



## 26th LD Democrats Minutes for 9/3/2020

### Program

1. **Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Land Acknowledgment:** Conducted by Chair Luellen Lucid and Land Acknowledgement by Jill Neumeister.
2. **Introduce new attendees and elected officials:** Chair Luellen Lucid introduced a new member and elected officials.
3. **Lieutenant Governor Candidate Marko Liias:** Marko discussed the status of his campaign and stressed his experience in the State Senate.
4. **Lieutenant Governor Candidate Denny Heck:** Denny also discussed the status of his campaign and his experience holding a variety of state offices; his candidacy won 39 of 40 counties in the State. He expressed concern about the candidacy of a Republican who ran for Governor in the primary and has now launched a write-in campaign for Lt. Governor; this candidate is wealthy and capable of financing his own campaign; Denny urged Democrats to unite behind his candidacy to ensure Lt. Governor is filled by a Democrat.
5. **Washington Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz:** Hilary is Investing in a Forest Action Plan (regarding forest fires). Clean energy wind leases that are on non-revenue generating land, funding will go towards schools, cleaner energy future, resiliency.
6. **State Representative Candidate Carrie Hesch Campaign Update:** Carrie has been to many forums along with Joy Stanford, focus is on economics, education, and how to come out of this Covid crisis. Carrie asked that people please attend the candidate forums, they need Democrats to ask questions. She introduced her campaign manager, Erin Phillips. Erin joined the campaign due to her daughter and worries about her future. Stressed the need to get out the vote and phone bank as people need to become familiar with Carrie's name and encouraged to vote down ballot for Carrie and Joy Stanford. Two "Coffee with Carrie" events: 9/19/20, and 10/10/20. Invite your neighbors and friends to attend. Email: [erin@carriehesch.com](mailto:erin@carriehesch.com), phone: 206-388-8746.



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**7. State Representative Candidate Joy Stanford Campaign Update:** Joy stands with the unions and asked that people donate by matching their previous donations, then doubling that amount. She will do 30-40 minute house parties, 3-5 people or more. Dems are not doorbelling, so we need to get the message out in other ways, like home parties or phone banking. Joy introduced Fiona Murray, her campaign manager. Fiona spoke about working with Joy and is asking for people to help with phone banking and texting as well. Joy's campaign has partnered with Postcards for WA, campaign needs people to write postcards. Campaign will deliver yard signs, Fiona is encouraging people to have house parties. To volunteer:

[Joy2020Volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:Joy2020Volunteer@gmail.com). To contact Fiona:

[JoyForWashingtonCM@gmail.com](mailto:JoyForWashingtonCM@gmail.com) 425-647-6965.

**8. Pierce County Executive Candidate Larry Seaquist Campaign Update:** Please help with phone banking, Larry spoke about how Trump is ruining democracy and the need to rebuild Pierce County as it grows in size. He is striving to show that everyone can work in a bipartisan manner and rebuild our democracy as a template for other counties. Priorities (planning): Roads, housing developments, environment, jobs, etc. 9/15/20 Larry will do a "State of the County" presentation, as the current office holder is not performing this required duty. <https://www.larryseaquist.com/> Pierce County Dems meet next Thursday, Sep. 10th, at 7 PM--If people want to know more about Pierce County issues this is an informational opportunity. Contact PC Dems for meeting info, <https://www.piercecountydems.com/>

**9. Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido Campaign Update:** County Commissioner is the oldest form of county government. The Garrido campaign is conducting meetings regarding campaign issues and are putting together some community outreach meetings. Charlotte spoke about reinventing democracy, addressing value-based issues, building a strong community, having people working together, and creating a healthy environment. Supports addressing quality of life issues throughout the county and striving to make Kitsap an equitable place to work. Charlotte supports Joe Biden's plan: "The Biden Plan to Build a Modern Sustainable Infrastructure and an Equitable Clean Energy Future," and suggested reading: "Anti-racism: A starter booklist" by LJ Reviews, as she is working on anti-racism. Phone banking is needed. <https://charlottegarrido.com/>

**10. Pierce County Sheriff Candidate Cyndie Fajardo:** Cyndie has been with sheriff departments for over 30 years in various locales, is currently a lieutenant. She believes that there is a need to look at how law enforcement responds to issues, feels that law enforcement has been given tasks that they are not set up and trained to handle--this needs to be revisited. Law enforcement needs to be educated about how to weigh the needs of the people with outcomes. Cyndie is being supported by one of the



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other PC Sheriff candidates who is no longer running. Her opponent has name recognition so she needs help getting her name out in the community. [www.fajardoforsheriff.com](http://www.fajardoforsheriff.com)

**11. Regional Director Evan Koepfler: Coordinated Campaign – Introducing Ashley Stiles and Coordinated Campaign Phone Banking for LD 26** Evan spoke about Coordinated Campaign phone banking for LD 26. Turnout is paramount, campaign hinges on voter turnout, need copious amounts of phone banking and persuasion work to turn swing/uncertain voters to the Democrats. Remember Senator Randall won by only 104 votes. Evan introduced Ashley Stiles, who is with the Coordinated Campaign. Ashley's focus is to make sure that we are doing the turnout work needed in the 26th District. She spoke about opportunities to volunteer and showed a screenshot of campaign event schedules for phone banking events <https://www.wa-democrats.org/organizingevents/>. Republican turnout has been large this year, but Democrats can also have a large turnout if we work at it. Ashley contact: [ashley@wa-democrats.org](mailto:ashley@wa-democrats.org). Chair Luellen Lucid spoke in favor of Coordinated phone banking and mentioned voter identification. Evan Koepfler spoke about current work compiling voter identification lists and how in the near future the phone banking volunteers will be focused on only calling those numbers identified as Democrat to get out the vote.

**12. Democratic National Convention Delegates Drew Darsow and Tabatha Hoesch:** LD 26 had two national delegates elected at the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District caucus. Drew (Sanders delegate) spoke about the Democrat's virtual national convention. He found it difficult to do convention business, in-person is preferable. Drew attended some caucuses, and mostly listened to other Democrats speak. He was able to speak with Senator Randall and other legislators in a west coast meeting. He felt that those people who were hoping to get some Bernie Sanders issues on the platform didn't get them, which caused some consternation, thus there was a 3 to 1 vote for the platform. Superdelegates will be kept out of the convention. Drew spoke about his own recent campaign for State Rep in LD 26 and how he brought his ideas into the fold (Climate Change being his top issue). He will now go forward helping Carrie Hesch with her campaign. Tabatha (Biden delegate) thought WA state did a great job at their state convention and that WA State Dem Chair Tina Podlowski helped make the National convention as inclusive as possible. Tabatha learned a lot about politics during the convention, found it a bit harder to interact with people due to being online. She was able to attend some caucuses, enjoyed the women and military caucuses best.

### Business

**13. Treasurer's Report:** Constance Maytum reported we have around \$8,00, and \$1000 is from sign contribution, \$1000 came in for postage stamps, in-kind postage was over \$1000. 300 Biden/Harris campaign signs are available and donations are suggested. Attendees discussed pushing out our funds to the candidates, keeping enough to pay for postage and expenses for the LD in the new year. Jill Neumeister motioned to give \$1,500 each to Joy Stanford and Carrie Hesch campaigns and based on



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discussion amended her motion to give \$2,000 to each, with the E-Board to make an additional push of dollars to campaigns as more funds come in. Motion passed unanimously. Bobbette\_Olsen motioned to give \$250 each to Larry Seaquist and Charlotte Garrido campaigns, with more dollars up to a total of \$400 allotted to these campaigns as funds allow. Motion passed unanimously.

**14. Approval of August Minutes:** Chair Luellen Lucid motioned to approve the August minutes; the minutes were approved unanimously.

**15. PCO Rally Report:** Jill Neumeister had 5 items to take from the rally: 1.) Phone Banking is the priority--requested that all PCOs and meeting attendees make phone calls 3 days a week--1 day for the Coordinated Campaign; 1 day for the Joy Stanford campaign; and 1 day for Carrie Hesch campaign. 2.) Connect your friends to the candidates, bring them to the meetings and to special house parties held by the candidates. 3.) Letters to the editor, please coordinate with the campaigns to be most effective. 4.) Comment on social posts (don't just "like" them), set your computer to alert when there is a new post. 5.) Endorse the candidates on their websites. Chair Luellen Lucid stated that there will be follow-ups with PCOs.

**16. Marvin Williams Recreation Center (Bremerton) Engraved Brick:** Inscribed message will be Martin Luther King quote; Constance Maytum is making the payment.

**17. Biden-Harris Signs Distribution and Fundraiser:** PCOs received first consideration on Biden Harris signs provided to the LD by the State Party, then the offer went out to the whole membership, you can register for signs/donate through next week. People will be given a choice of sign pickup sites. Please donate \$10 or more, the hope is to raise at least \$3000 via donations. Sign reservation link [https://secure.actblue.com/donate/26ld\\_2020\\_bhyard](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/26ld_2020_bhyard) Signs must be on wooden stakes when placed on public property in Kitsap, wire signs can be on private property and in Gig Harbor. Signs will be delivered on the weekend of September 19th and 20th. Johanna Baxter ([chair@kitsapdemocrats.org](mailto:chair@kitsapdemocrats.org)), Kitsap County Democrats Chair, is the person to contact for Inslee signs

**18. Next LD 26 Democrats Event: September 8, 5:30 (Zoom) for Bob Ferguson** Donations not required to attend. Bob Ferguson campaign website: <https://www.bobferguson.com/>

**19. Next Meeting October 1, 6:30: Activities for General Election & Discussion of LD 26 Leadership for 2021 (Election, December 3, 2020)** Discussion will include future E-Board leadership.



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20. **Good of the Order:** Tony Otto was contacted by Givens Community Center about getting our meeting rental deposit returned, since we haven't had a meeting there since March. A question was raised asking if getting our money back would financially hurt the Center, Commissioner Garrido stated that it would not. Consensus was that we ask for the refund. Payton Swinford spoke on behalf of Derek Kilmer's campaign and thanked everyone for their help. The congressman is focused now on getting the down ballot candidates elected. He has maxed out the allowable amount he can donate to the Hesch and Stanford campaigns and is now sending his contribution to LD 26 Democrats. Erin Phillips closed the meeting with the Barack Obama "Fired Up" video.

21. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by the chair at 8:40.