



25th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC FOCUS



Endorsed candidates L to R: Claire Petrich, Port of Tacoma Position 5;
Melanie Morgan, Franklin Pierce School Board Director District 1;
Laura Groves, Pierce County Charter Review Comm. Dist 2, Pos. 1;
Eric Herde, Pierce County Charter Review Comm. Dist 5, Pos 1;
Carolyn Merrival, Pierce County Charter Review Comm. Dist 5, Pos. 2.
Not pictured: Mary Sherman, Franklin Pierce School Board Director Dist. 4
Ken Blair, Pierce County Charter Review Comm. Dist 5, Pos 3.
These candidates were endorsed at our July 6 meeting.

THE SPEAKER FOR OUR AUGUST MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 3 AT THE PUYALLUP PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 7 PM WILL BE MARY SHERMAN OF THE WASHINGTON STATE SENATE DEMOCRATS STAFF. SHE WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE RECENTLY PASSED STATE BUDGET.

PRIOR TO OUR AUGUST 3 MEETING WE WILL BE PHONE BANKING FOR OUR ENDORSED CANDIDATES. WE WILL START AT 4:30 PM IN THE SOUTH MEETING ROOM OF THE PUYALLUP LIBRARY. DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED.

PREAMBLE TO THE PLATFORM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

As Democrats we place the well-being of the people as our highest priority. We believe in the values of community, empathy, equality, tolerance, opportunity and the common good of the interdependent world we share. These values provide the basis for our ideals and are supported by our state and federal Constitutions.

Our actions define our society, our freedoms, and our responsibilities. To fulfill the potential of our values and ideals, we encourage every citizen to participate in civic activities, including continuously raising awareness of the issues contained within this Platform. The people have a right to expect their elected representatives to govern in a manner that will protect and promote their civil liberties, human rights and quality of life.

We invite everyone to join with us in advocating for legislation that ensures peace, prosperity, liberty and justice for all.

We expect elected Democrats to publicly, actively work to bring the principles of the 2014 Platform to fruition using all available legal and parliamentary procedures.

To see the complete platform of the Washington State Democrats go to:

<http://www.wa-democrats.org/sites/wadems/files/documents/Washington%20State%20Democrats%20-%202014%20Platform.pdf>

The Purpose of the 25th Legislative District Democrats as stated in its By-Laws

The purpose of the 25th LDD is to support the election of Democratic Candidates and to further the policies and principles of the Democratic Party.

To see the complete By-Laws of the 25th Legislative District Democrats go to <http://25dems.org/> and look for the By-Laws in the left hand column.

25th Legislative District Democratic Organization
Member Meeting, July 6, 2015
Held at the Puyallup Library

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Chair Ed Herde. Ed Herde led the flag salute.
Roll was called.

Executive Board Members Present: Chair Ed Herde, Treasurer Luanne Green,
Assistant Treasurer Bill Havens, Parliamentarian & Webster Cliff Allo, Membership Chair
Blaine Pearman, PCO Chair Eric Herde, Focus Editor Joan Cronk, State
Committeeman David Henry, PC Dem Rep #2 Laura Groves, PC Dem Rep #3 Merv
Swanson

Agenda passed unanimously

City Council candidates spoke: Robin Ordonez, Robin Farris, and Dean Johnson

Endorsement requesters spoke: Clare Petrich, Melanie Morgan, Laura Groves, Eric
Herde, and Carolyn Merrival

Endorsement votes:

Motion to endorse Morgan (Herde) passed unanimously

Motion to endorse Mary Sherman (Beckendorf) passed unanimously

Motion to endorse Petrich (Merrival) passed unanimously

Motion to endorse Groves, Herde, & Merrival (Beckendorf) passed unanimously

Motion to endorse Ken Blair (Beckendorf) passed unanimously

Resolution censuring Senators Murray and Cantwell for voting for Fast Track Authority
Motion to table until TPP is released (Allo) passed 8-5-1

City Councilor Julie Door gave a report on the Puyallup City Council

Good of the Order:

Carolyn Merrival, Luanne Green, Jerry Beckendorf, Eric Herde, David Henry

Chair's Message

Ed Herde

It's Time to be Done Debating Climate Change

Science is science and spreading doubt for one's financial gain is not science. We have over a dozen Republican climate denier candidates vying for their party's presidential nomination. Many in this pack of mud slingers like to point out routinely that "I am not a scientist" as they continue on to pontificate on the state of the climate. There is lots of data out there that can be consumed by the non-scientists if these fossil fuel industry mouth pieces wanted to look beyond their campaign contributors' financial interests and find out what can be done to slow the rate of ocean and atmospheric warming.

Personally I am tired of the silly discussions in the media as to if man is affecting the climate. We have the data on the rise in global temperatures in our industrialized history, and we have the dire predictions from scientists of the consequences of this historically rapid temperature increase. Any news person or talk show moderator who doesn't instantly correct the climate deniers does so because he or she is beholden to their fossil fuel industry sponsors as are the whack-a-doodle candidates they are allowing to spew such nonsense. I am done debating or trying to convince any climate change denier, doubter, or devil's advocate. I have chosen to converse with everyone from a state of reality. Those who wish to debate the current reality will not receive my time for them to waste, they will be told to broaden their universe of reading materials and invited to join the problem solvers once they have done so.

Hillary Clinton, the leader in the media's horse race of presidential candidates, has come out with her plan to slow climate change. The bulk of the plan is to put 500 million solar panels on rooftops across the country in her first term and expand the nation's electrical grid by 700 percent in ten years to increase renewable energy capacity. These are good things. What Clinton has not addressed even though she has been asked about these issues repeatedly is whether she supports the Keystone XL pipeline, or Arctic offshore drilling, or tougher restrictions on fracking, or whether to lift the ban on exporting U.S. crude oil, or if we should put a price on carbon.

Bill McKibben of 350.org said of the proposal. "Now, we need Clinton to show she understands the other half of the climate change equation — and prove she has the courage to stand up against fossil fuel projects like offshore and Arctic drilling, coal leasing in the Powder River basin, and the Keystone XL pipeline. Because at the end of the day, growth in renewables doesn't mean enough if we're simultaneously kicking the decarbonization can down the road with more pipelines and more extraction on public lands."

As weather patterns continue to be more frightening, I hope that the uncompromising positions of Democratic candidates Martin O'Malley and Bernie Sanders on fighting climate change receive more attention. Sanders' position on the climate and remedies to start to heal it are well known, as he has been talking about it for years in Congress and in public appearances. O'Malley has published a white paper on his remedies for our climate ills. Some of his positions are: to reject the Keystone XL pipeline; deny permits for drilling in Alaska, the Arctic, and off our coasts; increase permit fees for drilling on federal lands; put the country on track to be 100% clean energy by 2050; adopt a zero-tolerance policy for methane leaks from current oil and gas production; and end all subsidies for fossil fuels, while extending production and investment tax credits for renewable energy for the long term.

Whether we are talking about the needed drastic measures Martin O'Malley proposes, or the weak measures Hillary Clinton has put forth, we are talking about solutions on real issues. The Republicans continue to give us the snow job and not face the problem of climate change and mass extinction. When talking climate change the time for debating its existence is over. The time of entertaining the crazy rantings of Tea Baggers is over. It is time to create solutions.

8-15

13 Democratic senators say “Nuts to you.”

Monday, July 27, 2015 | Posted by Jim Hightower

By a one-vote margin, the US Senate passed “fast-track” authority, in June to expedite passage of the disastrous Trans-Pacific Partnership deal, which will export beaucoup more of our country’s middle-class jobs. That’s the kind of pro-corporate stupidity the Republican Congress specializes in these days. But wait – here’s where it gets nutty: The key votes for fast track came from a baker’s dozen of Senate Democrats.

Fast track is a railroad job to enthrone global corporate power over us. It will allow the Obama administration to send the massive, 12-country trade scam to Congress for an up-or-down vote, with little debate and no amendments allowed. Details of this thing are being negotiated in strict secrecy between top government officials and top executives of some 500 global corporations. Workers, consumers, and all the rest of us commoners are shut out. The majority of Americans oppose this giveaway – so what’s with the 13 turncoat Dems?

Not to worry, they say, trade benefits everyone! Do they think we have sucker wrappers around our heads? Americans know that these trade schemes make the superrich richer, while the incomes of practically everyone else go south. There’s still a chance to defeat the TPP, because a gritty, well organized populist coalition is rallying grassroots opposition to reject this raw deal. To join the fight, go to www.citizen.org/trade.

And don't forget the 13 Democratic sell-outs. If any one of them had stood with the people on the fast track vote, we would've already derailed TPP. The 13 senators who said "Nuts to you" are: Michael Bennet (CO), Maria Cantwell (WA), Tom Carper (DE), Chris Coons (DE), Dianne Feinstein (CA), Heidi Heitkamp (ND), Tim Kaine (VA), Claire McCaskill (MO), Patty Murray (WA), Bill Nelson (FL), Jeanne Shaheen (NH), Mark Warner (VA), and Ron Wyden (OR).

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