



Campaign 2007 Special Edition

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# Organize and Mobilize!



Barry Buchanan, Chair  
Whatcom County  
Democratic Party

It is a privilege for us to address you as we are making the final preparations for the 2007 local election and gearing up for 2008. We are proud to have Gov. Gregoire joining us in this message.

For four straight elections, Whatcom Democrats have scored amazing victories, from local to federal candidates and on local ballot measures. Between now

and Nov. 6, our first responsibility is to make sure to elect local candidates endorsed by the Whatcom County Democrats. The full list of endorsed candidates is on the back page. **LET'S WIN EVERY SEAT THIS YEAR!**

Meanwhile, it's time to gear up for 2008. In the '08 election, Democrats have a real chance of taking back the White House and increasing our majorities in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

The Republican Party sought for decades the control of both the Congress and the Presidency. For almost seven years they have put our country (and much of the world) on a course to environmental, political and financial ruin. The Republican Party, nationally and locally, is as committed to this course as ever—even though the American people have drawn away from them in disbelief and anger.

Now is our time to act—to place all Americans on a better course—for a better America.

Here in Whatcom County our job is to re-elect our Democratic Governor, add two Democrats to our state legislature, and mobilize thousands of new Democratic voters

to offset the voters in Washington's "red" counties.

Winning elections isn't rocket science. With each campaign, the Whatcom Democrats have improved our tools, refined our messages and approach, organized our tasks for maximum impact, and expanded the base of progressive voters. However, each year, we face two limiting factors: volunteers and money. Here's where you come in:

**WE NEED YOU! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

**FILL OUT AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED CARD**, and make a commitment today to help us make a difference this year and in '08.

Please donate to our Victory 2008 fund. The more money we raise, the more Democrats we can mobilize to the caucuses and beyond. We are ready to act. Please join us in this essential work.



To all my friends at the Whatcom County Democrats, As the 2008 election season gets underway I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to stay active in our party. It is important that you get involved in this election and become engaged in your local caucuses and conventions.

Keeping Washington a "Blue" state in 2008 will be vital to Democratic chances of taking back the White

House and electing Democrats. I look forward to working with you as we elect Democrats all across our state. — Chris Gregoire, Governor

## CALLING ALL DEMOCRATS

**2008 Presidential Caucuses • Participate in Democracy!**

**February 9, 2008 1 pm, check-in begins noon**

**Locations to be announced in local media,  
and at [whatcomdemocrats.com](http://whatcomdemocrats.com)**

Any registered voter who considers him or herself a "Democrat" is welcome. Party "registration" or "membership" is not required. What does it cost to participate: Nothing. Donations welcome. More information inside.

# Get Involved



*We got involved by starting the curbside recycling program and working with others in our neighborhoods. Please join us to help keep Bellingham a beautiful community.*

— Harriet Spanel, State Senator  
— Louise Bjornson, Bellingham City Council



*I am a retired Division Chief from the Bellingham Fire Department. I want to protect our drinking water reservoir, support neighborhood efforts and open communications between citizens and City Hall. I have served and led Greenways, Watershed Board, and the Parks Master Plan committee. Forty years of experience counts.*

— Stan Snapp



*I ran for Ferndale City Council to provide leadership in my community. After 8 years as Whatcom County Chief Deputy Treasurer, I can best serve my community as the next County Treasurer.*

— Steve Oliver



*I want to use my many years of community and governmental experience to ensure that Whatcom County remains the same beautiful place to live that it has always been for me, my family, and our neighbors.*

— Bob Kelly



*I have worked hard to protect the quality of life that makes our city so special. Together we can help Bellingham grow into a city of true distinction.*

— Terry Bornemann

## LOOKING AHEAD

### OCTOBER 2007

- 17** General Election Ballots mailed to voters. If you do not receive your ballot, call 676-6742
- 30** Democratic Presidential Debate, NBC/MSNBC

### NOVEMBER 2007

- 6** General Election Ballots must be postmarked by this day, or hand-delivered to a drop-off box by 8 pm.
- 14** Caucus information meeting, Whatcom Democrats membership meeting, ALL Democrats welcome. Garden Street Family Center, corner of Garden and Holly, Bellingham. 7-9 pm.
- 15** Democratic Presidential Debate. CNN in Las Vegas, simulcast on CNN en Español

### DECEMBER 2007

- 9** Whatcom Dems Holiday Party, 710 Samish Way (Elks Lodge), Bham. Tickets: 647-7661 or check website.
- 10** Democratic Presidential Debate, CBS
- 12** Whatcom Democrats membership meeting, ALL Democrats welcome. Garden Street Family Center, corner of Garden and Holly, Bellingham. 7-9 pm.

### FEBRUARY 2008

Precinct Caucuses in Washington State 2/9/08

### APRIL 2008

Whatcom County Democratic Convention & Legislative District Caucuses 4/5/08

### MAY 2008

Congressional District Caucus 5/17/08



*You can make a difference. As Chairman of the County Planning Commission, I have seen the importance of citizen participation in our deliberations. As a candidate for County Council, I know how essential every volunteer, and every vote, can be.*

— Ken Mann

## Choose Presidential Candidate Delegates in February

It all begins at your Precinct Caucus, February 9, 2008.

The road to the White House starts in your neighborhood, when you and your neighbors meet together in a Democratic Precinct Caucus to choose delegates to represent your Presidential candidate of choice.

Doors open at noon and the caucuses convene at 1 pm, Saturday, February 9, 2008. Anyone who considers him or herself a Democrat, and is a registered voter in the precinct at which they attend may participate. A 17-year old who will be eligible to vote on November 4, 2008, is a registered voter for purposes of the rules.

### How Presidential Candidate Delegates Are Chosen

The caucus is the first step in the nominating process that culminates at the Democratic National Convention in August 2008. The more people at a precinct caucus who support a given

candidate, the more delegates that candidate will receive as the nomination process continues. So bring your family, friends and neighbors to join in! At the caucus, you will vote for delegates who will champion your candidate at the Legislative District caucus. At each level—Legislative District, Congressional District, and State—delegates advocate for their candidate, and vote on who will represent their candidate at the next level.

### What Else Happens at the Caucuses?

The purpose of a political party is for like-minded people to pool their time, money and energy to promote a certain political goal or candidate. So every two years, when we gather in our caucuses, we also figure out what we agree on as party goals and positions. These “platform planks” are taken to the party’s County Convention to be considered as part of the County Platform, and

then they move on up to Congressional, State and finally National party platforms. This is truly a grassroots process, and it is where your voice is heard, that is, if you show up.

### What do I need to do NOW?

1. Mark your calendar for February 9, so you can plan to attend
2. Subscribe to the Whatcom Democrats’ “Caucus Notification” e-mail list, so we can easily remind you and let you know where your caucus will meet. Go to [whatcomdemocrats.com](http://whatcomdemocrats.com) to subscribe, or call 647-7661 to leave your e-mail address.
3. If you expect to move before February 9, be sure to send the County Auditor a change of address. Call 676-6742 for details.
4. Support the work of the Whatcom Democrats with your donation and volunteer time. Please use the enclosed envelope.

## Whatcom Democrats

The Whatcom Democrats, the official Democratic Party organization for Whatcom County, is governed by the Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) who are elected by Democratic voters in each of their precincts. In turn, the PCOs adopt bylaws and elect officers who manage the activities of the party. The

Officers and appointed committee chairs make up the Executive Board. The PCOs and Executive Board are joined by over 500 dues-paying members who contribute money and volunteer time to get Democrats elected, as well as participate in candidate endorsement decisions. We welcome your participation.

### 2007-2008 Executive Board

Barry Buchanan	Natalie McClendon
Peggy Borgens	Joan Ging
Roni Beall	Maggie Hanson
Hue Beattie	Rosalinda Guillen
John McGarrity	JoAnn McNerthny
Steve Schuck	Abe Jacobson
Satpal Sidhu	Catherine Chambers
	Frances Badgett

JUNE 2008

*Washington State Democratic Convention*  
6/14/08

AUGUST 2008

*Democratic National Convention*  
8/25-8/28/08

NOVEMBER 2008

*General Election 11/4/08*

**Vote Nov. 6, to keep  
Whatcom County  
beautiful.**



## Stay in Touch

For regular updates on the candidates, campaigns, and events, subscribe to the Whatcom Democrats Announce Email List. Go to our website, [whatcomdemocrats.com](http://whatcomdemocrats.com), and follow the links.

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## Rapid Growth... Water Quality At Risk... Tough Budgets...

With crucial issues like these before us, we must elect candidates who place our community's well-being above special interests.

*The Whatcom Democrats endorse the following people who exemplify fair and open thinking:*

### Whatcom County

Whatcom County Executive – **Pete Kremen**  
Auditor – **Shirley Forslof**  
Treasurer – **Steve Oliver**  
Sheriff – **Bill Elfo**  
Council District 1 – **Bob Kelly**  
Council District 2 – **Ken Mann**

### City of Bellingham

Mayor – **Dan McShane** or **Dan Pike**  
(Candidates were considered individually, rather than against any opponents they may have, which resulted in more than one candidate endorsed in this race.)  
Council Ward 1 – **Jack Weiss**  
Council Ward 3 – **Barry Buchanan**  
Council Ward 4 – **Stan Snapp**  
Council Ward 5 – **Terry Bornemann**  
Council At-Large – **Louise Bjornson**

### Ballot Measures — State-wide Initiatives

#### *Whatcom Democrats Recommend:*

EHJR 4204 – **YES** Simple Majority for School Levies      Referendum 67 – **YES** Insurance Consumer Protections  
I-960 – **NO** Require 2/3 majority to increase taxes