

31st District Democrat's Newsletter



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MEETING NOTICE

Please note date change

The 31st L.D. Democrats will meet

Wednesday, March 21st

7 TO 9 PM

SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY

1116 Fryer Ave.

Sumner, WA

Coffee hour 6-7 PM

<http://31stDistrictDemocrats.org>

Featured Speaker-

Bev Harris

From

<http://www.blackboxvoting.org>

"Bev Harris stumbled onto a national story ignored by every big-city newspaper in the land, and worked it deeper and deeper with scoops that would have made her career at the New York Times or Washington Post. -- Vanity Fair

From the Black Box Voting Website ...

Mission: The mission of Black Box Voting is to ensure fair and accurate elections through citizen oversight.

Investigations by Black Box Voting have so far resulted in two criminal convictions (Cuyahoga County Ohio - videotape catching them in the act, by Kathleen Wynne), and our work achieved a \$2.6 million in restitution payments (to California); Because of Black Box Voting, we've seen the release of the secret voting software of all four major manufacturers. And it is Black Box Voting that organized and produced the now-famous "Hursti hacks."

The Boston Globe described the founder of this Web site, Bev Harris, as "The godmother of the movement." Since then, actions for elections integrity have mushroomed, into a movement, and now a culture, of increased elections oversight by the citizenry of this country.

DECLINE TO SIGN

From King County Democrats

Initiative 25 is a very bad idea and would not be good for the people of King County. It is simply a protest by the small band of people continuing efforts to change the results of the 2004 election.

Just say, NO, if you are asked to sign a petition to get Initiative 25 on the November 2007 ballot.



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4th Anniversary End the War March: 3/19/07

**Gather 3:00pm at the Federal
Courthouse: 700 Stewart St., Seattle
March at 3:30pm to City Hall &
Federal Building**

**Over 600,000 Iraqis dead
More than 3000 US service
people killed.
Over 10.4 billion diverted from
Washington State.**

Join the **36th District Democrats**, along with SNOW, Jobs with Justice, Church Council of Greater Seattle, LELO, MLK County Labor Council and many, many others for a Rally and March underscoring the devastating effects the war has had on our local communities.

Washington Public Campaigns

Court rulings have declared money is the equivalent of speech when it comes to supporting a candidate or ballot measure. Washington State dodged the bullet when we, though our votes, did not allow big business to buy seats on the State Supreme Court. One way to insure this doesn't happen again is to pass Public Campaign Financing Laws. Washington Public Campaigns is working to do just that. Check them out-
<http://washclean.org/> *MJ McGalliard, ed.*

From the Wash Clean website-

Seven Public Financing Bills Now Before the Legislature

We are tracking all of these bills and making plans for hearings as they are scheduled. See our [legislative action page](#) for more information.

News Tribune Op-Ed on Public Financing: State Representative Miloscia Sounds Off

State Representative Mark Miloscia says that public financing of all election campaigns is the only way to put an end to legalized bribery in an [op-ed piece](#) in the News Tribune

SAVE THE DATES

*From Jaxon Ravens
Executive Director
Washington State Democrats*

Building off of the successful National Organizing Events (NOEs) of 2006, the DNC will continue to work with the Executive Directors and State Chairs Associations to create three national events combining the resources of the National party with the local communities. Please put the following dates on your calendars.

2007 National Organizing Events (NOE)

- o April 28- National Organizing Event (NOE) - Canvass with Message
- o July 28- (NOE) Democratic Reunion - Community Service Events
- o October 6- (NOE) Every Voter Counts Canvass