



March 2025 News and Events

Our theme this year (selected with your help!) is Participation in Democracy. As part of that theme, each month we're bringing in someone involved in local activism or community building to talk about their work and how we can get involved. We are all looking for ways to make a difference right now, and my deep desire is that everyone who comes to the 31st Democrats finds a place where they can work for the betterment of our community -- whether or not that place is with us! Lots of great organizations are doing fantastic work.

For March please join us at the Marion Grange or via Zoom to hear from Julie Andrzejewski of Indivisible Tacoma, who is going to talk to us about work IT has been doing to protect democracy, raise awareness of Trump and Musk's activities, meet with legislators, and more!

Sarah Edwards
Chair



31ST DISTRICT DEMOCRATS MARCH HYBRID MEETING

- **GUEST SPEAKER: JULIE ANDRZEJEWSKI, INDIVISIBLE TACOMA**
- **VISITING ELECTED OFFICIAL: HAMDY MOHAMED, SEATTLE PORT**
- **CANDIDATES SEEKING ENDORSEMENT:**
 - GIRMAY ZAHILAY - KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 - RYAN CALKINS - SEATTLE PORT
 - TOSHIKO HASEGAWA - SEATTLE PORT

WED MAR 26, 2025 — 7PM - 9PM (6:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR)
HYBRID (ZOOM) & IN-PERSON (MARION GRANGE HALL)

MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS WELCOME
27725 SUMNER BUCKLEY HIGHWAY

Call To Meeting - March 26

You are invited to participate in our next monthly meeting, which will be held Wednesday, March 26, at 7:00 pm ON-SITE at the Marion Grange Hall in Buckley, AND on Zoom.

This month, we welcome Julie Andrzejewski of Indivisible Tacoma, who will be joining us to talk about the work that their organization has been doing to protect democracy and bring together folks in our region to organize, stay informed, and fight back.

We are also proud to have Hamdi Mohamed, one of our elected officials from the Seattle Port, joining us to share some information about how what's going on at the Federal level affects things at the Port, how and how it relates to us here in the 31st LD.

Speaking of elections, our first endorsement requests have started coming in and we'll be meeting Toshiko Hasegawa and Ryan Calkins, who are both seeking endorsement for their candidacy to the Seattle Port; and Girmay Zahilay, who is seeking endorsement as they run for King County Executive. Their candidate questionnaires can be found on our website and we encourage everyone to check them out in advance so you can be ready with any questions you might have for the candidates!

If you will be joining us virtually at the March 26th meeting, the meeting link button below will allow you to pre-register in advance or join the meeting once it is in progress. A link to the meeting's agenda is provided below and will be updated prior to the meeting.

If you're available to join us in person, we can't wait to see you at the Marion Grange Hall, 27725 Sumner Buckley Highway, in Buckley. Social hour starts at 6:30pm and meeting at 7pm. Coffee will be provided and anyone who'd like to bring a snack or baked good to share, feel free!

[Register/Join March 26 Meeting Zoom](#)

[Click Here to View Agenda](#)

Volunteer Opportunity: Master Contact List Updates

Cora, our new Membership Chair, is looking for folks who would like to help update our master contact list for the district. This will entail tackling a small list of contacts to text, email, or call and confirm that they are still in the 31st and invite them to a meeting or upcoming event. Cora will provide the contacts, a script, and an answer sheet. This is a great opportunity for first time volunteers or those who want to get involved from home! If you're able to help out, please [email Cora here](#) to get started! Thank you!

First Book Club of 2025: Tue 4/6/2025 6-8pm

The 31st LD is excited to kick off our third year of our quarterly book clubs! Please join us as we discuss and explore titles that match our theme of being actively involved in our democracy. The political climate has drastically changed within the last 60 days, but meeting with like minded

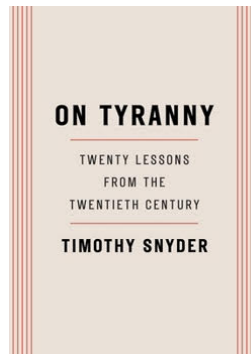
neighbors to discuss deep ideas is always a worthwhile pursuit.

Our first title for 2025 is On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century by Tim Snyder. A call to arms and a guide to resistance, with invaluable ideas for how we can preserve our freedoms in the uncertain years to come.

We'll be meeting at the Bonney Lake Library: Tuesday April 8th, 6p to 8p
18501 90th St E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391

Please [RSVP to our Facebook event!](#) Feel free to bring friends! And if you aren't a member of our [Facebook group](#) yet, feel free to sign up for the group while you're there and join a few hundred likeminded community members as we all stay in touch with what's happening in our district!

We are hoping to announce the rest of the books for this year soon! If you need to purchase a book, please check out our only independent bookstore in the district, [A Good Book](#) down on Sumner's Main Street.



Exploring New Meeting Locations!

The 31st LD is in the process of considering a new location for our in-person monthly meetings. The ideal location would be available to us on the 4th Wednesday of every month between 6pm and 9pm; be easily accessible for residents of our sprawling district; have heat, A/C, and good, stable wi-fi internet connection for our hybrid meetings; and enough space to comfortably seat up to 100 attendees. Our budget for rental of meeting space is reasonable and if anyone has any suggestions or a space that they'd like to offer, please reply to this newsletter or [email our Chair, Sarah Edwards!](#)

2025 Membership - Join or Renew!

One of our most important resource streams is memberships and recurring donations, and membership definitely gives you a lot of bang for your buck! In exchange for your \$31 per year (or as low as \$5 to accommodate all types of circumstances) you get to have a vote and voice on different decisions that the 31st LD makes such as which candidates we endorse, candidates or initiatives we support with money or other resources, what types of

candidates and elected officials at meetings and events, and you get to have a role in driving progressive priorities in our district! Renew your membership or join today to enjoy full membership for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year, and please help spread the word about the benefits of membership to your likeminded friends and neighbors that live in the 31st District.

[Renew or Become a Member Today!](#)

Looking for Volunteers!

The 31st District has all kinds of projects that could use your help, with a variety of different time commitments and activity levels. Interested in working together, giving back, and making a difference? Click below and let us know -- we'll help you find a volunteer opportunity that matches your schedule!

[Be a](#)

[Volunteer!](#)

DONATIONS Make the Difference!

While dues have historically made up the majority of our budget, we are stepping up our fight to make the 31st District a truly inclusive, equitable, and welcoming place to live. Please consider helping us achieve our goals by contributing today!

[Donate Now](#)

Precinct Committee Officers Needed!

PCO's are the "boots on the ground" for the 31st District! If you are interested in volunteering to help GET OUT THE VOTE and spread the word about initiatives in your neighborhood, click below to learn more about Precinct Committee

Important Links

[Our website](#)

[Find your representatives](#), including your PCO (and what precinct you are in).

[Young Democrats of Washington](#)

Seeking to "empower young people through voter registration, campaign activities, petitions, and grass-roots lobbying efforts."

[League of Women Voters Washington](#)

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate. Empowering voters. Defending Democracy.

[Washington State Democrats](#)

The official web resource for the Washington State Democratic party. Browse for events, elected officials, platform positions, news, and more!

[Pierce County Democrats](#)

The 31st Legislative District is interesting in that it spans two counties! For those of you residing in Pierce, here is your county party's official web resource.

[King County Democrats](#)

The 31st Legislative District is interesting in that it spans two counties! For those of you residing in King, here is your county party's official web resource.

Officers and how to help!

PCO

Information

If you have info or events you'd like included in the monthly newsletter, please let us know!

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[Washington State Legislature](#)

Everything you ever wanted to know (and more!) about our state government.

Our [Facebook](#)

Join us on FB for local info, events, discussion, and local calls to action, updated frequently by members of our community.

Our [Twitter](#)

A great source of upcoming events and information!

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