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Neighborhood Challenge: Registering 100,000 New Democrats

The Washington State Democratic Party and the Coordinated Campaign announces the start of the Neighborhood Challenge.

The Neighborhood Challenge is a precinct organizing program aimed at identifying 100,000 new Democratic voters in the state. In order to reach our goal we will be registering new voters, reaching out to occasional voters and turning weak Democrats into strong ones. The cornerstone of this campaign will be you - neighbors reaching out to neighbors is one of the most powerful and effective grassroots tools and it through the efforts of long time activist and newly energized Democrats that we will make history this year.

The Coordinated Campaign will have an office at 1220 Bay Street in Bellingham, just down the hall from the Whatcom Democrats office and the phone number is (360) 734-1739. There will be an official opening party, so stay tuned for details.

Brooke Brod is the Regional Field Director for the Coordinated Campaign in Northwest Washington. Brooke grew up in Seattle, but has spent the past few years in New York where she has worked with Act Now New York PAC. Act Now is one of the largest grassroots mobilization organizations in New York; they recruit, train and deploy volunteers to work on campaigns throughout the northeast. Brooke is beyond excited to be working closer to home and feels incredibly fortunate to get to work with such a well organized and committed group as the Whatcom Democrats.

Brooke can be reached brooke@wa-democrats.org or (646) 418-5092.

The Field Organizer for the 40th & 42nd LDs will be Monica Gunderson. She will be in the Bellingham office full time, when she's not out in the field. Monica can be reached at monica@wa-democrats.org.

Volunteers are the Heart of Any Democratic Effort

Whatcom Democrats are looking to the future. We are looking for talented, motivated, skilled, forward looking people to join our support teams. Support teams are a major component in our effort to better serve our country, our community, and ourselves. If you are interested in joining any of our newly forming teams and have or want to develop the skills to fulfill the roles we've identified in these teams, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Gayland Gump, at gggump@gmail.com.

- **Volunteer Management Team Roles:** Coordinators/Liaisons, Office Leads, Planners, Recruiters, Schedulers, Trainers.
- **Technology Team Roles:** Audio/Visual Support, Coordinators/Liaisons, Database Support, Email Support, Network Support, OS/Application Support, Security, Web Site Support.
- **Communications Team Roles:** Artists, Cartoonists, Coordinators/Liaisons, Editors, Fact Checkers/ Researchers, Graphic Designers, Musicians, Photographers, Public Information Officer, Public Speakers, Storytellers, Translators, Reporters, Videographers, Writers.

If you believe we have missed the perfect role for you on one of these teams, please step up and let us know!

Gayland Gump, Volunteer Coordinator
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Meeting Reminders:

- June 9 Finance Committee 7pm
- June 10 40th LD District
- June 11 Central Committee Meeting 7pm
- June 12-15 WA State Democrats Convention
- June 14 42nd LD Meeting
- June 25 Eboard Meeting

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Mark Flanders, Candidate for 42nd Legislative District

Mark Flanders, of Bellingham, is challenging the Republican incumbent in the 42nd District. A long time local political activist, printer and musician, Mark was also involved in the Kerry campaign, and was an early and active supporter of Barack Obama. He is dedicated to preserving the rural character of Whatcom County and committed to sensible growth that protects our small towns and businesses. He believes in public education, the rights of working people, supporting small businesses, a clean environment, and promoting alternative transportation and energy. Mark listens and communicates well, is an excellent problem solver, and will work hard in the interests of our District.

Vote Flanders for the 42nd!

For more info: www.markflanders.us



Kountouros for Senate Town Hall Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 3

Time: 7:–9:00PM

Location:

Bellingham Public Library, Lecture Hall, 1st floor
210 Central Avenue, Bellingham

40th District senatorial candidate Stephanie Kountouros invites local citizens to give voice to local and state issues in an open forum. The discussion will include such challenges facing our state as the environment, health care, and public education, but all topics are welcome. Kountouros encourages everyone to take part in shaping the upcoming election and learn about her positions. Kountouros strongly believes in giving voters opportunities to discuss current issues with her while building and strengthening community. Add your voice; focus on the issues facing us as a state and as a nation in the upcoming election. We hope to see you all there!

Contact: Stephanie Kountouros

Phone: 360-734-2686

Website: <http://www.kountourosforsenate.org>

Ken Henderson Campaign Kickoff Party

Ken Henderson, Democratic candidate for 40th LD State Senate, invites you to a campaign kickoff party

Thursday June 5

5-7:00PM

Location:

Blue Horse Gallery, 301 W. Holly Street, Bellingham

Wine and appetizers, hosted by Tim and Joanne Douglas, Carl Weimer, Don and Mary Gischer, Barb Cory, Craig Cole, Terry Bornemann & Jennifer Richmond, Dr. Jim and Diane Murphy.

40th Legislative District Democrats Nominate Kevin Ranker; May Endorse Additional Candidates on June 10th

The 40th Legislative District Democrats kicked off their campaign season with a nominating convention Sunday, May 18th at the Anacortes library. The precinct committee officers met to nominate a candidate to fill the senate seat vacated by Harriet Spanel.

In weighted voting based on the number of democrats voting in the 2004 presidential election, San Juan County Council Member Kevin Ranker received 260 votes or 54% of the total. Three candidates split the remaining 46% of the votes. The runner up was long-time Whatcom County Democratic party activist, Hue Beattie with 94 weighted votes. Third was Whatcom County Ken Henderson with 78 votes followed by Stephanie Kountouros, also of Whatcom County at 48 votes. Paul Gonzales of Skagit County received no votes. A majority of votes was required to nominate.

While WA State Democratic Party rules require the local party organization to nominate a single candidate prior to the filing deadline in early June, the membership of the 40th Legislative District Democrats were not happy with having to choose just one candidate to support. So they decided to proceed with the State Party-required nomination process, where only PCOs may vote, and also will have the full membership “endorse” however many candidates they wish, using their own Endorsement Policy. This endorsement vote will take place June 10th. 6 pm, Bloedel Donovan Pavilion, 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham. A total of five endorsements meetings will be held around the 40th District to make it easier for members to attend close to home.

The distinction between “nomination” and “endorsement” may seem slight, and really, it is. Neither have the force to exclude any candidate from the Primary Election ballot. Those not nominated or endorsed may continue to run, and continue to identify themselves as a Democrat on the ballot. This is the result of the odd process created by the Top-Two Primary ballot we are experiencing this year for the first time. The endorsement voting has been timed so that candidates may still withdraw their names from the ballot, if they feel they have made a less than adequate showing among Party members.

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42nd Legislative District Representative	Frances Badgett 527-1097
40th Legislative District Representative	Roni Beall 756-1405

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The significance of both a party nomination or endorsement is to show voters the candidate has the backing of the Democratic Party, and also the party will use its resources to help their campaigns. Get-out-the-vote efforts, including listing on Party campaign literature and phone-banking to remind voters to vote, will only include nominated/endorsed candidates.

Support the Presidential & Gubernatorial Campaigns locally with your donations of any of these items...

Wish List

Desks and work tables; study carrels (for phone banking); desk chairs; folding or stacking chairs; couch; phones; book case; letter-size filing cabinet; computer/monitors/keyboard/mouse (min. 128 Mg RAM, runs XP?); regular monthly calendars; bulletin board; white board.

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Candidate Contact Information

40th Senate :

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Dave Quall, (360) 299-1301

42nd LD Representative

Kelli Linville, (360)671-2619
Mark Flanders, www.markflanders.us

42nd Legislative District Meeting

On June 14th at 10AM, Western Washington University political science professor, Todd Donovan, will talk about elections and campaign strategy. The 42nd meets at the Ferndale Machinists' Hall on 2065 Vista Drive. All are welcome to attend!

At the May meeting both Mark Flanders and Kelli Linville were nominated as our party's candidates.

2nd Congressional District Caucus: Delegates Elected from Whatcom County

Congratulations to four Whatcom National Delegates! For Obama: Larry Estrada, Sudden Valley, Haeryung A. Shin, Point Roberts and Richard May, of Blaine, alternate. Deb M. Cummings, of Ferndale, is our Clinton delegate. Maggie Hanson was elected Elector too!

Paid Job Opportunity

Office Manager for Whatcom Democrats office, 10 hours per week, through mid December. See full description and application instructions at whatcomdemocrats.com

Pride Festival Voter Registration & GOTV

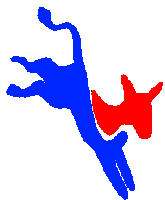
Bellingham LGBTQ Pride Fest & Parade

Mark your calendar on Sunday 13 July

Volunteers needed for Democratic Party tabling & GOTV effort.

Depot Market Square
1300 Commercial Street, Bellingham

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www.whatcomdemocrats.com

June Membership Meeting & Campaign Connection Event

Wednesday, June 11th
Special Location: Sunnyland School Gym, 2800 James Street, Bellingham
(Just south of Sunset & I-5; on multiple bus routes; on the Railroad Trail)

5:30 - 7 PM Campaign Connection Event Drop in any time to find out all the ways you can participate in the Presidential, Gubernatorial, and local legislative campaigns. This is your chance to meet and greet our local candidates and there will be opportunities to pick up yard signs and bumper stickers. Also, opportunities to find out about the Whatcom Democrats and sign up to volunteer will be available.

7 - 9 PM Membership Meeting (ALL DEMOCRATS WELCOME)

- Members will vote on endorsements in uncontested Democratic races and possibly some ballot initiatives
- Meet the Campaign Field Representative for the Presidential campaign
- Learn about campaign plans for this summer and fall.

Meeting Locations:

- ① See page 2
- ② See notice above
- ③ Ferndale Machinists' Hall, 2065 Vista Drive, Ferndale
- ④ WCD 215 W. Holly St., B'ham

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