bylaws, you may renew your membership up to the date of the meeting. Be sure to [update your membership](#) right away!

Looking forward to seeing you at the **Endorsement Meeting on Sunday, May 19th!**

-Marty Ross
Vice Chair, 46th LD Democrats



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Outreach: Zoe True, Outreach Committee Chair

Democracy requires strong community and our Legislative District is an important part of bringing that community together.

The **Community Outreach Committee** is actively reaching out to dozens of local organizations, UW student groups, and unions to invite them to join us in the process of democracy - candidate forums, canvassing, and growing an inclusive, progressive movement.

Our 46th Democrats General Meetings in April, May and June gives us the chance to be informed voters and hear directly from the candidates about the issues that we all care about and which are vital to our district. If you belong to a community group and would like to share information about the 46th Dems or have us to come talk to your group, please let us know!



Contact outreach@46dems.org
Zoe True, Outreach Chair,





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Resolutions: Hunter Brown, Resolutions Committee Chair



I am reaching out to you as the newly appointed Chair of the Resolutions Committee and I am recruiting members to join me in building on the previous successes of this committee and continuing to make it stronger. We need people of all backgrounds and skill sets to help us ensure that the resolutions being presented to the general membership are articulate, factual, and succinct.

The only skills that are needed are a willingness to listen, learn, and teach in a collaborative and constructive matter. This is a great way for you to channel your passions and aid the 46th District Democrats towards passing relevant and powerful resolutions! Subject matter experts are highly encouraged join and help us with everything from education to transportation, conservation to healthcare, and everything in between and beyond. All skills, skill levels, and abilities are welcome and appreciated. Everyone has something to offer and we will work together to make sure your skills are put to good use and that you have the opportunity to focus on your passions, and to grow and learn.

If you are interested in joining, please contact me at: resolutions@46dems.org

The W's

Who? Resolutions Committee

What? We work to lead the people towards progress through meaningful insight and declarations.

When? For now, 7:00-8:00 pm the first Monday of every month. I'm open to adding additional days, or changing this day, to increase participation. However, this may mean that not everyone participates or joins every meeting.

Where? From your computer or from our physical meeting location. I have had several people comment that attending another meeting can often be a barrier due to the increased time we often spend simply commuting to and from meetings. The goal of having remote meetings is to remove that barrier and allow everyone to decrease the time commitment of attending meetings by eliminating time spent commuting. That said, I recognize that not everyone has access to a computer and some people prefer to meet face to face. I will work with individuals that need this accommodation by pairing them up with a partner that can host them at their home, preferably nearby, so they may participate. Everyone whom is interested will receive a follow up email with a brief survey.

Why? This is the official way the 46th LD voices their support and concerns to the community, and in the case of calls for legislative action, to elected officials.

FAQ

What is a resolution?

Resolutions are declarations of the 46th District Democrats' position on current events and issues that are not already stated in our platform. We also occasionally pass honorary resolutions to note contributions or passing of individuals who have worked significantly to further Democratic causes.

Who proposes resolutions?

Resolutions may be proposed by any member in good standing. Resolutions may be written by people outside of the district or come from other lateral local party organizations; however, resolutions must be put forth by a 46th District member in good standing.

Are there any requirements for formatting resolutions?

The 46th LD does not have formal guidelines regarding formatting or writing standards. However, we encourage everyone who submits a resolution to follow the formatting guidelines of the State Party (the Washington State Democratic Central Committee – WSDCC) to make it easier for resolutions passed by the 46th LD to be considered by other lateral local party organizations and at the state level. WSDCC guidelines for resolutions are located here: <https://www.wa-democrats.org/sites/wadems/files/documents/Washington%20State%20Democrats%20-%20Rules%20-%20Resolutions%20-%2020150418.pdf>



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Message from Jay Johnson, Communications Co-Chair



FUNDRAISING

Folks, you know we are in a great political battle. A civil war basically. The forces of two highly divergent belief systems: private enterprise is the solution to all of society's problems (wealth accumulation through the motivation of greed "trumps" all other problem solving mechanisms/ all government is bad) and the public good is the medium in which we swim and sustain ourselves/ the government is there to play a role in helping those in need.

This battle is intense. Extreme polarization is doing great harm to our country. Happy would it be if a truce were to be declared, past norms of respect and decency were to be declared and fair compromises were to be re-established. But alas, this will not happen in the near future. Moreover, the forces of "altruism is evil" (an Ayn Rand slogan) has the financial resources backing (think: the 1%) giving their side a propaganda advantage. In the last civil war, the North eventually defeated the South due to its excess of abundant talent and resources. This next presidential election cycle the Democrats are at a disadvantage if the populous remains more-or-less indifferent.

So what can the Democrats do with respect to this clash of ideologies? Through the efforts of the executive board, and all of you who have helped in so many ways, the 46th LD Dems have been very successful in accomplishing their mission: help elect Democrats to local, state and national government positions. In the past few elections cycles the Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) project has resulted in the range of 83% Democratic performance in our district (out of 100%). Democratic candidates have received a substantial margin from the voters in the 46th LD – in the range of 50 to 60 points over other candidates.

We also were able to go outside of our district to aide in delivering Democratic results in swing districts throughout King County. Organized canvasses and projects to deliver help to other legislative districts were substantial and undoubtedly had a significant effect.

This success did not happen without costs, both in volunteer efforts and financial contributions. The next election cycle is anticipated to have even higher costs. Consequently, the executive board has started to explore some new ways to fill our coffers to help defray future costs.

Democrats need not have to be reminded of the importance of the next election to rid this nation of one of the most unethical Presidential administrations in US history.

Our first attempt to use an innovative event to raise money to gear up for the important 2020 battle will occur on Friday, May 31. While other fund-raising activities will occur throughout the year, each associated with a different theme, this first one is organized around a "murder mystery theme party" (see the announcement on page 5, our [web site](#) and on [Facebook](#).) This event is designed to have fun while doing the most important thing, i.e. raise money! The fun will consist of gathering together with fellow Democrats to collectively solve a murder mystery. King County Executive Dow Constantine has agreed to be our victim, and suspects will be well known elected officials. Meeting new people, working together to solve the puzzle of who the "murderer" is will provide the entertainment for the evening. Participants dressed in appropriate costumes, it is hoped, will add to the festive nature of the event. In addition to a party entrance fee of \$100, a great silent auction will be used to raise funds.

We are well aware of how all of us are bombarded daily with donation appeals. Most of these are for very good causes. But due to the volume of these requests it is easy to be overwhelmed and chuck them all in the recycle bin. However, it is clear that we live in a tumultuous time. This is a time when we really need clear-headed, intelligent, fair-minded, compassionate leaders. To elect good Democrats is going to take a lot of work. Financial resources are absolutely necessary.

We hope you all can respond. Those who can afford it, consider doubling the price of the entrance fee. Or more! Those of you not so disposed you can contribute a small donation through our [web site](#) or participate in future fund raising events.

RESOLUTION TO PRIORITIZE DEVELOPMENT OF CONVENTIONAL RAIL

WHEREAS the world's foremost body of climate scientists, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and many members of Congress recommend the development of an economic plan to rapidly mitigate impending worldwide climate crisis and hardships associated with this crisis;

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon us to respect the science underlying the urgency to initiate such mitigation by rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45% of 2010 levels by 2030;

WHEREAS to do so requires that the most effective and efficient solutions be implemented as quickly as possible in response to the urgency of this crisis including transitioning to renewable energy;

WHEREAS Washington State is likely to have approximately 1.5 million new residents by 2030, which will put additional pressure on our congested highways, and will require transportation solutions beyond the scope or area served by Sound Transit;

WHEREAS the electric power requirements to transition to renewable energy will be substantial and challenging to provide in sufficient quantity across all sectors;

WHEREAS the transportation sector is a large contributor of carbon emissions and roadway vehicles amount to the largest portion of transportation carbon emissions;

WHEREAS transportation by rail requires about 1/3 the energy requirement of roadway vehicles and conventional rail projects can be steadily implemented in segments thus providing immediate benefits in terms of reducing carbon emissions, reducing roadway congestion and improving service connectivity, and also recognizing that electrification provides additional environmental benefits;

WHEREAS the potential for rail development as an effective strategy for addressing climate solutions has been almost completely excluded in transportation legislation and environmental planning and the continuing addition of more highways for roadway vehicles has been the legislative priority; and

WHEREAS the Amtrak Auto Train carries passenger vehicles between Sanford, FL and Lorton, VA and is Amtrak's highest revenue long distance route;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that conventional rail development, expansion, improvement, and electrification be preeminent strategies for transitioning to a renewable energy economy in Washington, the Pacific Northwest and beyond, and that it be recommended and prioritized in legislative planning concerning state and regional transportation funding and development and improvement projects, and transportation electrification projects, and that conventional rail be given priority over expanded highway development;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats recommend the rapid development, improvement and implementation of conventional rail, including electrification where feasible, as an effective and efficient climate mitigation solution; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all elected representatives of the 46th District Democrats urging them to consider conventional rail when planning budget and transportation legislation.

Submitted by Anne Udaloj (206.512.7517; annedualoj@gmail.com; 46th LD PCO 46-0734; 46th LD ECC).
Originated by Lael White and Tom White (32nd LD). Date of submission: May 15 2019.

Resolution Opposing New and Expanded Gas Infrastructure in Washington State

WHEREAS the world's foremost body of climate scientists, the Intergovernmental Panel On Climate Change reports that we have until 2030 to limit global warming to 1.5° C to mitigate devastating worldwide climate impacts such as extreme temperatures, heavy rains, drought, biodiversity loss, ocean acidification, and depletion of freshwater sources;

WHEREAS if we do not take immediate action to radically reduce our emissions in line with the Paris Target of 1.5° C, these climate impacts will intensify, with communities of color, low-income communities, Tribes and coastal communities often being impacted first and worst;

WHEREAS methane has a global warming potential 86 times higher than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period and "natural" gas is comprised of 85-95% methane, and methane leaks from fracking and gas pipelines eliminates the beneficial climate impacts of gas production, and make gas just as bad or worse for the climate compared to coal;

WHEREAS the Interior Department tripled the amount of federal lands leased out for oil and gas parcels in the past fiscal year and simultaneously the EPA rolled back protections for wildlife, air quality, and ground-water supplies, placing the profits of the fossil fuel industry before the health of United States residents;

WHEREAS Washington State is already feeling the impacts of climate change: record-breaking wildfires have devastated our communities and caused toxic air pollution state-wide; snow packs have plummeted, available drinking water and hydroelectric capacity have decreased; salmon and orca populations have become critically endangered; agricultural, fisheries and shellfish industries have suffered billion-dollar losses; and the Quinault Nation has already been forced to relocate two villages because of rising sea levels;

WHEREAS Washington is currently facing multiple proposals for fracked gas mega-projects such as the Kalama methanol refinery and the Tacoma liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility that is currently being built without all required permits on Medicine Creek Treaty Territory and without the Puyallup Tribe's consent and in violation of treaties;

WHEREAS such fracked gas mega-projects undermine Washington's climate leadership and efforts to reduce carbon pollution, and pose staggering health, safety and environmental risks to local communities by causing toxic air and water pollution at every stage of production;

WHEREAS there is a well-documented rise in incidents of violence against indigenous women and women of color in communities near gas extraction sites, including those in British Columbia where the majority of fracked gas consumed in Washington is extracted;

WHEREAS proposed fracked gas projects like the Tacoma LNG facility use non-commercial ratepayer dollars for private gain - 43% of project construction costs are passed on to utility customers, although they will only see 2% of the project's benefit;

WHEREAS in January 2019, King County Council approved a 6-month moratorium on new and expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, joining four other local jurisdictions in Washington, Portland Oregon, Portland Maine and Baltimore Maryland in enacting a *de facto* ban on new fossil fuel infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS investment in major and expanded gas infrastructure and exports will lock us into decades of climate pollution and will divert money from renewable energy development, slowing our essential immediate greenhouse gas reduction and repressing the growth of green jobs in Washington; and

Resolution Opposing New and Expanded Gas Infrastructure in Washington State

Resolution Opposing New and Expanded Gas Infrastructure in Washington State (continued)

WHEREAS Washington ports serve as a gateway for fossil fuel companies to export gas from the interior of North America to Asian markets, and by opposing new and expanded gas infrastructure Washington can play a critical leadership role in transitioning our global economy to clean energy and keeping fossil fuels in the ground;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we strongly oppose federal efforts to roll back regulations on gas production, processing, storage and export, especially when those regulatory changes lead to increased health and safety risks for Washington communities;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on the Washington State Department of Ecology to consider a proposed project's complete lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, including analysis of methane leakage during extraction and transport, and reject permits for any project which would increase emissions;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call for a permanent moratorium on new gas pipelines, processing, and storage facilities in Washington other than maintenance or replacement for safety purposes, and a stop-work order on major projects currently under construction that do not have all their required permits;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on each and every one of our Washington State and federal representatives to oppose major new and expanded gas infrastructure in WA, including the Kalama methanol refinery and the Tacoma LNG facility; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats send a copy of this resolution to Governor Inslee, all Democratic State Legislators, and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Submitted by: Alice Lockhart, PCO SEA 46-2128, originated by 350 Seattle, for consideration by the 46th District Democrats. Date of submission: May 15, 2019.

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING WA STATE INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 976

WHEREAS Tim Eyman, Mike Fagan, and Jack Fagan have sponsored Initiative 976 (I-976), filed on March 19th, 2018, as an initiative to the 2019 Legislature;

WHEREAS on January 15th, 2019, Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman certified that I-976 had received sufficient signatures to qualify;

WHEREAS Initiative 976 seeks to repeal vehicle fees that provide essential funding to Amtrak Cascades and freight mobility projects administered by the Washington State Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS Initiative 976 attempts to nullify the voter-approved Sound Transit 3 proposal, a plan to bring light rail and express buses to communities like Everett, Tacoma, West Seattle, and Ballard, by eliminating Sound Transit's voter-approved motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) and requiring that Sound Transit defease (annul) bonds backed by motor vehicle excise tax revenue;

WHEREAS the cities of Anacortes, Bainbridge Island, Battle Ground, Black Diamond, Bremerton, Bridgeport, Buckley, Burien, Carbonado, Covington, Des Moines, DuPont, East Wenatchee, Eatonville, Edgewood, Edmonds, Electric City, Elmer City, Enumclaw, Everett, Fife, George, Grandview, Granite Falls, Kalama, Kelso, Kenmore, Kittitas, Lake Forest Park, Lakewood, Longview, Lynnwood, Mabton, Maple Valley, Mercer Island, Moses Lake, Mountlake Terrace, Normandy Park, Olympia, Orting, Port Orchard, Prosser, Richland, Roy, Royal City, Seattle, Sedro-Woolley, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, Soap Lake, Spokane, Tacoma, Toppenish, University Place, Vancouver, Wapato, Wenatchee, Wilkeson, Yakima, and Zillah all currently levy vehicle fees to fund transportation improvements like road resurfacing and street maintenance which would be wiped out by I-976;

WHEREAS Initiative 976 threatens good-paying jobs in construction and the building trades that allow thousands of workers to share in Washington's economic prosperity;

WHEREAS Initiative 976 would gut the availability, frequency, and quality of alternatives to solo driving and thereby harm Washington's crucial efforts to reduce emissions of pollutants that are damaging our climate and harming our air quality; and

WHEREAS implementation of I-976 would reduce voter-approved funding to expand light rail, build new express bus service, maintain bus service, build sidewalks, resurface roads, and calm traffic on both sides of the Cascade Mountains;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 46th District Democrats take a position opposing I-976 and urge all Washington voters to oppose I-976; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats encourage all who support responsible transportation methods and fiscal management to join the coalition opposing I-976.

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