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45th Legislative District Democrats
General Meeting
September 2nd, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Martin Chaney at 7:05pm.

Flag Salute

Rich Lund led the Flag Salute.

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The approval of the previous meeting minutes was postponed to the next general meeting.

Introduction of Visiting Elected Officials and Candidates

State Senator Erik Oemig addressed the general members. He discussed his upcoming election.

Brad Larssen, Candidate for Kirkland City Council position 3, addressed the general members. He talked about the his election and asked for volunteers to help doorbell. He thanked the members for their support.

King County Councilman Dow Constantine, candidate for King County Executive, thanked the members for their vote in the primary election. 62 percent of the vote went for Dow and the other 3 democratic candidates running. He asked for support and volunteers for the upcoming election. He thanked the general members for their support and endorsement.

John Creighton, candidate for Port Commission, addressed the general members and thanked them for their endorsement. He asked the general members to support and volunteer on the other port commission campaign.

Marcee Store spoke on behalf of Max Vekich, candidate for Port Commissioner position 4. He has got the endorsement of every Democratic Legislative District within King County as well as the King County Democrats. She asked for people to sign up for email alerts and to support Max by grabbing a yardsign, giving financial support, or spreading the word.

King County Assessor Race:

Marietta Zintak spoke on behalf of Bob Rosenberger, candidate for King County Assessor. Bob Rosenberger has worked in the office of the assessor's for 24 years. She asked the members to cast a vote to endorse Bob Rosenberger.

Bob Rosenberger addressed the general members. He wants to speak out in favor of fair tax assessment. He thanked the members.

Ralph Gorin spoke on behalf of Lloyd Hara. Lloyd has served on the Port Commission for several years. He has a wealth of managerial experience. He thanked the members for their time.

Lloyd Hara addressed the general members. He stressed the importance of this election due to the nature of this special election. He thanked the members for their endorsement.

Legislative Action Committee – Kathleen Reynolds

The King County LAC will be pushing up their meeting with Speaker Frank Chopp from December to October or November and they will be formulating the agenda for the coming year.

Brad Larssen spoke about labor issues and what may appear on the agenda in the coming legislative session.

Healthcare and other Top 10 issues Update – Judith Shattuck

Judith informed the members that President Obama has backed away from a strong Public Option. There may be an opportunity to promote a single payer option into healthcare. Advocates of single payer healthcare need to be vocal. Jay Inslee is supporting HR3200 which is a 4-tier, 4-year bill. This not take effect for 4 years. Ken Albinger compared HR 3200, Senate Bill Health Care Reform: Draft Proposal, and the Senate Bill the Affordable Health Choices Act. President Obama is calling a joint session of Congress to address the healthcare debate and the public option. Judith asked people to call Congressman Enslee and Adam Smith to advocate for single-payer healthcare.

Resolution on Making Medicare the Public Option

Martin apologized for the rushed resolution. It was moved and seconded to pass the resolution, Making Medicare the Public Option. There were speakers for and against the resolution. Martin called a vote for the resolution. 16 – 6 in favor of the resolution. Resolution passed.

Event Reports

Judith discussed the Annual Picnic. There were more than 30 participants.

KCDCC Executive Board Report

Ian Jacobson gave the members updated the general members on the KCDCC Executive Board.

Primary Analysis

Andrew Villeneuve gave a report on the Primary election. There was a higher turnout than expected. Andrew thanked the rest of the Endorsement Committee. The Endorsement committee reaffirmed their sole endorsement Dow Constantine. There was

a motion to endorse Dow Constantine. Motion passed. **Endorsed: Dow Constantine for King County Executive.**

The Endorsement committee recommended endorsing Tom Hodgson for Kirkland City Council position 7. There was a motion to endorse Tom Hodgson. Motion passed, 2 against. **Endorsed: Tom Hodgson for Kirkland City Council, position 7.**

The Endorsement committee recommended endorsing Lloyd Hara for King County Assessor. There was a motion to endorse Lloyd Hara. There were speakers for and against the endorsement. Motion passed, 3 opposed, 1 abstention. **Endorsed: Lloyd Hara for King County Assessor**

There was a motion to endorse Bob Rosenberger for King County Assessor. There were speakers for and against the endorsement. Motion failed.

Andrew discussed Referendum 71. Referendum 71 qualified for the ballot due to questionable processes within the Secretary of State's Office.

Andrew strongly advocated to vote NO on I-1033. For more information go to www.voteno1033.com

A motion to adopt the resolution to APPROVE Referendum 71. Motion passed unanimously.

General Election Campaign Work

Ken Albinger asked PCOs and members to walk their precincts and then walk a second precinct. Endorsement sheets and literature will be available at the next general meeting. Ken Nelson discussed how to install yard signs and how to be safe on the roadway.

PCO Appointments

No PCOs were appointments were recorded.

Chair's Report

The Eastside Dinner will be October 4th. The Keynote speaker is Gov. Christine Gregoire. Martin asked for volunteers to help sell tickets.

There was a motion to allow up to 2 tables worth of discounted tickets subsidized by the 45th Legislative District at the price of \$75 per ticket. Motion passed.

Good of the Order

Jill Richardson, author of "Recipe for America," addressed the audience. She wanted to add that the House just passed the Food Safety Bill and has moved on to the Senate. We need to advocate for this House Bill and tell our Senators to pay attention to this bill. Additionally, the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Bill is up this year.

Dave Asher, Kirkland City Councilman, informed the general members about the goings-on at the Kirkland City Council.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.