



25th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC FOCUS



The 25th Legislative District is pleased to have three new PCOs, Karen Shanks representing 25-257, John Adams representing 25-239 and Chris Chisholm representing 25-208. The upcoming year will provide a lot of time and effort for all of our PCOs with the Presidential Election. Welcome to our three new PCOs and thank you for serving!

Speaker for the December 7 meeting at 7 pm at the Puyallup Public Library will be Pierce County Councilman Rick Talbert. Rick is the County Council representative for County Council District #5, which covers about half of the 25th LD. Councilman Talbert has announced that he is running for Pierce County's next County Executive.

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, November 2nd, 2015
Held at the Puyallup Library

Called to order at 7:05pm

Officers present: Chair Ed Herde, Vice Chair Karen Edwards, Assistant Treasurer Bill Havens, Parliamentarian & Webmaster Cliff Allo, Membership Chair Blaine Pearman, PCO Chair Eric Herde, Focus Editor Joan Cronk, State Committee Woman Ellen Zulauf, and Pierce County E-Board Rep 2 Merv Swanson

Approximate total attendance: 20

The agenda was approved as presented

Reports from candidates: Robin Ordoñez, Eric Herde, Chris Chisholm represented Dean Johnson, Bill Hilton represented Robin Farris

PCO appointees: Chris Chisholm, 25-208, approved unanimously; John Adams, 25-239, approved unanimously; Karen Shanks, 25-257, approved unanimously

Speaker: Linda Isenson, Pierce County Democrats Chair – Announcements: At least some Lt. Gov. candidates will be attending PCD meeting on November 12th, Holiday party on December 10th, Debate watch party on November 14th at the ILWU hall,

Discussion on Precinct Caucuses

Annual fundraiser dinner at Elks Club on Friday January 8th

Good of the Order: Ellen Zulauf, Eric Herde, Chris Chisholm

Adjournment at 8:37pm

25TH LDD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER JANUARY 8TH

Our annual fundraiser dinner will take the place of our January General Membership meeting in January.

The Fundraiser dinner on Friday, January 8 will be held at the Puyallup Elks located at 314-27th Street NE in Puyallup.

Doors open at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. Cost for the event is \$20 per person and tickets can be purchased at **25dems.org**.

Our February General Membership meeting will be held at the Pierce County Library, Summit Branch, 5107 112th Street E, Tacoma on Monday February 1 at 7 pm. Our regular location at the Puyallup Library is unavailable due to a special library program.

Chair's Message

Ed Herde

Once again we have had an election with a mixed bag of results. This mixed bag is due largely to low participation among voters, and as everyone should know by now, low voter turnout equals bad news for those that hold Democratic values. As of Thursday November 19th the Pierce County Auditor's unofficial results showed a pitiful 33.99% of registered Pierce County voters cast their ballots in this November's election.

The people of Fife will once again be represented by Bryan Yambe. Because of Bryan's good work on the council he was re-elected by a very large margin even though lots of money and in-kind contributions were used in an attempt to unseat him. The Puyallup City Council will have two new members, Robin Farris and Dean Johnson, who received a lot of help from a few members of the 25th LD Democrats. Councilman John Palmer will be returning to the council as well. Three out of four of the 25th LD Democrats' preferred candidates won their races for Puyallup City Council. Even though Robin Ordonez and his team worked seven days a week, he was unable to unseat his opponent who received a massive amount of help from the local Republican machine.

Both of our endorsed candidates for the Franklin Pierce School Board will sit on the board the next four years. Mary Sherman ran unopposed. Melanie Morgan won her contested race. It is notable that no candidate for the Puyallup School Board responded to our invitation for an endorsement request.

In the races for the Pierce County Charter Review Commission 1 out of 4 of our endorsed candidates won. Carolyn Merrival will return to the commission that she sat on 10 years ago. Eric Herde and Laura Groves did not win seats on the commission. Ken Blair didn't make it to the general election. The composition of the Charter Review Commission may prove to upset the fairness of Pierce County government. Sadly with a few more votes in each precinct we could have had three of our endorsed candidates on the commission and tipped the balance of the commission to the Democrats' favor for all of Pierce County. When I say a few more votes per precinct I mean a very few – 4 votes in one race and 13 in the other. We are not far from winning races like these; we just need enough members of the 25th LD Democrats to decide that it is important enough to give a couple hours a week during election season.

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Members of the 25th LDD spent several hours phone banking before our November 2nd meeting at the Puyallup Public Library. Candidate Robin Ordonez, his wife and Paul Mahoney were busy working the phones.



Guest Speaker at the November 2nd meeting was Linda Isenson, Chair of the Pierce County Democrats, who showed delighted surprise when presented with a check from button sales from Chair Ed Herde and Asst. Treasurer Bill Havens.



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<http://25dems.org/Anedot/Dues.php>**

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