

46th Legislative District Democrats

www.46DEMS.org ~ facebook.com/46dems ~ [@wa46dems](https://twitter.com/wa46dems)

June 2016

General Meeting

Thursday, June 16th
Seattle Mennonite Church
3120 NE 125th St.
Seattle, WA 98125

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

DEMOGRAM



◀ From the Chair ▶



Thanks to all of you who made it through the endorsement meeting last month. We've got a couple extra endorsements to wrap up this month at our regular Third Thursday (June 16th) meeting but it should be much quicker. We've also got a resolution that didn't make it earlier. And an exciting program talking about both the access and turnout sides of elections. Remember, we're starting at 7:00 pm now!

This is the last month before we take our regular break in July for our summer picnic. We'll be at Warren G. Magnuson Park (on the water!) at site #1 near the boat launch. We're also going to be participating in Salmon Fest (formally Lake City Pioneer Days) in August with more details on both of these coming soon!

Phillip Duggan
chair@46dems.org

P.S. For those of you going to the state convention in Tacoma (the day after our meeting), I'll see you there!



**Back to our usual location on June 16th:
Seattle Mennonite Church -
3120 NE 125th St, Seattle, WA 98125
(Complete Agenda on Page 2)**



46th District Executive Board Members

Chair:

Phillip Duggan chair@46dems.com

First Vice Chair:

Phillippa Kassover pmkassover@gmail.com

Secretary:

Andrew Everett (253-720-0791) andrewjeverett@me.com

Treasurer:

Scott Reiman scott.reiman@centurylink.net

State Committeeman:

John Webber (365-0741) john.p.webber@comcast.net

State Committeewoman:

Sarajane Siegfriedt (440-5829) sarajane3h@comcast.net

King County Male Representative:

Larry Smith gabriel_freeman@yahoo.com

King County Male Alternate:

Jesse Peidfort jesse.piedfort@gmail.com

King County Female Representative:

Betsy Walker etwalker@gmail.com

King County Female Alternate:

Elizabeth Hanson, eeliz@comcast.net

At Large Members:

Julie Anne Kempf julie@kempf.com

Nigel Herbig nigel@nigelherbig.com

Halei Watkins haleiquinna@gmail.com

Jay Johnson johnsondinsdale@seanet.com

Alan Zelt alzelt@outlook.com

David Toledo (206-641-0859) wevotetoledo@gmail.com

Eileen Pollet Eileenpollet@hotmail.com

Demogram Editor:

Andrew Everett (253-720-0791) andrewjeverett@me.com



Agenda for June 16th, 2016

Membership Meeting - 7:00PM

Sign in and Mingling— 6:30PM

- ◆ Call to order
- ◆ Flag Salute
- ◆ Approval of agenda
- ◆ 2016 Extra Endorsements (20 min)
- ◆ Resolution (20 min)
- ◆ Program at 7:40p
 - ◆ Elections- Turnout and Access
- ◆ Committee Reports
 - ◆ Membership
 - ◆ Finance
 - ◆ Treasurer's Report
 - ◆ State Committee
 - ◆ KCDCC
- ◆ Old Business
- ◆ New Business
- ◆ Good of the order
- ◆ Adjourn

Resolution Addressing Washington State Superdelegates

WHEREAS the Washington State Democratic caucus is supposed to be a democratic undertaking to determine the will of state party members when choosing the Washington Democratic **Party's candidate for President of the United States**; and

WHEREAS the term "delegate" is defined as a person authorized to represent others, and DNC delegates are chosen based on the votes in state caucuses and primaries; and

WHEREAS "superdelegates" vote their personal preference, regardless of the will of the voters and therefore adulterate what would otherwise be a democratic process; and

WHEREAS Washington State's superdelegates constitute 14% of Washington State's delegation to the Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS an intended function of superdelegates was to ensure the nomination of the strongest Democratic candidate, yet in 2015 hundreds of superdelegates endorsed one candidate before the primary season began [demonstrating preexisting bias]; and

WHEREAS 67 of the 714 superdelegates in 2016 are lobbyists, and have no relevant role in a democratic nominating process; and

WHEREAS on May 7th of 2016, the Maine Democratic Party's statewide convention passed a resolution strongly urging [that the votes of Maine's superdelegates reflect the state's popular vote in 2016](#), and to require them to vote in 2020 as their state did; and

WHEREAS on May 15th of 2016, the Alaska Democratic Convention approved a resolution demanding an end to the use of superdelegates at the Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS on May 29th of 2016, the Hawaii Democratic Convention approved a resolution strongly urging [that the votes of Hawaii's superdelegates reflect the state's popular vote in 2016](#), and for the DNC to eliminate superdelegates in 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the name of true democracy, the 46th District Democrats call on the Washington State superdelegates to reflect the state's popular vote in 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th Legislative District strongly urges the State Convention to ask the DNC to abolish superdelegates in 2020 in order to have a truly democratic nominating process.

Submitted by
Maris Abelson
PCO 46-1237

Minutes and Endorsements from May 22nd, 2016

- Call to Order– 1:31p
- Flag Salute
- Endorsement Process Outlined by Chair
- Endorsements
 - 1st Congressional District Representative- Suzan Delbene
 - 7th Congressional District Representative- Pramila Jayapal and Brady Piñero Walkinshaw
 - Lt. Governor- Cyrus Habib
 - Secretary of State- Tina Podlodowski
 - Attorney General- Bob Ferguson
 - State Auditor- Jeff Sprung
 - State Treasurer- Alec Fiskens
 - Superintendent of Public Instruction- Robin Fleming and Chris Reykdal
 - Insurance Commissioner- Mike Kreidler
 - Commissioner of Public Lands- Hilary Franz and Dave Upthegrove
 - 46th State House Rep. Pos. 1- Gerry Pollet
 - 46th State House Rep. Pos. 2- Jessyn Farrell
 - King County District Court-West Division, Position 1- Lisa Paglisotti
 - King County District Court-West Division, Position 4- Gregg Hirakawa
 - King County Superior Court Judge, Position 14- Nicole Ganes Phelps
 - King County Superior Court Judge, Position 26- David Keenan
 - King County Superior Court Judge, Position 31- Helen Halpert
 - King County Superior Court Judge, Position 43- John McHale
 - King County Superior Court Judge, Position 44- Cathy Moore and Eric Newman
 - King County Superior Court Judge, Position 52- Anthony David Gipe
 - Initiative Measure #123 (Alaskan Way Park)- No recommendation
 - Proposition #1 (Housing Levy)- Approve
- Resolution– Tabled to June 16th, 2016 General Meeting
- Good of the Order
 - Stronger Emphasis on Questionnaires
 - Thanks to Tally Committee, Chair, and Secretary
 - Easier Ballot construction with at least 25 per person next time
- Adjourn– 4:52p



HELP! HELP! HELP! (Nothing Fishy Here)

Volunteers Needed for SalmonFest Outreach Booth

Once again the 46th District Democrats will have a booth at SalmonFest Seattle 2016 on Saturday, August 6th from 11 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM. Volunteers are needed!

The booth will create awareness of our meetings, offer our endorsed candidates and ballot measures tabling and a base for meeting voters. We will offer voter registration.

Volunteers are needed in 3-hour shifts beginning with set-up 9 AM Saturday and ending with take-down 5 PM Sunday.

SalmonFest is part of SeaFair and features music, crafts and a fine smoked salmon lunch both days with a Kid's Parade at 6 PM and a Grand Performance Parade at 7 PM Saturday August 6th. The parade route runs on Lake city Way from 135th to 123rd--short and sweet!

Any candidates interested in gathering a group to march in the parade, please contact Sarajane Siegfriedt sarajane3h@comcast.net. Volunteers interested in co-chairing or just helping out at the booth, please email Sarajane likewise, or call 206-440-5829.

Are You an Aspiring Journalist?

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



New Communications Committee Formed!

Have you ever been interested in public relations? Are you in the communications field? Studying marketing in school? I have the opportunity for you! The Executive Board has formed a Communications Committee to develop a marketing strategy and execute that plan to make the 46th Legislative District the most progressive, transparent, and community oriented district around! You don't have to have experience in this field either, anyone with a general interest in helping are welcome. Time estimate for committee members completely up to the individual and how much they are able to devote... So there is no reason not join! Please contact Andrew Everett at secretary@46dems.org. Send him 1-2 sentences about your background or interest in communications. Thank you!

Important Dates

Thursday June 16th 7:30 - 9pm, 46th LD General Meeting (doors open @ 7:00 for Meet and Greet / Sign-in) at Seattle Mennonite Church (address on cover page)

WEEKEND June 17th –19th Washington State Democratic Convention in Tacoma

SATURDAY July 9th– Annual Summer Picnic at Warren G. Magnuson Park , keep checking 46dems.org/picnic for more information!

WEEKLONG JULY 25-28– Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia

WEEKEND SalmonFest Seattle 2016- Saturday, August 6th from 11 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM. Volunteers are needed!

46th DISTRICT DEMOCRATS Treasurer's Report June 2016

This will be reported on at the June 16th meeting later on this month.

May Candidate Forum in Review

The 46th District continued our long tradition of holding informative and well-attended candidate forums this past month. The attendees at May's General Meeting heard from state-wide candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Auditor, and Public Lands Commissioner.

All candidates were asked a set of pre-determined questions, with the first asking for their "best one-minute elevator speech," and the last offering an opportunity for a closing statement. Candidates were asked to identify the paramount function of the office and their plans to address this function. Additional questions prepared by the elections committee with input from 46th LD members, were focused on the key issues for each position.

Superintendent of Public Instruction candidates Robin Fleming, Erin Jones, Chris Reykdal and David Spring attended the forum, and responded to questions about standardized tests, closing the opportunity gap and charter schools. All four candidates were in strong agreement about the shortcomings of standardized testing in the State of Washington and promised to reform the practice and use of national testing. All four candidates also expressed deep concern about the opportunity gap in our state's schools and the need for solving the school funding dilemma. The issue of charter schools saw less agreement. We encourage our members to explore the candidate's positions on their web pages, which can be found here:

<http://robinfleming.org/index.php/on-the-issues/>

<http://www.erinjones2016.org/erin-jones-mission>

<http://www.chrisreykdal.com/issues>

<https://springforbetterschools.org/>

State Auditor candidates Pat McCarthy and Jeff Sprung responded to questions about their own unique qualifications for the office, and meeting the current auditor's office primary goal: Government that works better, costs less, and earns greater public trust. Jeff Sprung enthusiastically promoted the idea that the auditor can help spread the good news about government programs that are working well, to counter the Eyman narrative that all government is bad. The candidates' positions on other issues can be found on their websites:

<http://www.patmccarthy.org/about>

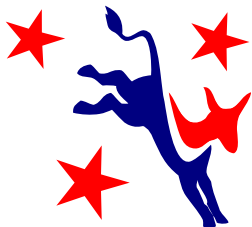
<http://www.jeffsprung.com/issues.html>

Public Lands Commissioner candidates Hilary Franz, Karen Porterfield and Dave Upthegrove were asked about forest fire management and balancing the needs of timber industry workers and owners along with funding school lands and buildings against important conservation goals. They were also asked to discuss how they would manage their relationship with the state legislature. The candidates revealed different perspectives on these issues but much more can be found on their websites:

<http://hilaryfranz.com/>

<http://www.karenporterfield.com/>

<http://upthegrove.nationbuilder.com/>



**46th District
DEMOCRATS**

P.O. Box 15435
Seattle, WA 98115-0435



PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
3055
Seattle, WA

Return Service Requested

Meeting Location

**June 16th
General Meeting**

Seattle Mennonite Church
3120 NE 125th St, Seattle, WA 98125

*Sign In and Mingling— 6:30pm
Meeting at 7:00pm*



**Show Your Commitment to the
46th District Democrats. JOIN NOW!**

Pay dues electronically [via Click and Pledge at our website](#)— where you can pledge as little as \$5 a month - or mail a check payable to “46th District Democrats” to **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435**. To check if you are already a member, email **Phillippa Kassover** at membership@46dems.org.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

◇ **YES!** Please send me an email when the newsletter is ready for online reading.

Control your Demogram Subscription!

Please help us be more “Green”

Email Only! Please e-mail me each month when the new issue of the Demogram is available online. Please DON'T print one for me. (Reducing the amount of money the District spends on printing and postage means more resources available to elect Democrats!)

Both Email and Print! I am a paid member of the 46th District Democrats in good standing, and I would like to receive the paper version of the newsletter.

Print Only, Please! I need to receive the printed copy, as I either don't have easy access to email or other reason.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

(Alternatively, you may e-mail a subscription request to **Phillippa Kassover** at membership@46dems.org)