



26th LD Democrats Minutes for 7/11/2019

6:30 PM

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of agenda.
2. Recognition of elected officials, candidates, and first-time guests

Program: Candidate Presentations & Endorsement Votes

(Background: 26th LD Dems Executive Board interviewed a number of candidates, voted on their endorsement recommendations on June 20).

Candidate Presentations

~**Kristin Ang** (Port of Tacoma Commissioner #5): Attended U of Puget Sound, U of Hong Kong, Industrial pollution, economics & climate policies are her forte. Goals: better strategy & vision, modernization of Port partnerships (including Puyallup tribe), connect with education centers (schools) to bring students into the work force.

--Johanna Baxter motioned to hear from candidate Justin Camarata, Don Bartley seconded, vote: majority "yea," 1 opposed).

~**Deanna Keller** (Port of Tacoma, Commissioner District #3): Decision to run made after Trump presidential win, she is a business owner, provides jobs, and works with the Chamber & City. 20 years as educator, a number of those years as a principal--education is a priority. Is a Marine Corp veteran, is involved with a number of local community groups, WA State Citizen all of her life, 17 years in Gig Harbor.

~**Justin Camarata** (Port of Tacoma, Commissioner District #3): U of WA graduate, with wife and children, feels that POT is in need of new leadership, he will work with cities, tribes, municipalities, etc., to move forward in a different way. Wants to establish a community work force agreement, work on climate change issues, new green technologies. Has a number of endorsements.

~**Robyn Denson** (Gig Harbor City Council #5): Raised 2 children in Gig Harbor, has lived there since 2005. Four terms on Parks Commission, growth in GH has risen, she wants developers to look at integrity of community & environmental impacts. Smart infrastructure plans, retain maritime character of the community, & include schools, conservation board, other entities. Keep walkable neighborhoods.



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~**Leslie Harbaugh** (Peninsula School Board, Director #4): Has lived 16 years in Gig Harbor, loves the public school system, has been involved in local schools since her daughter was attending them. She is watching decision-making from the ground up, "Public schools are the great equalizer." **Points:** 1). "Whole Child": "whatever their passion, we must help them to grow academically into that path." 2). "Different Pathways": Promotes career/technical education, she researches & reads up on new issues and ideas.

~**Linda Weeks** (Key Peninsula Parks Commissioner #1): She would like this position because she wants an opportunity to make the parks a jewel for the community, and to protect the land for generations. 25-year resident of the Key Peninsula, she ran businesses in KP, raised a family there, and was a member of various community boards.

~**Mark Michael** (Key Peninsula Parks Commissioner #3): Was in the Air Force (1987-1999), filled a Parks Commissioner vacancy in 2010 and has been either President or Vice President of the entity ever since. His focus is on the underserved children in the Key Peninsula area, was a participant various projects & opportunities (Examples: Mountain Bike Ride project, worked with Kitsap County to keep Horseshoe Lake open 7 days a week during certain seasons).

~**Chase LeFors** (Bremerton City Council #6): (Leslie Daugs spoke for Mr. LeFors, as he was at a LWV event)--He has faced adversity (he lived in a Missouri community where he could not be openly gay), now runs a soccer center. Has been endorsed by various political groups. Is currently trying to moderate an issue between a tribal member and the city of Bremerton.

~**Anna Mockler** (Bremerton City Council #6): (Constance Maytum spoke for Ms. Mockler as she was at a LWV event)--Ms. Mockler's six point plan: 1). Build a Strong Community, 2). Address Ferry issues, 3). Education & Training, 4). Living Wage Jobs, 5). Affordable Housing & Health Care, 6). Respect for Human Rights & Dignity. Would like to make Bremerton into a landmark city with innovation.

~**Frederick Paul Freeland** (South Kitsap County Fire Commissioner): 26 years Navy (retired), came to Kitsap in 1992, left for deployments, returned for good in 2007, works as a civilian now. Wants to bring a voice back to the firefighters who have been ignored, as he feels that there are stagnant personnel on the current commission. Has experience working with unions, and listening to concerns from firefighters and the community, feels there is a need to promote oversight by the Commission when it comes to the fire chief.

~**John Berg** (South Kitsap School District Director #2): Not available.



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Voting

(Tony Otto read the part in the by-laws that pertained to approval & endorsements, then presented each E-Board endorsed candidate to the room for discussion and voting)

Kristin Ang--Endorsement passed by majority.

Deanna Keller—George Young motioned, Hannie Baxter seconded to move endorsement of Deanna Keller to approval of both Keller and Justin Camarata for the position of Port of Tacoma #3, vote passed with 19 yeas to 4 opposed.

Robyn Denson—Endorsement passed by majority.

Leslie Harbaugh—Endorsement passed by majority.

Linda Weeks—Endorsement passed by majority, 1 opposed.

Mark Michel—Endorsement passed by majority, 1 opposed.

Chase LeFors & Anna Mockler—Motion to approve both for endorsement passed by majority.

Frederick Paul Freeland—Endorsement passed by majority.

John Berg—No action.

Business Meeting

(Note: Old & New Business was not done in exact order as presented on agenda)

Treasurer Report: Report by Constance Maytum, \$20,026.98 current balance, hard copy of budget provided. One outstanding payment regarding co-sponsoring the Imax Presidential Debate nights. The 26th LD Dinner & Auction will be expanded in 2020 to allow more people to attend--this year was sold out.



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Old & New Business

~**Listening Campaigns:** Pierce County “Ripple Effect: Pierce County Rising” event will be on Saturday, July 27th, 10 AM to 2 PM 2019, IBEW Local 76-3049 S. 36th St., Tacoma, flyer was handed out. Kitsap County Day of Action will be on Aug. 4th, 1 PM to 5 PM, West Side Improvement Club-4109 W. E St., Bremerton, Senator Emily Randall coordinating.

~**Port Orchard Fathoms O’ Fun Parade Report:** Tony Otto reported that 13-14 people marched (representing the 26th District Dems) in the FOF parade on June 29th, elected officials County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido and Senator Emily Randall participated.

~**Upcoming Events:** Kitsap Pride Day, July 20th, Evergreen Rotary Park, Blackberry Festival, Sep. 2nd. These events still need people to participate, contact Kitsap County Democrats.

~Larry Seaquist announced that there will be a Key Peninsula Candidate Forum, 6 PM on 7/18/19, at Blend Wine Shop, Lakebay, & Gig Harbor Candidates Forum, 6 PM on 7/23/19, at Round Table Pizza, Gig Harbor.

~Debbie Hansen raised question about the DNC endorsement procedures and threats to corporations, was asked to bring up her concerns later in the agenda.

~Future 26th Democrats meeting topics: August--County government officials, Charlotte Garrido/Derek Young. September--Union Panel.

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~ Judy Arbogast reported that the League of Women Voters will have their Candidate’s Forum on July 15,th at the Kitsap County Administration Building, 6:30 PM, will include School Board & Port of Bremerton candidates.

~Talisa Boad reported that the Teamster’s union is opposed to Resolution 1149 regarding open negotiations for collective bargaining, as they feel it would subject Gig Harbor to unnecessary liability, and fiscal impact. Next Gig Harbor City Council meeting will be on July 22nd.

~Tony Otto addressed Debbie Hansen’s earlier remarks about the DNC, he stated that the 26th LD can bring forward resolutions regarding DNC behaviors, such as vendor boycotts & not backing all Democrats, only the incumbents, etc. There was discussion about sending resolutions to the state committee and higher, no action.

~Michaelene Manion spoke about affordable housing, she reported that the Port Orchard mayor has stated he sees no reason to look to Port Orchard for affordable housing, Ms. Manion



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asked that people please contact the mayor and members of the Port Orchard City Council to give opinions.

~Paul Nuchims spoke about climate issues, he suggested cutting the use of fossil fuels to heat & cool public buildings—he feels that public officials should “Walk the Walk,” as climate affects all human beings on the planet.

~Frank Decca asked if the meeting minutes for the current meeting had been approved, they had not, so Chair Luellen Lucid stated that she will hold approval of the minutes over to the next 26th District Dems meeting.

Adjournment

~Motion was made by Don Bartley to adjourn meeting, seconded, passed by majority.

Next General Meeting: August 1, 2019, 6:30 PM, Givens Community Center, topic: County Government

(Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Lund)