

## 26th LD Democrats Minutes for 8/6/2020

### Program

#### 1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Primary Results:** Rick Offner presented a detailed analysis of (current) primary results. He strongly urged the 26th LD to concentrate more efforts on Kitsap County, where the vote was not as strong as in 2018. Turnout in general needs to increase. He pointed out similarities to Connie and Joy's performance in 2018; Carrie and Connie's percentage at this point in the race are similar; Joy has increased her percentage significantly.

3. **Update from Congressman Derek Kilmer:** His intent is to be all hands on deck for Joy and Carrie; he believes we're in striking distance of converting both House seats from red to blue. He has talked to the HDCC about our races and urged HDCC to provide full financial support. The situation in D.C. right is that the Senate has blocked the House HEROES package for 11 weeks because, in McConnell's opinion, we need to take a pause. Meanwhile, working-class families, small businesses, and many others can't afford to take a pause. The Senate proposal abandons science; it abandons working- and middle-class people, and the infrastructure that would truly help keep them safe, fed, and housed. Democrats will continue to press for measures contained in the HEROES bill.

4. **State Senator Emily Randall:** Emily reminds us that primary standing doesn't mean we should get too dour about the general; several candidates who looked iffy in 2018 turned out to win the general election. She summarized some of the wins achieved by a Democrat-controlled state legislature. Emily also reiterated that government can make people's lives better, instead of enriching corporations and donors.

Emily also spoke on R-90, the initiative for sex education. There has been no requirement for sexual health education in WA until now. Young people demanded R-90 so that they'd have the tools they needed to know about sexual health, LGBTQ inclusivity, and affirmative consent. Everything in the bill has been twisted by the opposition. "School districts will choose curricula based on a rubric provided by the Superintendent of Public Instruction". The opposition has twisted this into: They're giving our children porn! with explicit representations. In fact, it's about healthy relationships, decreasing sexual assault, and giving our young people the tools they need to be empowered. R-90 is overwhelmingly endorsed by pediatricians, teachers, mental health professionals, and other experts. LD 26 Democrats voted to approve and endorse R-90 by a show of hands. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **State Rep Candidate Carrie Hesch:** Carrie has spoken with various Dem electeds and party staff, who have been very encouraging based on the primary results. There is a need for more volunteers. This was echoed by Alex Davidson, a worker on her campaign. Luellen Lucid supported this and reported that new tools for phone banking have dramatically increased the number of people reached during phone banking sessions.

6. **Kitsap Commissioner (incumbent and candidate) Charlotte Garrido:** South Kitsap needs more work; but in her experience, turnout and percentages increase in the general election so she is optimistic about the outcome of the race.

7. **Kitsap Commissioner candidate Stacey Smith** thanked all of us for our support and said she is throwing her support 100 percent behind Charlotte Garrido, the Democratic winner of the primary.

8. **Candidate for Superior Court Judge, Pierce County, Position 4: Bruce Chushcoff:** Judge Chushcoff was Introduced by Frank Dacca, who reviewed Chushcoff's impeccable career. He was

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born, raised, and educated in Tacoma and Seattle. He's seeking re-election because he's loved it and done well at it for 23 years. Judge Chushcoff described his opponent as one who has never tried a case or chosen a jury. Judge Chushcoff been endorsed by Pierce County Democrats and Republicans, as well as all the other Superior Court judges, and many other organizations and individuals. The membership voted unanimously, by a show of hands, to endorse Judge Chushcoff.

### 9. Political Destiny: Presentation on Redistricting in 2021

Denise Guerrero of the WA Census Alliance, who works with Political Destiny, presented on 2021 redistricting. Back in November, the coalition recruited 600+ messengers who spread the word in their diverse communities. All the Commissioners to date have been white men. We need to recommend and support a commissioner who represents Washington's increasing diversity. The full description is supplied by three links:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E13FCqdkpqnAhS-NrpYL5X110uG9MEP82w-OVbjDUq1/edit>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RedistrictingCommissionRecommendation>

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zNYhmV6ta9\\_N\\_IuAsLVTym4AgTpnOIfW7mvQy163RIA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zNYhmV6ta9_N_IuAsLVTym4AgTpnOIfW7mvQy163RIA/edit?usp=sharing)

### Business Meeting

10. **Treasurer's Report:** As a result of donations through the PCO fundraiser and by those doing GOTV postcards who are donating to cover the cost of postage, we now have a bank balance of \$10,104.54.

11. **PCO Fundraiser Results:** We raised thousands of dollars through the PCO fundraiser and also enlisted many people to write the GOTV postcards. We still need more volunteers willing to do phone banking and text banking.

12. **Marvin Williams Recreation Center (Bremerton) Engraved Brick donated by LD 26 Democrats - \$400.** The membership unanimously approved by a show of hands, that we purchase one \$400 brick, wording to be drafted by the Executive Board and presented to the membership in September.

13. **Contributions to LD 26 Candidates:** We have given \$1500 to Joy and the same to Carrie; it was proposed by Luellen that we give more money to these campaigns. The membership voted unanimously to send \$2,500 to Joy and the same to Carrie. It was also voted unanimously by membership to give \$400 to the Charlotte Garrido campaign.

14. **Status of Postcard Writing Campaign:** Barb Turecky reports that there are 50 postcards remaining to be addressed; 8500 postcards have been passed out. They will be completed now and sent out before the general election. Tom Slyter offered to take the remaining 50 cards. There will be an additional mailing list for the unassigned 1,500 cards announced soon.

15. **Status of Black Lives Matter Letter:** The letter was quoted and summarized by Tracy Flood and Anna Mockler; it was tentatively approved, pending further review.

### 16. Endorsements:

a. Lieutenant Governor It was moved and seconded to endorse Denny Heck. Discussion: Tracy spoke of the optics of our approving one of the two Democrats now -- why didn't we do it before the primary. Others spoke of Heck's impressive showing; Tony Otto noted that there was no significant difference between endorsement and approval. Alex Davidson thinks endorsing Heck will discourage young progressive voters who prefer Liias. The motion was put to a vote, but only seven people were in favor. The motion failed. LD 26 Democrats will continue to approve both of the finalists from the Primary.

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b. **Kitsap County Commissioner, District 2:** Membership voted unanimously to endorse Charlotte Garrido.

c. **23rd LD State Representative:** Membership voted unanimously to endorse Tarra Simmons. unanimously approved.

### **17. Next Meeting September 3, 6:30: Activities and Candidates for General Election**

#### **18. Good of the Order:**

a. Anna Mockler proposed a drive-in movie fundraiser with short speeches or videos from our candidates, perhaps a short scene from a movie that has influenced them and why, to be held at the Rodeo Drive-In in Bremerton, or in any large parking lot where we could rent a screen and set up transmission to all car radios. It will be considered at the next Executive Board meeting.

b. Lynn Jabs is in hospital with appendicitis; there are complications that make surgery problematic; please send best wishes.

c. Tony thanked Stacey Smith for congratulating Garrido on her victory; it was classy.

d. Melissa Lund noted that Democrat speakers address the issues when addressing developmentally disabled advocates, while Republicans turn it into a rally, so if you see them doing this, call it out.

e. Tracy Flood reported that the NAACP is partnering with the YWCA and just finished a 21-day challenge; in first week of September, probably first Friday, candidates will directly address people.

f. Emily Randall reported that South Kitsap School Board has voted to be the only district in the region that will allow in-person instruction; public comments went on for hours last night. The decision requires those who opt out -- who want to stay safe and learn online -- to remain online throughout the school year, with no option to return to school should conditions improve.

g. It was suggested that LD 26 Democrats invite the two Lieutenant Governor candidates and the Pierce County Sheriff candidates to the next meeting to present to members.

h. It was recommended that we hold another special training session for PCOs to engage them in the general election GOTV effort.

#### **19. Adjournment**