



26th LD Democrats Minutes for 10/1/2020

Program

1. **Meeting was called to order with Pledge of Allegiance and Land Acknowledgment by Jill Neumeister.**

2. **New attendees were introduced.**

3. **State Representative Candidate Campaign Update: Carrie Hesch**

Campaign is continuing to raise funds, they will be having events with League of Women Voters, talking to pedestrians (w/Joy) outside of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, attending the Bremerton Art Walk, they held a forum with NAMI (mental health). Need phone banking volunteers. **Campaign Manager:** erin@carriehesch.com **Website:** <https://carriehesch.com/>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/PeopleforCarrieHesch

4. **State Representative Candidate Campaign Update: Joy Stanford**

Joy and Carrie were endorsed by Tacoma News Tribune, Joy has shot a commercial, is working on social media, please send in a short cell phone video "Why I Support Joy," need phone banking volunteers, requests that people hold virtual "house parties" for Joy, they are requesting postcard writing volunteers. www.facebook.com/JoyforWashington <https://www.joyforwashington.com/>

5. **Featured Speaker: Major General Paul Eaton (Ret.), Managing Director of Vet Voice Foundation and Senior Advisor to VoteVets** Praised Larry Seaquist's military service, gave history of how ground has been ceded to the Republicans over the years, encouraged Democrats to get tougher on National Foreign Policy as GOP has loosened their oversight. Advocated for more women to be elected to leadership positions in government, as they often use different processes from men in handling risk, planning, and execution. Asked why the USA is in so many wars and places where we should not be, we should make sure that we only go where we need to be, and to rebuild our relationships (that Trump has decimated) with our vital international allies. We have either water or friendly countries on our borders, we do not need Trump Administration interference. "America First" is hurting our economy, the perception of USA as a world leader has gone down in the eyes of the International Community. We need to collaborate with countries, especially those that are also involved w/China. There is a concern about the militarization of law enforcement, Trump has developed some LE into paramilitary groups, they need to go back to enforcing law and order only. Police need to be approachable, available for extreme emergencies, but otherwise not as visible. Peaceful protesters need to root out violent protesters. VoteVets can always use funding, volunteers (millennials also!). <https://www.votevets.org/> In the General's opinion, enlisted forces are sometimes less



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educated than the advanced degrees of officer ranks. Trump has exploited them and done great damage to the GOP also.

6. **Pierce County Executive Candidate Campaign Update: Larry Seaquist** Larry spoke about diversity of military people and their politics (not all are conservative). He feels that the county is the building block of democracy, with the same demographics as the USA as a whole--"Building Democracy, one county at a time." Needs help with phone banking, fundraising, signs are available. www.larryseaquist.com/
7. **Kitsap County Commissioner Campaign Update: Charlotte Garrido** Charlotte thanked the 26th LD for their donation, will be sending mailer, has received more endorsements, Gabe Phillips has joined the campaign. As current County Commissioner, she is currently working on the 2021 County budget, and Diversity and Inclusion. <https://charlottegarrido.com/>
8. **State Supreme Court Justice Campaign Update: Raquel Montoya-Lewis**
Frank Dacca spoke in support of judge Raquel M-Lewis; in his opinion she is a good and fair judge and is already serving on the Supreme Court.

Business Meeting

9. **Treasurer's Report (Constance Maytum)** Money is coming in from various groups, more is expected. Balance: \$5,760.00, Holding: \$2,532 to pay remaining postage, Sign Donations: \$2,900. Currently, over \$17,000 has been dispersed to candidates, including Carrie Hesch, Joy Stanford, Larry Seaquist, Charlotte Garrido, and Gael Tarleton as approved by the Executive Board and membership.
10. **September minutes approved by acclamation.**
11. **Endorsement of Raquel Montoya-Lewis (vote)** Frank Dacca motioned to endorse Judge Montoya-Lewis, seconded by Barb Turecky; endorsement passed by acclamation.
12. **PCO Roster/Survey; Party** Contributions Chair Lucid asked PCOs to please fill out the surveys; if we get 85% completion, the Party will send us \$1,000.
13. **GOTV Activities** Chair Lucid spoke about the need to get volunteers to help with campaign activities for all candidates, including phone banking and postcard writing – check campaign websites for information (see links above in minutes); Coordinated Campaign Is switching to contacting Democrats only for GOTV. Campaigns need people to attend all candidate events.



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Erin Phillips, Carrie's campaign manager, posted a volunteer opportunities page. Joy and Carrie have fundraisers on October 15th and 20th. Kara Aley asked that people use their social media to inform others about our LD 26 candidates via Twitter/Facebook/Instagram, etc.

- 14. LD 26 Leadership for 2021 (Election, December 3, 2020)** Chair Lucid reported that Executive Board positions (2-year terms) will need to be filled at Reorganization in December, encouraged new people to consider running, she will be available as mentor. Questions:

ucidluellen@gmail.com

- 15. Biden-Harris Signs Availability** No longer asking for donations to get signs, Chair Lucid can coordinate sign pickup, or contact Rick Offner rickenoffner@gmail.com. Larry Seaquist has signs to give out as well (link above).

- 16. Next Meeting November 5, 6:30: Election Recap & Celebration; Plan for Reorganization**

Chair Lucid invited everyone to attend the Nov. 5th meeting to celebrate campaign success and talk about nominations for reorganization in December.

- 17. Good of the Order** Payton Swinford (Kilmer Campaign) reported his campaign is using Derek's popularity to get down-ballot candidates elected. Derek will provide "Social Media Takeovers" for Hesch and Stanford campaigns. Rep. Kilmer will be going back to WA DC for congressional work. Expressed everyone's sadness over the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. ~Dianna Eversole has a magnetic car sign, Hannie Baxter will take it. Melissa Lund shared that people want to do ballot-count watching, Kitsap Democrats Chair Hannie Baxter asked that any persons who want to do ballot watching in Kitsap County, contact her chair@kitsapdemocrats.org.

Lynn Jabs warned people to make sure they have not been scrubbed from voter lists; to check if you are still registered in your county, go to: voter.votewa.gov/wheretovote.aspx.

- 18. Adjournment** Chair Lucid adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

- 19. Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Lund.**



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October 1 Attendance:

Kara Aley	Luellen Lucid	Dianna Eversole
Carrie Hesch	Melissa Lund	Catherine Jordan
Janet Stanley	Donald Bartley	Constance Maytum
Peter Stanley	Frank Dacca	Serap Frank
Paul Eaton	Ruth Martin	Barb Turecky
Erin Phillips	Bobbette Olson	Carl Olson
Joy Vartanian	Judy Arbogast	Larry Seaquist
Ron Cross	Ruth Cross	Ron Robinson
Gabe Phillips	Alex Davidson	Barb Wittren
David Stanford	George Young	Kathy Phelps
Fiona Murray	Lynn Jabs	Tony Trotter
Stacey Smith	Adison Richards	Charlotte Garrido
Colin McCann	Doug Smith	Mike Jagielski
John Dentler	Michael Cobey	Nora Eckstein
Payton Swinford	Jill Neumeister	Tony Otto
Angela Sisney	Donna Mayer	Mackenzie Stanley