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Rob Johnson

Councilmember Johnson provides HALA update

Seattle City Councilmember Rob Johnson spoke on “The Future of Affordability in Seattle” at the March 8 meeting of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. He provided an implementation update on the city’s Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA), explaining how it emphasizes new affordable housing, invests in housing for those most in need, and promotes efficient and innovative development. He also described ways in which citizens can participate in housing improvement programs.

Prior to his election to the Seattle City Council, Mr Johnson served as executive director of Transportation Choices Coalition, a statewide nonprofit dedicated to expanding multi-modal transportation infrastructure. He chairs the council’s Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee. He earned his master’s degree in urban planning from UCLA.



New members

The MDC welcomes new members Justin Baird, Calvin Goings, and Claudia Lamphere.



Teresa Mosqueda

LDs reach out

Carin Chase, chair of the 32nd legislative district Democrats, and Andrew Villeneuve, representing the 45th legislative district Democrats, were invited to explain what distinguishes their LDs from others in King County to the members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its March 21 meeting. They were also invited to explain what special strategies, programs, and activities they have or will institute to combat President Trump’s threats to our civil liberties.

Ms Chase, who is also a member of the Edmonds School Board and the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, said the 32nd has the largest executive board of any of the LDs in King County and that many people have stepped forward to organize opposition to President Trump’s programs. This has caused the 32nd to focus on reaching out to many other groups who have formed with the same goal in mind.

The 45th, said Mr Villeneuve, is similarly reaching out to other groups, but is focusing efforts on the upcoming legislative elections, as this is one district where the Democrats have the opportunity to elect a Democrat to the state senate.



Mosqueda speaks on health care as a human right

Teresa Mosqueda, political and strategic campaign director of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, will speak on the Health Care is a Human Right Campaign at the April 12 meeting of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. The meeting takes place noon - 1:30 pm at the Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St.

Ms Mosqueda joined the WSLC in 2011 and in 2013 became the organization’s government affairs director and lead on health care policy. She has served as chair of the Healthy Washington Coalition and was appointed by the governor to serve on the Healthy Insurance Exchange Board. She earned her master of public administration degree from The Evergreen State College.

In January she launched her campaign for Seattle City Council position 8.



Carin Chase, left, and Andrew Villeneuve.



Declare for MDC board of directors by May 19

Members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle who wish to serve, or continue to serve, on the club's board of directors should declare their candidacy for the 2017 – 2019 term no later than Friday, May 19, announced MDC President Eleanor Munro. The deadline for submitting statements and photos for the ballot is Wednesday, May 24, she added. Directors serve two-year staggered terms.

Any member in good standing (dues paid in full at least 30 days in advance of the deadline for declaring) is eligible to run for the board. Please check the date on the label on your newsletter to find out whether your dues are paid in full. Inform MDC Secretary Nicole Gomez of your wish to declare your candidacy and send your photo and candidate's statement to her at nicole.gomez@gmail.com.

Your statement should be approximately 100 words. You may say whatever you wish, but it is suggested that members might like to know why you should be elected to the board; what you have done for the MDC as a previous member of the board; or, if you have not yet served, what you plan to do to help the MDC achieve its goals.

Those whose terms of service (2015 – 2017)

mark your MDC calendar

MDC meetings take place noon – 1:30 pm, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St unless otherwise noted.

April 8 program: Teresa Mosqueda speaks on health care as a human right.

April 26 meeting: board of directors meet to discuss governance, special events and promotion. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.



From the editor

Please send notices of upcoming events, letters, articles, and book reviews to Editor Eleanor Munro at walkere1@msn.com or 1925 41st Ave SW, Seattle WA 98116 no later than the fourth Wednesday of the month. All contributions are subject to editing. For more information call 206-370-1374.

expire June 28, 2017 are: Eleanor Munro, Jack Whisner, Kiku Hayashi, Kathleen Flynn, Pete Francis, Nicole Gomez, Vinod Goswami, Jerome Greene, Anne Johnson, Eugene Lux, David Rudo, Gael Tarleton, Harriet Wasserman, Bert Wyman.



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Button proceeds are specifically earmarked for fundraisers to support progressive candidates and campaigns in 2017. The raffle drawing takes place December 10 at

the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle's annual Winter Holiday Party at the home of Maryanne Tagney and David Jones. For more information contact Nicole Gomez at nicole.gomez@gmail.com. Or 206.310.7672.

1st prize, \$500
2nd prize, \$300
3rd prize, \$200



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