



## 25th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT **DEMOCRATIC FOCUS**



**25th LDD February meeting brought a number of new faces attending. The meeting, held at the Summit Library, was packed to the rafters with attendees signing up to serve as PCOs and joining the 25th LDD.**

**New folks were warmly greeted, served coffee and brownies and encouraged to come to upcoming meetings and training opportunities.**

**Our March meeting will be held at the Puyallup Library at 324 South Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371. The meeting will be at 7:00pm on Monday March 7th. Our speakers for the evening will be Tina Podlodowski, Democratic candidate for Washington's Secretary of State, and Clifford Cawthon, the Washington State Democrats Coordinated Campaign Regional Field Director for Pierce County.**

## **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 Presidential Precinct Caucus Locations for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Central Avenue Elementary School, 4505 104<sup>th</sup> St E, Tacoma, WA 98446:

25-208 25-210 25-242 25-244 25-248 25-249 25-250 25-257

## Collins Elementary School, 4608 128<sup>th</sup> St E, Tacoma, WA 98446:

25-251 25-258 25-259 25-260 25-261 25-262 25-266 25-267

## Emerald Ridge High School, 12405 184<sup>th</sup> St E, Puyallup, WA 98374:

25-269 25-271 25-272 25-276 25-277 25-278 25-279 25-280  
25-281 25-282 25-283 25-284 25-285 25-286 25-287 25-288  
25-289

## Fife High School, 5616 20<sup>th</sup> St E, Fife, WA 98424:

25-201 25-202 25-226 25-227 25-228 25-230 25-235 25-238  
25-239 25-240 25-292 25-293

## Midland Elementary School, 2300 105<sup>th</sup> St E, Tacoma, WA 98445:

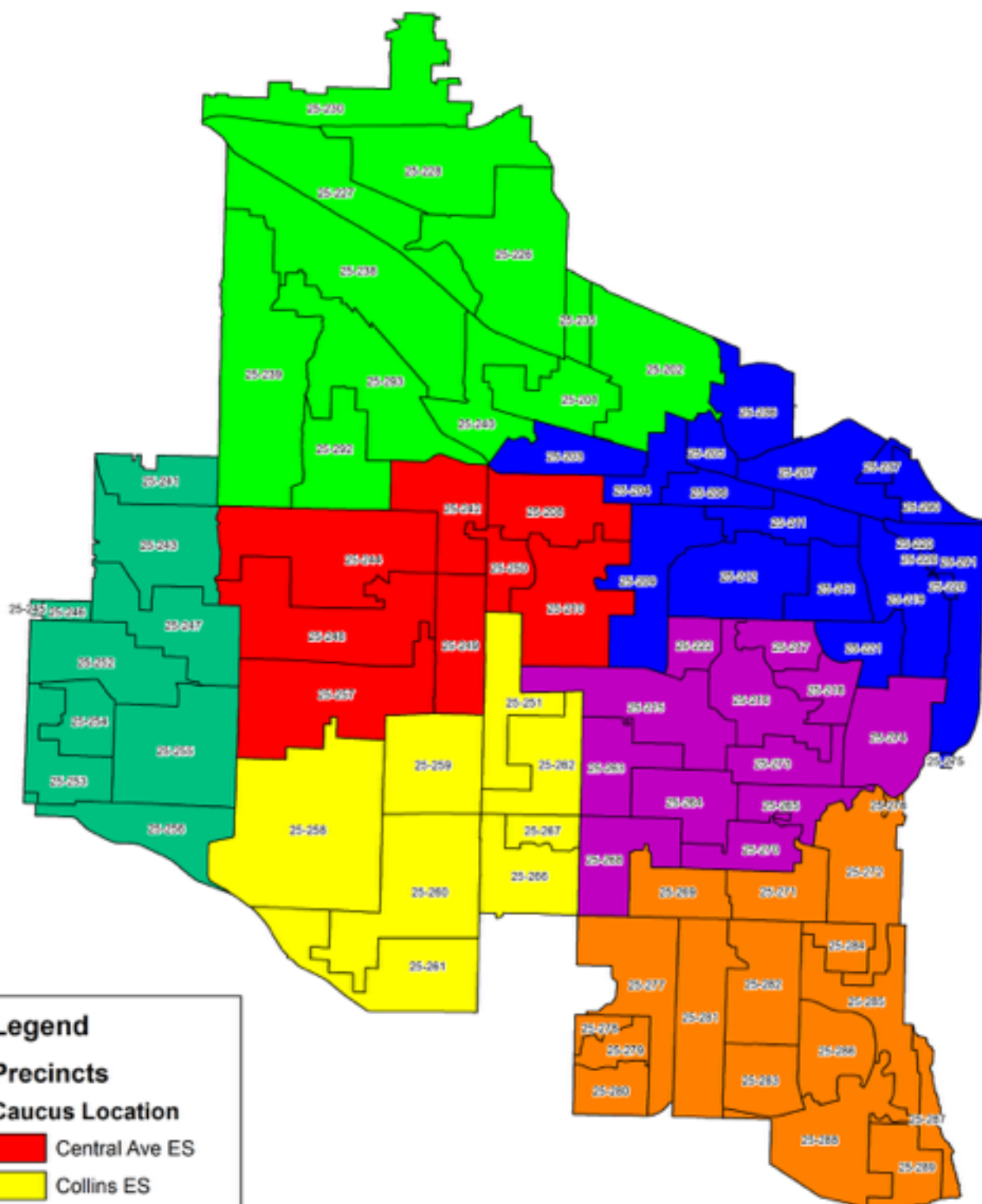
25-241 25-243 25-245 25-246 25-247 25-252 25-253 25-254  
25-255 25-256

## Puyallup High School, 105 7<sup>th</sup> St SW, Puyallup, WA 98371:

25-203 25-204 25-205 25-206 25-207 25-209 25-211 25-212  
25-213 25-219 25-220 25-221 25-236 25-237 25-275 25-290  
25-291

## Rogers High School, 12801 86<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98373:

25-215 25-216 25-217 25-218 25-222 25-263 25-264 25-265  
25-268 25-270 25-273 25-2



**Legend**

**Precincts**

**Caucus Location**

- Central Ave ES
- Collins ES
- Emerald Ridge HS
- Fife HS
- Midland ES
- Puyallup HS
- Rogers HS

## **Chair's Message**

### **Ed Herde**

The Washington State Democratic Presidential Caucuses will be held Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> with check-in starting at 10:00am. The caucuses are an occasion for voters to get together with neighbors who understand that the issues elected officials deal with affect us all every day. It is a time for precinct neighbors to discuss candidates and their positions and make the case for their candidate of choice. In the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District the caucuses will be held in seven locations spread throughout the LD. It will take several of our members to run the caucuses. In addition to those who will set up the venue, check-in voters, answer questions, and tabulate results we need to have all the Precinct Committee Officers present to run their individual precincts caucus. Several precincts will meet in each of the seven caucus locations, but the PCO from each precinct will run the individual precinct's caucus. In precincts where there is currently no PCO a temporary chair will be assigned to get the proceeding under way and oversee the election of a permanent chair for the precinct caucus. The permanent chair will then run the caucus. Please contact me at [eherde@earthlink.net](mailto:eherde@earthlink.net) to volunteer to help with your area caucus.

To find your caucus location look in this issue of the Focus for the list of caucus locations and the precincts that are assigned to these schools. You can also go on the Washington State Democrats website at [www.wa-democrats.org](http://www.wa-democrats.org) and click on "2016 Caucus". From that page you can find your caucus site and pre-register, or fill out a Surrogate Affidavit form if you cannot make it to the caucus due to religious observance, military service, disability, illness, or work schedule. The Surrogate Affidavit form must be signed and mailed, faxed, or scanned and sent as a PDF to the State Party by Friday 3-18-16 at 5:00pm. If you are going to your caucus please fill out the registration online, print a copy, and bring it to the caucus. This will speed up the check-in process.

Anyone who considers them self a Democrat will be allowed to attend precinct caucuses. However, only registered voters or people who will turn 18 by Election Day 11-8-16 will be able to vote at the caucus. Voter registration forms will be available at caucus locations for people who need to register on-site.

The 25<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats must cover the costs of the venues for the caucuses and advertising to inform the public about the caucuses, as well as some other costs. Please go to <http://25dems.org/Anedot/2016%20Caucus.php> and make a donation to help cover the costs our local Democratic organization is incurring to help in this process of electing the next president. Any amount you donate will be appreciated. I hope to have a large turnout at the caucuses and get many people involved in the process.

**MINUTES OF 25TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016  
HELD AT THE SUMMIT LIBRARY**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chair Ed Herde who led the flag salute. Roll was called.  
Officers Present: Ed Herde, Karen Edwards, Bill Havens, Cliff Allo, Bryan Yambe, Eric Herde, Joan Cronk, Ellen Zulauf, Merv Swanson

Approximate total attendance: 40

The motion to consent to the agenda was made by Jerry Beckendorf and seconded by Kareen Shanks. The agenda was passed as presented.

Introduction of Elected Officials- Fife City Councilman Brian Yambe gave a report on the City of Fife and The Pierce County Young Democrats.

Candidates for upcoming elections were introduced and gave a short statement:  
Shelly Spear, candidate for Pierce County Superior Court Judge Dept. 5  
Jim Moeller, candidate for Lt. Governor.

Election of Representatives by a quorum of PCO's (14):  
Mark Goodwin was elected to serve as State Committeeman to the WSD Central Committee  
Karl Mecklenburg was elected as Representative Position #1 to the PC Democrats Ex Board

Election of Officers for the 25th LD by General Members and PCO's:  
Bill Havens was elected as Treasurer  
Kareen Shanks was elected as Secretary

Chair Herde appointed Kareen Shanks to the position of Assistant Treasurer

The membership voted to authorize the treasurer to disburse funds of up to \$600 to pay the annual rental and insurance for the storage unit. Motion was made by Jerry Beckendorf and seconded by Mark Goodwin.

Nomination of three Precinct Committee Officers to be voted on at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting:  
25-240 Dean McGrath  
25-257 Chris Oliver  
25-259 Mike Parker

Eric Herde presented an analysis of the November Election results by precinct level.

Good of the Order: Jerry Beckendorf, Ed Herde, Merv Swanson  
Jerry Beckendorf spoke on the bowling tournament and scholarships for union dependents.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm and people disbursed to small groups to discuss organizing for the various caucus places.

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Dues: Evergreen (Includes Senior, outside district, etc.) \$10 per member  
Rainier \$25. Chair's Voice \$50. Senator's Club \$100. (Can be paid  
In installments.)

Please send dues to: 25<sup>th</sup> LDD, P. O. Box 73594, Puyallup, WA 98374 or pay by credit card on  
<http://25dems.org/Anedot/Dues.php>