

47th District Democrats
District Meeting
Agenda
June 6, 2018

1. Call to Order (7:00 pm)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Pre-Speaker Announcements (7:05 pm)
 - a. PCO Training on June 7th
 - b. Upcoming Canvassing Opportunities
5. Guest Speakers (order subject to change, time for speech and questions noted) (7:10 pm)
 - a. Rachel Dean, 47th LD Organizer for Washington State Democrats (2 min)
 - b. Sarah Servin, Political Director for 9th CD Representative Adam Smith (2 min)
 - c. Candidates Seeking Endorsement (2-3 min each, as they arrive)
6. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (7:35 pm)
7. Break (7:40 pm)
8. Endorsements (7:45 pm)
 - a. Endorsements Committee Chair (or Designee) Assumes Chair
 - b. Reading and Approval of Endorsement Rules
 - c. Credentials Report
 - d. Floor Open for Endorsements
 - i. Names Submitted for Endorsement (*Names in Italics Must Speak at Meeting*)
 1. State Supreme Court Justice Susan Owens (Position 2)
 2. Judge Jayson Poydras (King County District Court, SE Division, Pos. 1)
 3. Judge Matthew York (King County District Court, SE Division, Pos. 2)
 4. Virginia Amato (King County District Court, SE Division, Pos. 5)
 5. Rhonda Laumann (King County District Court, SE Division, Pos. 6)
 6. *Don L. Rivers (WA-SEN)*
 7. Mona Das (47th LD Senator)
 8. Debra Entenman (47th LD Representative, Pos. 1)
 9. Shannon Hader (WA-08)
 10. Jason Ritterreiser (WA-08)
 11. Kim Schrier (WA-08)
 12. Sarah Smith (WA-09)
 - e. Floor Closed for Endorsements
9. Approval of PCO Applications (if any)
10. Board and Committee Reports (8:45 pm)
 - a. Time Permitting
11. Old Business
 - a. Resolution on Guardianship (Jennifer Roach, Presentation) and Vote (10 min)
12. New Business
13. Good of the Order
14. Adjournment (9:00 pm)

2018 Meeting Schedule

July 4: NO MEETING

August 1: TBD

September 5: General Election Endorsements

October 3: TBD

November 7: Election Review

December 5: Holiday Potluck

2018 District Events Schedule

June 7: PCO Training (6:30 pm, Auburn Library)

July 4: Auburn 4th of July Festival (Les Gove Park)

July 13-15: Kent Cornucopia Days (Downtown Kent)

July 21-22: Covington Days (169th Place SE/SE 270th Place and Valley Medical North Lot)

August 11: AuburnFest (Les Gove Park)

Other Upcoming Events

June 15-16: Washington State Democratic Party Convention

June 19: Mona Das Campaign Kickoff (6 pm, India House Restaurant)

High Priority Races for 2018 Election

| | <u>Incumbent</u> | <u>Challenger</u> |
|---|---|---|
| <i>Federal</i> Senator | Maria Cantwell (D)* | Joey Gibson (R) Susan Hutchison (R) Don L. Rivers (D) |
| 8 th CD Representative | Dave Reichert (R) | Thomas Cramer (D) William Grassie (I) Shannon Hader (D) Gordon Allen Pross (R) Jason Rittereiser (D) Dino Rossi (GOP) Kim Schrier (D) |
| 9 th CD Representative | Adam Smith (D)* | Doug Basler (R) Sarah Smith (D) |
| <i>Washington State Supreme Court</i> | | |
| Justice Position No. 2 | Susan Owens (NP)* | (Zamboni) John Scannell (NP) |
| Justice Position No. 8 | Steve Gonzalez (NP)* | Nathan Choi (NP) |
| Justice Position No. 9 | Sheryl Gordon McCloud (NP)* | |
| <i>King County</i> | | |
| Prosecuting Attorney | Dan Satterberg (NP) | Daron Morris (NP) |
| <i>47th Legislative District</i> | | |
| State House, Position No. 1 | Mark Hargrove (R) | James Dillon (I) Debra Entenman (D) |
| State House, Position No. 2 | Pat Sullivan (D)* | Theodore Cooke (R) Lindsey Shumway (R) |
| State Senate | Joe Fain (R) | Mona Das (D) |
| <i>Court of Appeals, Division No. 1, District No. 1</i> | | |
| Judge Position No. 4 | Ronald E. Cox (NP) | Beth M. Andrus (NP) |
| Judge Position No. 7 | Marlin Appelwick (NP) | |
| <i>Superior Court</i> | | |
| Judge Position No. 9 | Michael R. Scott (NP) | |
| Judge Position No. 22 | Karen M. Donohue (NP) | |
| Judge Position No. 38 | J. Michael Diaz (NP) | |
| Judge Position No. 53 | Sandra E. Widlan (NP) | |
| <i>District Court, Southeast Electoral District</i> | | |
| Judge Position No. 1 | Charles J. Delaurenti, II (NP) | Jason Charles Poydras (NP) |
| Judge Position No. 2 | David E. Meyer (NP)* | Matthew York (NP) |
| Judge Position No. 3 | Nathaniel B. Green, Jr. (NP) | |
| Judge Position No. 4 | Corinna Harn (NP) | |
| Judge Position No. 5 | Matthew York (NP) | Virginia Amato (NP) |
| Judge Position No. 6 | Jason Charles Poydras (NP) | Rhonda Laumann (NP) |

Resolution Urging Alternatives to Guardianship

WHEREAS taking away the rights of a person “in order to protect that person” is not necessarily justice and almost always undermines the person’s rights under the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, for a small fee, a guardianship can be established (possibly based on hearsay) that may nullify any or all Constitutional rights of an alleged Incapacitated Person (“IP”) without notice to the IP’s family, partner or companions. (The IP should receive notice (RCW 11.88.030) in no less than 10 point font, but this is sometimes overlooked. There is no provision to ask the AIP if he/she needs help retaining counsel or even getting to court;) and

WHEREAS over 8000 guardianship cases are initiated in Washington every year, a 27% increase over 2000; and

WHEREAS a guardianship can empower a total stranger to make some or all decisions for an IP – e.g., where they live, whom they see, how they live, and how their money is spent – regardless of any pre-existing Durable Power-of-Attorney, Advance Directive, trust or trust fund, pension, or designated bank accounts or CDs set up for the IP’s future wellbeing or heirs, even if the IP is still physically able to clearly communicate his/her wishes; and

WHEREAS being made a ward of the court under guardianship is costly for the state and for the IP, and often unnecessary and humiliating for those who could function with minor assistance or no assistance at all; and

WHEREAS even a person accused of a crime has a right to a jury trial before having his/her rights removed, but an alleged Incapacitated Person is accorded no semblance of such a right when being forced into a guardianship; and

WHEREAS the Constitution guarantees the right to vote and the unalienable rights of Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness to all in the way of their own choosing, but these rights are often removed under guardianship; and

WHEREAS removal of a person’s Constitutional rights should be a last resort, not the only option; and

WHEREAS currently any elderly or disabled person under disputed care has no other choice but to become a ward of the court under guardianship; and

WHEREAS established family caregivers may be forced to divert care-giving time to trying to learn legal issues to become a guardian, when a simple Power-of-Attorney would have sufficed; and

WHEREAS a professional guardian can hire lawyers at the IPs expense to fight caring family members who try to oppose any excessive fees, abuse by the guardian or the necessity of a guardianship at all; and

WHEREAS RCW 11.92.190 (prohibiting detention of persons in residential placement facilities against their will), and other rights and protections available to persons not under guardianship, are often violated under guardianship;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge our Legislators to create alternatives to guardianship, such as: a court-issued Power-of-Attorney for relative/care-givers, Supported Decision-Making programs which are independent from the guardianship system, authorized bill payers, and limited interference protection for the disabled and aged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that guardianship and other options that remove the Constitutional rights of an individual because of disability or age be considered only as a last resort, after other reasonable options have been tried and failed, rather than the first or only option, or the norm; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be communicated to the County Democratic Committees and the Washington State Democratic Convention, and to our State Legislators and the Governor’s office.

Already Adopted by: 32nd and 41st District Democrats and KCDCC Executive Board

Submitted by Michael Brunson 32nd, Jennifer Roach 37th and Sonja Rossman of 41st