

# The King County Democrat

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## King County Executive Candidate Forum



41st Legislative District  
Senator Fred Jarrett

King County Council  
Chair Dow Constantine

King County Council  
Member Larry Phillips

**Tuesday May 5, 2009**

Social Hour at 6:30 pm  
Forum begins at 7:30 pm

**Renton Carpenters Hall  
231-Burnett Avenue North—Renton 98057**

*Moderated by  
Northwest Progressive Institute Advocate  
Executive Director Andrew Villeneuve*

Each candidate will offer introductory remarks  
followed by questions from the audience  
and summations by the candidates

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King County Democratic Central Committee



37th Legislative District 3rd Vice Chair, Pamela Keeley, leading the first PCO Coordinators meeting on Saturday April 11th.

## Senate Democrats— Open For Questions

Washington's families and businesses are feeling the strain from the national recession. The economic slowdown has reduced revenues, and left Washington with a \$9 billion budget short fall.

The Senate Democrats have introduced a balanced budget, and as the 2009 budget is finalized, every program is being considered for cuts.

**Now they want to hear from you.** Ask your questions and next week Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, D-Spokane, will answer the questions that **you** the public vote to the top of the list.

Access the Washington State Democratic Senate website,

<http://senatedemocrats.wa.gov/questions/>

to view Senate Majority Lisa Brown's video and to ask, view and vote on questions.

Source: Senate Democrats Website

*"There's never been anything false about hope."*

- President Barack Obama

## PCO Coordinators Meet

Pamela Keeley, 37th Legislative District Vice Chair of PCO Coordination, conducted the first meeting of a new KCDCC subcommittee that will be under the guidance of 1st Vice Chair Chad Lupkes.

Pamela lead the brainstorming session on Saturday April 11th—10:00 am at the Renton Carpenters Hall for KCDCC, King County Young Democrats, and Legislative District PCO and Membership Coordinators.

All Chairs and Coordinators were invited to participate. Almost twenty Legislative District Chairs and PCO Coordinators attended and after sharing ideas, decided to meet on a quarterly basis.

The King County Democrat is published a minimum of 10 days before a general membership meeting pursuant to KCDCC bylaws.  
 Copy is published in-house on a monthly basis, posted at our website, www.kcdems.org, and sent via bulk mail to the membership list.

**KCDCC**  
 Officers and LD Chairs Meeting  
 Sunday April 19, 2009  
 Renton Carpenters Hall  
 231 Burnett Avenue North

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**KCDCC—LAC**  
 Sunday April 19, 2009—2:00 pm  
 Kent Regional Library  
 212 2nd Avenue, Kent 98032  
 State Tax Policy Discussion  
 and bill status

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Evergreen Democratic Club  
 Second Tuesday of each month  
 11:30 am  
 Angelo's of Burien  
 601 SW 153rd Street  
 Contact Stephen Lamphear  
 206.439.7362

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West Seattle Democratic Women  
 Fourth Thursday of each month  
 11:30 am  
 West Seattle Golf Course Clubhouse  
 4470 35th Avenue SW  
 Contact: Karen Chilcutt  
 206.935.3216

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May Arkwright Hutton Chapter  
 Democratic Women's Federation  
 Contact Elaine Phelps, President  
 206.546.5495  
 efphelps@earthlink.net

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Metropolitan Democrats Club (MDC)  
 600 Stewart Street, Suite 203  
 Plaza Bldg in Seattle  
 Second and fourth Wednesday of  
 Each month at Noon  
 Contact President  
 Justin Simmons at 206.736.9882

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Vashon/Maury Island  
 Democratic Club  
 Third Saturday of each month  
 Potluck at 6:00 pm  
 Call to order at 7:00 pm  
 Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust  
 Building  
 10014 Bank Road SW  
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## It's time to renew your membership in the KCDCC

### Yes, I want to make a difference in 2009!

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Select Method:

1. One time membership gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (check enclosed)
2. Donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ each month by credit card
3. Donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ one time gift by Credit Card

\_\_\_ VISA    \_\_\_ Master Card

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Autism Awareness Month Highlight's UW's Autism Center

Tuesday, April 07 2009 - Senator Phil Rockefeller

Autism is one of the fastest growing developmental disabilities in our nation, affecting some 1 million people. One out of every 150 children has some form of autism but is often misdiagnosed because of lack of information or understanding in the medical community.

Luckily, our own University of Washington is leading research to help families adapt to life with an autistic child. Senator Margarita Prentice was instrumental in securing \$65,000 in state funding in the 2007 legislative session for the UW Autism Center to produce and distribute an autism DVD which sheds some light on this emerging disorder. I encourage anyone connected to an autistic child to use this valuable information.

**April is national Autism Awareness month**, and I was proud to be a part of taking this one step further. Last week, the Senate passed Resolution 8629 honoring individuals with autism. I know very well the struggles and confusion associated with autism. My granddaughter has Asperger's Syndrome (high-end autism). I know the boundless involvement of my daughter is one of the keys to my granddaughter's success, but the best answers lie in medical advancement and understanding of this disorder.

From Washington State - Senate Blog.

## Fourth Candidate Enters King County Executive Race

Republican Susan Hutchison, former KIRO-TV anchor person, declared her candidacy on April 8th for the open King County Executive position. This is Ms Hutchison's first entry into the political arena although she has supported many Republican candidates.

This brings the known field of candidates to four.

Washington State Democratic Chairs Organization (WSDCO)



Announcement

## Leadership Training Course

Participate in a training course that will serve as a guide for becoming a good chair and running a viable organization with effective meetings and events. Features include online presentation of the updated precinct maps and election history as well as VoteBuilder training. Participants will receive a CD of all course materials.

**Saturday April 25, 2009  
9:15 am—10:30 am**

**Washington State  
Democratic Central Committee  
Spring Meeting**

**Hotel Murano—1320 Broadway Plaza—Tacoma 98402  
Pavilion AGD**



Make your reservation today by emailing

WSDCO Chair Susan Sheary at  
kcdcc1@gmail.com

This will ensure that you will receive a copy of the training materials.

## Government-Approved Travel Documents

**Beginning June 1, 2009**, you must have a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the United States Government to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at all land borders and seaports of entry.

If you are planning a trip to Canada or other countries for even a day trip, you need to have travel documents approved by the government to get back into the country.

For more details and directions to the service centers, visit [www.kingcounty.gov/csc](http://www.kingcounty.gov/csc). For info on the new passport requirements, visit <http://www.travel.state.gov/>.

Source: King County Government Blog, 3/31/2009

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King County Democratic Central Committee  
March 24, 2009 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 pm, followed by the flag salute and approval of the previous meeting minutes and the proposed agenda.

The group was pleased to welcome and hear from the following:

- ◆ King County Executive Campaigns: King County Council Chair Dow Constantine, King County Council Member Larry Phillips, and 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District Senator Fred Jarrett.
- ◆ Kent City Council Candidates, 47<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Treasurer Dennis Higgins, and 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Activist Bailey Stober, who are running for open seat left by retiring Council Member Tim Clark, former 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Chair.
- ◆ Seattle City Council Member Nick Licata, running for re-election and his challenger Jessie Israel 36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District activist.
- ◆ Shoreline City Council Member Janet Way
- ◆ Eighth Congressional District – 2010 Candidate Susan Delbene
- ◆ Lily Codega-Wilson, Political Director of the King County Labor Council.

The program featured Fifth District - King County Council Member, Julia Patterson. Julia gave an inspiring talk on the multi-faceted work of the council as well as giving a great explanation of the new process being used to fulfill the unexpired term of King County Executive Ron Sims.

After a brief break, Officer and Committee reports were given.

Chairs Report. - Suzanne Levine appointed to DNC Commission to review 2012 caucus cycle improvements; KCDCC will participate in the Seattle Out and Proud Parade in Seattle June 28<sup>th</sup> and the King County Fair in Enumclaw July 16-18<sup>th</sup>; 37<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair Pamela Kelley will lead a new committee for KCDCC – PCO Coordinators – initial meeting, Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am.

Treasurer Report. – Andrew Peabody gave a performance report indicating monthly budget versus actual as well as cum-to-date figures. Andrew made a pitch for district donations and new memberships.

1st Vice Chair Report.—Communications and Technology Leader Chad Lupkes encouraged review of the new precinct maps and elections history. Roger Crew worked with the King County GIS group for use of their Imapping capabilities; procedure for accessing and printing online at the KCXDCC website under MAPS.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Report. – Joel Ware conducted discussion on two resolutions: Rename West Seattle Bridge to Jeanette Williams Bridge – passed; Employee Free Choice Act – passed.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Report. –Finance Team Leader Rosemary Blackwell related the work of the Finance Committee in preparing for a late spring/early summer fundraiser as well as merchandising at the State Spring meeting and upcoming KCDCC events.

4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chair Report. – Elections Leader Emily Willoughby reported that there will be no special elections in April and May. Testing of new equipment continues in anticipation of use for the Primary Election on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

State Committee. – SCM Javier Valdez and SCW Ann Martin talked about the upcoming April 24-25<sup>th</sup> Spring Meeting in Tacoma, recent letter from

State Chair to Party Leaders on Organizing for America (potential report out at Spring meeting), and Leadership Training by the Chairs organization.

Legislative Action Committee. – Leaders Sarajane Siegfried and Steve Zemke delivered status on top ten priorities and Sub caucus Labor Leader Brad Larssen delivered report on the Privacy Act.

Multi Cultural Networking (formerly Affirmative Action). – Joanne Cisneros talked about the group's meetings and upcoming events including the First Nations Pow Wow at UW Hec Ed Pavilion, April 10, 11, 12).

Recruitment. – Dick Gidner talked about his subcommittees' activities - searching for King County Council Candidates in Districts 3, 7, and 9. Members Bob Ferguson and Julia Patterson are running for re-election.

Training. – Bryan Kesterson has resigned his co-chair position due to personal commitments. Jean Thomas has taken over the New Candidate Training scheduled for completion early this fall and has also performed a thorough edit on the Leadership Training course for the WSDCO (Washington State Democratic Chairs Organization).

Legislative District Reports. - 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Report on unanimous endorsement of Dow Constantine for King County Executive.

Good of the Order

Adjourned at 9:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarajane Siegfried and Susan Sheary

### KCDCC Has New Merchandise

Matching Obama tee shirts, hats, bumper stickers, and buttons will be available at the KCDCC office after April 25<sup>th</sup>. We also have a new KCDCC bumper sticker as shown below.



## PRECINCT CHANGES

The King County Elections Department has proposed its yearly precinct changes to the King County Council. Presentation was made on March 10th and approval must be made by the end of May. There were 144 precinct boundary changes resulting in 21 new precincts for a total of 2,548 King County Precincts. Upon approval, one free set of legislative district maps will be made to each major political party. Updates will be made soon to our PCOList and to the precinct maps at our website, [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org).

King County								
Democrats								
PCOs by Legislative District								
COUNTY	LD	Elected PCOs	To-Date PCOs	New PCOs	1/1/2009	3/10/2009	Revised	
					Number of Precincts	Number of Precincts	Change	Percent Full
Split (Sno/King)	1	11	11		28	28	0	0.39
King	5	47	67	20	178	182	4	0.37
King	11	85	85		125	128	3	0.66
King	30	47	52	5	137	142	5	0.37
Split (Pierce/King)	31	7	7		65	65	0	0.11
Split (King/Sno)	32	80	80		156	160	4	0.50
King	33	38	50	12	140	137	-3	0.36
King	34	150	155	5	204	202	-2	0.77
King	36	154	160	6	238	237	-1	0.68
King	37	57	68	11	161	162	1	0.42
Split (Sno/King)	39	0	1	1	2	2	0	0.50
King	41	94	96	2	186	189	3	0.51
King	43	102	105	3	207	209	2	0.50
King	45	72	78	6	162	166	4	0.47
King	46	132	146	14	212	209	-3	0.70
King	47	37	39	2	148	154	6	0.25
King	48	40	58	18	178	176	-2	0.33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1153</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2527</b>	<b>2548</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.49</b>

scs, 4/8/2009

## Upcoming Events—

- April 19th—2:00 pm —Legislative Action Committee Meeting, Kent Regional Library, 212 2nd Avenue, Kent 98032; Topic—State Tax Policy discussion and bill status
- April 19th—7:00 pm —KCDCC Leadership Council, Renton Carpenters Hall
- April 23rd—Lunchtime —Earth Day Celebration at North Seattle Community College—KCDCC will have a table
- April 24-25th —WSDCC Spring Meeting at the Hotel Murano Tacoma
- April 28th—7:00 pm —KCDCC General Meeting, Renton Carpenters Hall
- May 2-3rd—9:00 am-5:00 pm—Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan at the Gurudwara Singh Sabha, 5200 Talbot Road—Renton
- May 5th—7:30 pm —King County Executive Candidate Forum, Renton Carpenters Hall

**Get involved in YOUR  
Local Legislative District!**

**1st LD**

Chair: Keith Bankston, 425.481.2198  
Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Canyon Park Junior High School  
23723 23rd Avenue SE, Bothell

**5th LD**

Chair: Jennifer Sutton, 425.208.0023  
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
King County Library Admin Building  
960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah

**11th LD**

Chair: Susan Kruller, 206.853.9330  
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Avenue North, Renton

**30th LD**

Chair: Elizabeth Zubitis, 253.941.4515  
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Federal Way Senior Center  
4016 South 352nd St, Federal Way

**31st LD**

Chair: M.J. McGalliard, 360.802.5177  
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Marion Grange Hall  
27725 Buckley-Sumner Highway East

**32nd LD**

Chair: Carin Chase, 425.775.9449  
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Meridian Park Elementary School  
17077 Meridian Ave N, Shoreline

**33rd LD**

Chair: Omaha Sternberg, 206.618.5107  
Meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm  
Normandy Park Congregational Church  
19247 1st Avenue South, Normandy Park

**34th LD**

Chair: Tim Nuse, 206.206.226.4849  
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
The Hall at Fauntleroy  
9131 California Avenue SW, Seattle

**36th LD**

Chair: Jason Bennett, 206.579.0644  
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
7002 23rd Avenue NW, Ballard

**37th LD**

Chair: Brendon Patrick, 206.310.8112  
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm  
Central Area Senior Center  
500 30th Avenue South, Seattle

**39th LD**

Chair: Gary Sell, 360.691.0820  
See website for meeting details,  
<http://wa-democrats-39ld.org/>

**41st LD**

Chair: Jeffrey Smith, 425.451.8676  
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm  
East Shore Unitarian Church  
12700 SE 32nd St, Bellevue

**43rd LD**

Chair: Hillary Madsen, 253.227.8311  
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
University Heights Community Center  
5031 University Way NE, Seattle

**45th LD**

Chair: Martin Chaney, 425.880.4220  
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm  
Old Redmond School House Community Center  
16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond

**46th LD**

Chair: Chad Lupkes, 206.440.1592  
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm  
Olympic View Elementary School  
504 NE 95th Street, Seattle

**47th LD**

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 206. 304.2701  
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Auburn—IAM Hall  
A Street SW at 2nd Street SW, Auburn

**48th LD**

Chair: Diane Lundeen Smith, 425.649.2096  
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Lake Hills Clubhouse  
15230 Lake Hills Boulevard, Bellevue

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# OFFICIAL CALL

## King County Democratic Central Committee

Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Avenue North—Renton

Tuesday April 28, 2009—7:00 pm

### AGENDA

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Meeting called to order

Flag Salute

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Approval of Proposed Agenda

Introductions and Announcements  
including Puget Sound Alliance for  
Retired Americans Coordinator,  
Steve Dzielak

### Program— LAC Presents Their Annual Legislative Session Report

Break

Officer and Committee Reports

District Reports

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Order

Adjourn

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