

**Washington County Democratic Central Committee**  
**October 28, 2020 Regular Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes**

The electronic credentialing process started at 6:30 pm.

1. The Meeting opened at 7:01 pm. Officers present were: Patrick Maguire (Chair), Martita Meier, (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Amelia Manlove, (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair), Veronica Williams (Treasurer) and Victoria Long (Recording Secretary). Also present was Alice Bartelt, Parliamentarian. A quorum was met; there were 58 PCP's present and a total of 62 in attendance (Appendix 1).

- o Chair comments on Zoom meeting participation.
- o The Prepared Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- o The Minutes of the September 23, 2020, Meeting were approved without correction.
- o Introduction of Democratic Elected Officials, Candidates, and First-Time Attendees

### **1. Reports from Chair and ViceChairs**

- o Chair's Opening Remarks — **Patrick Maguire** – Comments on the Organizational Meeting on November 21 and candidate process for running for leadership roles within the Washington County Democrats; comments on Nominating Committee and filing with that Committee to run for a Washington County Democrats office
- o First Vice Chair — **Martita Meier** – comments on the Neuberger/fundraising events; referred to the washcodems.org website for endorsed candidates and sharing on FB
- o Second Vice Chair (Credentials) — **Amelia Manlove** – email/VAN issue was tentatively fixed; check your spam for possible issues. Contact Amelia at [vicechair2@washcodems.org](mailto:vicechair2@washcodems.org).

### **2. Party Financial Updates**

- o Treasurer's Report — **Veronica Williams** – See Appendix 2
- o Budget Committee — **John MacDonald** – the new 2021 budget will be dependent on the final tallies from the Neuberger/Office Swag sales

### **3. Report from Resolutions and Platform Committee — Gerritt Rosenthal** – November 9<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting because the usual date on 11/3 is Election Day.

- o Second Reading - **RPC 2020-010: Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act** – Appendix 3
  - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal made a motion (CC10282020- 1) to put this before the CC with a DO PASS. Discussion.
  - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (CC10282020-2) to amend “was introduced into the Senate on 5/20/2020 as S-3790 by Senator Bernie Sanders.” John MacDonald seconded. Discussion. Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.
  - ❖ Keith Haxton moved (CC10282020-3) to delete “state.” Seconded. Discussion. Vote: 22-YES 30-NO – Motion failed.
  - ❖ Jim Silver moved (CC10282020-4) to refer this back to committee. Seconded. Discussion. Vote: 2-YES / 48-NO – Motion failed.
  - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (CC10282020-5) to add “Federal.” John MacDonald seconded. Vote:

- 45-YES / 1-NO – Motion passed.
- ❖ Martita moved (CC10282020-6) to amend by adding “...and our Congressional delegation,” at the end of the last paragraph. Seconded. Discussion. Vote: 37-YES / 4-NO - Motion passed. Vote on (CC10282020-1). 51-YES / 1-NO...Motion passed as amended.
- Second Reading - **RPC 2020-014**: Support for Oregon Governor Brown – details on website
    - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (CC10282020-7) to put this before the CC but to refer **RPC 2020-014** back to the Resolution Committee. Seconded. Discussion.
    - ❖ Keith Haxton moved to postpone indefinitely. Chair ruled as out of order.
    - ❖ Veronica Williams moved (CC10282020-8) to end debate. Seconded. Vote: 39-YES / 4-NO (meets the 2/3's requirement) Motion passed to end debate. Vote on (CC10282020-7) Vote: 40-YES / 6-NO – Motion passed to refer back to committee.
  - Second Reading - **RPC 2020-011**: Black Lives Matter – Appendix 4
    - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (CC10282020-9) to put this before the CC with a DO PASS. Discussion.
    - ❖ Susruta Chandramouli moved (CC10282020-10) to strike out #3 (entire paragraph) under “Therefore... section” Seconded. Discussion.
    - ❖ John MacDonald moved (CC10282020-11) to end debate. Seconded. Vote: 41-YES / 10-NO (meets the 2/3's requirement) Motion passed to end debate. Vote on (CC10282020-10) 48-YES / 2-NO – Motion passed to strike out #3 paragraph.
    - ❖ Jim Silver moved (CC10282020-12) to suspend the rules and end debate. Seconded. Vote: 39-YES / 9-NO (meets the 2/3's requirement) – Motion passed to end debate. Vote on (CC10282020-9) as amended passed unanimously (48-YES).
  - Second Reading - **RPC 2020-012**: Juneteenth - Emancipation Day – Appendix 5
    - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (CC10282020-13) to put this before the CC with a DO-PASS.
    - ❖ Gerritt Rosenthal moved (CC10282020-14) to postpone **RPC 2020-012** until the January CC Meeting. Discussion.
    - ❖ Nancy Lewis moved (CC10282020-15) to end debate. Seconded. 42-YES / 1-NO (meets 2/3's requirement) – Motion passed to end debate. Vote on (CC10282020-14) 7-YES / 43-NO – Motion to postpone failed.
    - ❖ Amelia Manlove moved (CC10282020-16) to amend to show capital **B** in all words “black.” Seconded. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
    - ❖ Jim Silver moved (CC10282020-17) to suspend the rules and end debate. Seconded. 30 -YES / 19-NO (2/3's requirement not met) Motion failed to end debate.
    - ❖ Brian Decker moved (CC10282020-18) to change the wording “Emancipations” plural to singular in the resolution. Seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.
    - ❖ Brian Decker moved (CC10282020-19) to change paragraph D. wording to “to form a more perfect union.” Seconded. Vote: Approved by unanimous consent. Vote on (CC10282020-13): 44-YES - Unanimous – Motion passed as amended.
    - ❖ Victoria Long moved (CC10282020-20) to change #6 Provisional Selection of New Precinct

Committeepersons to next in the Agenda. Seconded. Discussion. Vote: 25-YES / 15-NO – (2/3's requirement not met) Motion failed.

#### 4. Updates from Committees, Caucuses, Delegations, and Special Groups

- Campaign Committee — **Dan Riker** – See Appendix 6 for full report.
- Community Outreach Committee — **Sue Cocking & Derrick Ragan** – no updates
- Communications Committee — **Brian Gardner** – conducting candidate interviews and doing op-eds
- Young Democrats Committee — **John Harrigan** – this Friday is the Criminal Justice Forum. The link is [washcodems.org/justice-forum](http://washcodems.org/justice-forum)
- Information Technology Committee — **Patrick Konsor** – no updates
- Office Committee — **Connie Chen** – Building goodwill with other Dem parties by helping several other County Democrat parties to get signs, etc. There are more Biden Harris signs available in the Office.
- Training and Education Committee — **Nancy Lewis** – On November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm there is an open discussion on parliamentarian procedure.
- Black American Caucus & Hard Conversations — **Glendora Claybrooks and Barb Glazer** – no report
- Education Caucus — **Lisa Stiller** – State is looking at opening education metrics; plan to email the Governor and Oregon Dept. of Education/Oregon Health Authority
- State Central Committee Delegation — **Farrah Chaichi** – DNC Delegate election nominations are open, and you can file at [dpo.org/scc](http://dpo.org/scc) by 5pm Friday 11/17 – See Appendix 7 for full report.
- First Congressional District Committee Delegation — **Janice Karpenick** – next meeting is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>; comments on meeting with Bonamici's staff.
- East Washington County Democrats Group — **Carol Greenough** – comments on upcoming events.
- Rules Committee — **Garrett Fleenor** – There will be an email from the Nominating Committee about procedures; comments on closing debate during a CC meeting; comments on ballot process. November 21 at 11:00am is the Organizational Meeting. Elected PCPs can vote for the five party officers. All PCPs (appointed and elected) can vote for SCC/CD-1 delegates. Nancy Lewis asked if the new Bylaws were ever revised. Garrett Fleener: We approved emergency bylaws to deal with COVID, and the Rules Committee is still working on the new bylaws. Garrett Rosenthal – you don't have to be a DPO delegate to be a member of the DPO standing committees.

#### 6. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons

- ❖ Victoria Long moved (CC10282020-21) to appoint as PCP members of the Democratic Party of Washington County the following: Jeanne Adkins, Alex Berry and Daniel Mogtaderi. Seconded. Discussion. Vote: 35-YES - Unanimous – Motion passed.

NOTE: Any new PCP's selected by the Central Committee will not take office at this meeting. They will take office after being verified and registered by the county elections official.

#### Additional New Business –

- ❖ Lisa Stiller moved (CC10282020-22) that the following statement be sent to the Oregon U.S. Congressional delegation: The Washington County Democratic Central Committee condemns the failure of the Senate to pass **the most recent** Covid relief legislation, which would continue pandemic unemployment relief, provide another round of stimulus checks, and give billions of dollars to state and local governments for relief. Instead the Senate adjourned until November 9th, after the election.

We condemn the Trump administration's rejection of Democrats' call for a national Covid testing strategy as part of this legislation, which is needed to help manage the surging infections throughout the country. We call upon our Congressional delegation to work with their colleagues to immediately resume efforts to pass a Covid relief bill, making this the top priority for the Senate. Seconded.

- ❖ Kate Mohr moved (CC10282020-23) to amend it to say "...to pass **the most recent** Covid..." Discussion. Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.
- ❖ Nancy Lewis moved (CC10282020-24) to commit to the Platform and Resolutions Committee. Discussion. Vote: 3-YES / 30-NO – Motion failed.  
Vote on (CC10282020-22): 33-YES – unanimous - Motion passed as amended.
- ❖ Brian Gardner moved (CC10282020-25) to have the membership approve the following statement: "Given that the state of Oregon and Washington County in specific is experiencing a surge in Covid cases - we urge all Washington County and its internal municipalities to strictly enforce wearing of masks in all municipal buildings, and while on duty as municipal employees. This is to include office staff, police officers, and all other employees." Seconded. Discussion.
- ❖ Lucinda Hites-Clabaugh moved (CC10282020-26) to refer this to the Platform and Resolutions Committee. Seconded. Discussion.
- ❖ Bridget Brooks moved (CC10282020-27) to end debate. Seconded. Vote: 26-YES / 3-NO - Motion passed to end debate.  
Vote on (CC10282020-26): 9-YES / 19-NO - Motion failed to refer back to committee.
- ❖ Keith moved (CC10282020-28) to end debate. Seconded. 26-YES / 2-NO – Motion passed to end debate on the statement.  
Vote on (CC10282020-25): 19-YES / 9-NO - Motion passed.
- ❖ Keith moved (CC10282020-27) to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. 29-YES – unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20pm

Recorded by:

*Victoria Long*

Victoria Long

Recording Secretary, Democratic Party of Washington County on October 28, 2020

Approved:

**Appendix 1 – List of Attendees**

Barnhart	Mary
Bartelt	Alice
Bliss	William

Brooks	Bridget
Brown	Gene
Buratti	Brenda
Cadambi	Sudarshan
Campos	Wlnsvey
Chaichi	Farrah
Chandramouli	Sushruta
Chen	Connie
Decker	Brian
Erguiza	Chrissy
Fleenor	Garrett
Foust	Susan
Franks	Julian
Gallup Jr	Charles
Gardner	Brian
Garman	Debby
Gatchell	Charles
Glazer	Barbara
Greenough	Carol
Hamilton	Brett
Hamilton	Kami
Harrigan	John
Harrison	Edward
Haxton	Keith
Hellman	Walter
Hites-Clabaugh	Lucinda
Hobbs	William
Karpenick	Janice
Konsor	Patrick
Lewis	Nancy
Long	Victoria
Low	Justin
MacDonald	John

Maguire	Patrick
Manlove	Amelia
Martin	John
McWilliams	Marilyn
Meier	Martita
Mestre Noria	Christen
Moberg	Dean
Mohr	Kate
Morgan	Claire
Murawski	Sara
Neill	Daniel
Ragan	Derrick
Riker	Dan
Rivers	Joshua
Rosenthal	H Gerritt
Sheldall	Gordon
Silver	James
Sterling	Claudia
Stiller	Lisa
Thompson	Jim
Todd	Ermine
Wakkila	Wynne
Waszink	Remco
Wending	Cyndi
Whittington	Joe
Williams	Veronica

**Treasurer's CC Meeting Report – Appendix 2**  
Operational and Fundraising Financial Transactions

1. Bank Balances as of 10/28/2020– Washington County Democratic Central Committee

A. Membership Savings \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 7,826.40

B. Business Savings (KS) _	\$ 524.43
C. Business Checking _____	\$ 70,915.18
D. TOTAL:	\$ 79,266.01
2. Incoming Blue Horizon Donations – September 2020	\$ 1505.00
3. Blue Horizon 2020 YTD -	\$ 18,076.92
4. Total September 2020 Receivables __	\$ 15, 346.64
5. Total September 2020 Expenditures____	\$ 20,616.98

## NOTES:

## Neuberger Preliminary Numbers:

- Projected Gross \$35,080.00
- Projected Net \$28,110.75

## YTD Swag sales at the Office total as of 10/28/2020:

Gross: \$23,403.25  
Net: \$14,245.89

### Approved Resolutions of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee

#### RPC 2020-010: Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act – Appendix 3

## REGARDING HEALTH CARE EMERGENCY GUARANTEE ACT (HCEGA) [HR 6906]

- A. WHEREAS the COVID-19 emergency calls for bold and timely action from the Federal government, action to address both its public health and the economic impacts, and
- B. WHEREAS the Federal government has special capacities and authorities to meet the needs of our people during this health care and economic crisis: state governments cannot run a deficit, cannot invoke emergency industrial controls, and their revenue depends on taxes that are drastically reduced, and
- C. WHEREAS this crisis has shown how the health of each individual is connected to the health of their community such that to protect the community, each person must be able to get needed care when they need it without financial worry, and
- D. WHEREAS the financial pressures caused by the pandemic often lead to self-rationing of health care due to the costs of deductibles, co-insurance, and point-of-service co-pays, and
- E. WHEREAS sudden mass unemployment (over 30 million jobless claims as of April 30th, CNN 4/30)\* sharply exposes how irrational it is for health care to depend on insurance that is tied to jobs that can be quickly lost, either directly or indirectly, and
- F. WHEREAS the millions of heroic low-wage workers with poor quality or no insurance (e.g. home care and nursing home workers, grocery workers, delivery drivers for food and medicine, and farm workers) need immediate transitional health care coverage now to protect them and the health of those they serve, and
- G. WHEREAS because minorities, low income, immigrant, and other vulnerable communities

are suffering the greater impacts of the pandemic due to higher rates of no-or under-insurance, and

H. WHEREAS a large proportion of Federal emergency relief money has gone to entities that do not need it including large corporations, rather than to health care providers and their patients, and

I. WHEREAS the bicameral Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act (HCEGA)(HR 6906 -Jayapal) was introduced into the Senate on 5/20/2020 as S-3790 by Senator Bernie Sanders (chief sponsors Representative Pramila Jayapal and Senator Bernie Sanders) to address all of the above issues, and

J. WHEREAS the HCEGA is non-disruptive of current health provisions in that:

- It does not interfere with health insurance that anyone currently has,
- It uses the existing Medicare infrastructure to cover those who are or become uninsured,
- It enhances both private and public insurance benefits by having Medicare act as a secondary insurance to cover out-of-pocket costs,
- It provides help to all residents regardless of immigration status, and
- It does not allow private health insurers to skim off the top of these federal benefits:

THEREFORE, The Washington County Democratic Central Committee resolves:

- 1) To support the Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act (HCEGA - HR 6906) proposal.
- 2) To encourage people to contact their Representative and Senators in Congress, as well as other Congressional leaders, to urge them to enact the HCEGA or measures that will have similarly beneficial consequences.
- 3) To communicate our support to appropriate state political leaders including the Governor, our local legislators, the Director of Oregon Health Authority and our Congressional delegation.

Resolution Prepared by WCDCC; approved June 9, 2020 with a DO PASS recommendation. Passed as amended by the WCDCC October 28, 2020.

\* As of October, 2020, over 57 million jobless claims had been filed with 14,844,000 still continuing and weekly filings of over 750,000 (Wall Street Journal, October 29, 2020).

Link to a summary of the proposed Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act

<https://www.sanders.senate.gov/download/healthcare-covid-summary?id=C150F60D-E8F5-4C27-93B0-37D7F9F7BD73&download=1&inline=file>

Link to the text of the proposed Health Care Emergency Guarantee Act –

<https://www.sanders.senate.gov/download/healthcare-covid-text?id=E0FDBE32-FF41-4367-A9CC42EE4DFB233C&download=1&inline=file>

#### **RPC 2020-011: Black Lives Matter – Appendix 4**

Regarding Black Lives Matter

A. Whereas WCDCC Democrats stand firm in our condemnation of racism and the disproportionate use of force and violence by law enforcement against people of color nationwide, and

B. Whereas we stand in solidarity with those who are outraged by the murder of George Floyd, Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and way too many other Black citizens, and



- C. Whereas the 2020-2021 WCDCC Platform strongly condemns racism and supports efforts to provide law enforcement with the appropriate training to counter forms of implicit racism, and
- D. Whereas current laws in Oregon make it clear that racist discrimination is illegal, but
- E. Whereas additional laws and/or a restructuring of law enforcement priorities and funding may be needed to make police more responsible to community needs and to ensure that law enforcement actions that violate civil rights are held accountable according to fair standards of law:

THEREFORE we, the WCDCC, resolve as follows:

1. We strongly encourage our legislators to investigate potential legal options to hold law enforcement responsible for violations of civil rights.
2. We support peaceful protests and with them, demand justice and equal treatment for all people.

Resolution by G. Rosenthal, WCDCC Resolutions and Platform Committee Chair, June 9, 2020. Passed July 7, 2020 by the R&PC with a DO PASS recommendation. Passed as amended by the WCDCC October 28, 2020.

### **RPC 2020-012: Juneteenth - Emancipation Day – Appendix 5**

Regarding Juneteenth - Emancipation Day

- A. Whereas President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, and
- B. Whereas it took until June 19th, 1865, in Galveston Texas, for the last enslaved people to receive word that they had been freed, and
- C. Whereas the black population of Galveston immediately celebrated and created an annual celebration to mark their removal from bondage which quickly became known as Juneteenth or Emancipation Day, and which is now celebrated in at least 48 states,\* and
- D. Whereas it is critical to the healing of divisions in this country that all Americans officially recognize the injustice of slavery and celebrate its end as part of our efforts to “form a more perfect union”, and
- E. Whereas Juneteenth has been celebrated in Portland and other cities in Oregon for at least 75 years, and
- F. Whereas both Portland and Multnomah County have recently declared Juneteenth as Emancipation Day and a, respectively, official City and County holiday:

THEREFORE, we the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) resolve as follows:

1. We strongly encourage and support Governor Brown and our state legislators in their intent to establish an official annual state holiday on June 19th to be called Juneteenth.
2. We strongly encourage our Congressional Representatives to work toward the establishment of an official National Holiday on June 19.
3. We believe that this Holiday should be legally established as equal in force and importance to other National Holidays that commemorate significant milestones for the United States

Resolution by G. Rosenthal, WCDCC Resolutions and Platform Committee Chair, June 19, 2020. Passed by the R&PC July 7, 2020 with a DO PASS recommendation. Passed as amended by the WCDCC October 28, 2020.

- There are no Juneteenth Day celebrations in North Dakota or South Dakota.

## Campaign Committee Report – Appendix 6

Covid-19 prevented our Neighborhood Leaders from knocking on doors of Democrats to increase the Democratic vote in the General Election. Instead, Neighborhood Leaders sent postcards to the addresses on the turfs they normally would have walked. While there still are a few more days for ballots to come in, the turnout results dramatically show the continued value of the Neighborhood Leader Program with very positive results of the postcard mailings.

We had active NLs mailing postcards in ten of our 12 legislative districts. We estimate that we reached about one sixth of the registered Democrats in Washington County.

This was a great team effort. Each House District Leader computed the number of postcards and stamps needed for that district. The number of cards for each district was provided to the printer. The number of stamps needed was provided to WashCoDems Treasurer Veronica Williams, who purchased the stamps on behalf of the party. The postcards for all districts, except one, were designed by Karyn Servin, House District Leader in HD 33. Carl Fisher designed a separate card for HD 35. The cards were customized for each district, with one district, 26, divided into two sections. One side had the Democratic Party's endorsed candidates, federal, state, county and local for that district. The other had space for the stamp, address and a note from the Neighborhood Leader. Karyn and Carl provided high quality PDFs to be used in the printing, for free, by Local 555 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, one of the nation's greatest unions that we all should support.

Once the postcards were printed, House District Leaders distributed them to their Neighborhood Leaders who then mailed them to the addresses on their walk lists.

The decision by the Campaign Committee – the House District Leaders - to rely on postcards for our contact with our Democratic voters instead of knocking on their doors was unconventional and carried considerable risk. Similar uses of postcards historically had not shown any appreciable benefit – no particular increase in turnout as opposed to significant increases in turnout with door knocking.

Even though there still are a lot of ballots yet to reach the elections people I can report to you that our postcard program has been extremely successful. Our postcards reached 23,000 of the 145,000 Democrats in the county. About 53 percent of those Democrats already have voted. However, 70 percent of Democrats who received postcards already have voted. That is about an 50 percent higher rate of turnout. In fact, the number of Democrats who received postcards and have voted is about half of the total number of Republicans who have voted.

These are interim numbers and they certainly will change when all the ballots are in. What evidence we have so far is very positive for the postcard program and for Democratic Party candidates.

Overall, the voter turnout in the county seems to forecast significant election victories for us. Seventy-six thousand Democrats already have voted, compared to 32,000 Republicans and 35,000 Non-Affiliateds.

We may well be part of a giant blue wave that we will see sweeping the country next Tuesday.

## SCC Chair Report - Appendix 7

When I was elected to this position there was a lot of hope and optimism to make the DPO a force for progressive change. Over the last two-year term, we've seen the subversion of democracy and a loss of our rights to represent Washington County in the deliberative assembly.

Under the current chair we've seen a consolidation of power:

taking decisions that should be made by the state central committee out of our hands

taking duties of standing committees and giving them to unelected bodies that should have been approved by the SCC

issuing "emergency resolutions" that do not allow for debate or transparency in votes

refusing to allow your elected members of the credentials committee to do the credentialing, which resulted in our last meeting ending after 2 hours without doing any business.

As a representative body under the DNC charter we are not meant to have secret ballots but were given a major rules change on elections via SurveyMonkey outside of a meeting without any deliberation. When I requested a report of the votes be sent to the SCC membership, the chair refused, effectively creating a secret ballot and denying the people we represent a record of how we represented them.

Our own delegation has been denied full representation. Full delegates have been denied the opportunity to speak in debate and be recognized to make motions. Our alternates are relegated to listen only, as if they were a member of the public just observing rather than associate members with rights to speak in debate, and have either been denied access or were dropped from the call.

The SCC is a deliberative assembly and legally the highest authority of the state party, but the infringement of our delegation and all delegations' rights to represent our counties make a mockery of that authority. If this bothers you, I hope you will run for SCC delegate at the reorg or at least vote for people who want to change this.

If you have any questions you can contact me at [scc\\_chair@washcodems.org](mailto:scc_chair@washcodems.org)