

Legislative District Caucuses and County Convention

(42nd and Whatcom County 40th LD precincts)

April 5, 2008 9 am - 5:30 pm

Whatcom Community College

42nd LD — Pavilion

40th LD — Syre Auditorium

Who should attend?

Delegates elected at their precinct caucus (Feb 9th) – you are voting delegates

Alternates elected at their precinct caucus (Feb 9th) – you may be seated as voting delegates

Open to the public

To preserve your candidate's delegate allocation, you and/or your precinct alternate must attend

If your situation has changed and you can not attend on April 5th, please contact your Candidate campaign coordinator, listed below.

Challenges to the seating (or disqualification) of any delegate must be received in writing by March 29th by the Legislative District Chair, c/o the Whatcom Democrats office (215 W. Holly Street, B-27, Bellingham), or by mail (PO Box 3095, Bellingham 98227). Only a person registered to vote in the precinct affected by an alleged rule infraction may file a challenge. The Candidate campaigns may assist in identifying persons harmed or filing the challenge. Reasonable effort has been made in advance by the Credentials Committee to notify any elected delegate or alternate determined to be disqualified, as well as notification to the Candidate Campaigns.

April 5 -- Order of the day's activities (simple version – See official agenda)

8 - 9 am Delegates and Alternates sign in and "vote" for your candidate (just like the precinct caucus)

9 am Legislative District Caucus (40th & 42nd separately) begins with informal activities, while the Credentials Committee figures out who's there, which alternates need to be seated as delegates, tallies the vote, and calculates the delegate allocation.

Election of Delegates -- Obama and Clinton Sub-caucuses will convene separately, by LD.

People running for delegate to the next level (see below), will give their very brief speech, and then everyone votes for delegates and alternates.

Noonish -- Box lunches will be distributed to those who have purchased them. Those not interested in purchasing lunch should plan to bring their own. There is no practical way to get a lunch elsewhere. [See Ordering Lunch, below]

After lunch -- Continue with election of delegates. Those sub-caucuses that finish earlier than 3 pm will have time to discuss Platform issues informally before the convening of the County Convention.

3:30 pm -- County Convention Convenes. Main agenda: adoption of County Platform

[ATTENTION ALTERNATES: the proposed Rules for the County Convention allow Alternates as well as Delegates to vote on the Platform]

5:30 pm Adjourn

Order Lunch

We are providing a boxed lunch to anyone who wishes to purchase one. In order to have an accurate count of the number of lunches needed, please email us at volunteers@whatcomdemocrats.com or call 647-7661 and indicate how many lunches you plan to purchase. WE NEED YOUR ORDER BY APRIL 1st!

You can pay for lunches at the door in the morning, using cash or check, or in advance via Paypal, using a major credit card or your paypal account.

The boxed lunch (vegetarian or turkey) includes sandwich or wrap, chips, cookie, fruit, and drink, for \$10.00.

Contact Information for candidate campaigns

Sen. Hillary Clinton: Local Contact, Maggie Hanson, 733-2539, maggiemhanson@hotmail.com

Sen. Barack Obama: Local Contact, Stephanie Kountouros, 734-2686 whatcom4obama@gmail.com

Uncommitted: Contact Sharon Crozier, 393-7784, geezwakeup@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed

Please contact us at volunteers@whatcomdemocrats.com (or 647-7661 if no email), if you can help out on April 5th. Let us know when, for how long, and what type of work you can help with. Here's a list (times are approximate):

All day: Floor managers, tech support, Secretaries & Parliamentarians, information processors, runners

7 am - 10: Set-up, parking attendants, information tables, sign-in, lunch sales

11 am - 1 pm: Lunch helpers, more runners, tech support (all day)

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Clean-up

Review the Platform proposal ahead of time

The Democratic Party Platform starts with the input from the grassroots – YOU. The Platform Committee has poured over proposals submitted at the precinct caucuses, and will present a proposed Platform for adoption at the County Convention, which starts at 3:30 pm on April 5th. Once adopted, this platform will serve as a guide to local Democratic Party leaders as well as be sent up the ladder to be considered at the state and national levels.

If we have a current email address for you, we have made the assumption that you are web-connected, and ask you to go to <http://www.whatcomdemocrats.com/platform08.php> to read and print a copy of the proposed 2008-09 Whatcom County Democratic Party Platform. Print copies are also available at our office (215 W. Holly, B-27, Bellingham) and at the Convention, April 5th.

If we do not have an email address for you, we have assumed you are not web-connected, and have enclosed a printed copy of the 2008-09 proposed Platform.

Amendments to the proposed platform will be accepted in writing up until 4 pm, and must have 30 signatures of support to be considered by the Convention delegates and alternates. Please see the Convention Rules for details on proposing amendments and conducting debate.