



Teamwork Is Our Ultimate Strength

The ultimate strength of the Democratic Party lies not just in its commitment to issues of integrity, but also by the structure enables us to effect democratic change.

We come to the Party because its Platform reflects issues we care about. Because of our shared vision, we endeavor together to make our community and our world a better place.

The Democratic Party, at any level, must work as a team to achieve its goals. Democrats of Multnomah County have a myriad of talents and skills that can take our Party to the next level of success.

Enabling dedicated activists to do what they do best while still participating in the expected activities of the Party will create a Party that’s vibrant and action-oriented.

I urge you to bring your talents to work for the common good with us... There are plenty of activities and events in which to participate:

-Be part of the Multnomah delegation to the **DPO State Platform Convention** (April 11-13 in Eugene). Contact chair@multdems.org for more info.

- Become a **Precinct Committee Person (PCP)**. The filing period to get on the ballot (in May) runs from Feb. 1 - March 11. (See notice in this issue)

- Get involved in a **Standing Committee**. Committees are listed on the back page.

Contact: chair@multdems.org
I am dedicated to this vision of an active local party.

- Be a **Neighborhood Leader**. This program is the essence of grassroots politics with 21st technology thrown in. (You don’t have to sweat the tech part, though!) We need EVERY Dems who cares about what is happening in our world to sign up! But of course, contact chair@multdems.org

- Got an idea? Let us know! From the smallest tabling event to the largest fundraiser, we CAN effect progressive change, we CAN elect Democrats in every quadrant of our County, and we can truly have a lasting impact that will make the Multnomah County, Oregon and our country a better place. But we absolutely must commit to doing it together

By KC Hanson, Chair



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Multnomah Democrats Elect Leadership Team

On January 10th the Central Committee of the Multnomah County Democratic Party elected new officers to serve through the 2008 elections.

Elected were Carla (KC) Hanson, Chair; Susan Silodor, Vice-chair; Laura Calvo, Treasurer; Susan Hagmeier, Communications Secretary; Travis Miller, Recording Secretary and Todd Barnhart, Historian.

KC Hanson became active in the Democratic Party in 2003 as she became increasingly alarmed at the direction our country was headed, as well as hopeful that the Democrats could steer the country in a better direction. She first got involved in Oregon politics in the early 1990’s; some still remember her as the “yard sign lady” of the No on 13 campaign of 1994. Most recently she has served as Vice-Chair in Multnomah County, as well as on several caucuses, committees and task forces of the State Democratic Party.

“I’m thrilled at the opportunity to expand

my work with the Democratic Party of Multnomah County, and honored to be selected as the Party leader. Our leadership team shares a common vision: getting Democrats involved in the political process and working for the common good of all Oregonians. Through the work of dedicated volunteers at all levels, our community and our country will get to a better place.”

“Broad participation is good not just for the Democratic Party but for our community, our state and our nation. Check out our website at www.multdems.org, come to our annual dinner on February 2nd and get involved as a Neighborhood Leader or Precinct Committee Person.”

Hanson was born in Berkeley, CA, grew up in California and Nevada, and graduated from the University of Kansas. She came to Oregon in 1989 when hired by the US Forest Service, and has operated a small business since 1995. A baseball fan, she sees politics as a team effort to make people’s lives better.

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Regan Gray Announces Candidacy For House District 42



Regan Gray

Regan Gray is a Portland native with a lifelong commitment to the values that make our community special.

For Regan, her progressive values are the core of who she is as a person, and what she hopes to bring to the House of Representa-

tives from District 42. Regan grew up in Portland and graduated from Portland State University with a degree in Women's Studies.

For the past six years, she has served as Chief of Staff to Diane Rosenbaum, the current representative.

Regan began her work in the Capitol before Democrats took back the Legislature, and was thrilled this last session to finally be able to push through the legislation she has been championing for so long.

Regan is very proud of the work she did on the Access to Birth Control Act, Anti-Discrimination and Domestic Partnership legislation.

Outside of the Legislature, Regan served on the Basic Rights Equality PAC Board and on the statewide Steering Committee to raise Oregon's minimum wage. Regan was also an administrator for the Oregon Women's Health and Wellness Alliance and was appointed by the governor as the chair of the Oregon Commission for Women. Through these efforts in the past six years, Regan has proven her lifelong commitment to the progressive

values that motivate her dedication to service and enacting change.

Because of this legislative and community experience, and her proven leadership, Regan is in a unique position of entering the legislature with confidence - she can get things done and continue to push the legislature forward. She will stand up when she sees inequity, and push for innovative environmental policy, worker's rights, affordable health care and school funding; these issues are key to constituents in District 42 and the responsibility of the government to provide adequate services for all Oregonians.

Regan's record proves that she can bring differing interests to the table to find solutions while delivering true victories for Oregon.

From working with constituents for the past six years, Regan knows the issues and concerns of District 42, and has put them at the top of her legislative priorities.

"This district cares about not only issues concerning Portland, but issues affecting citizens throughout the state,"

Regan says. "This wider view along with individual neighborhood focus makes District 42 so special. It has been the best district to work for, and I hope to continue serving constituents in Salem."

The legislature accomplished a lot this past session, but representing District 42 is the best way for Regan to continue serving SE and NE Portland and the state of Oregon.

Providing a knowledgeable and experienced voice to this district allows for effective advocacy of the most progressive issues and policy concerning the state.

Editors Note:

MCDCC Policy On Political Announcements

It is our policy to publish announcements of Multnomah Democrats who are running for city, county, state and national offices as they are sent to us.

Publishing these announcements does not imply, and should not be construed as endorsement or favoring one candidate over another.

Announcements for political office are treated and published as news of interest to our readers.

We will also publish news of national campaigns, especially regarding local events. These also should be seen as news of interest to Democrats, and not as implied endorsements.



Rob Milesnick Announces Candidacy for Multnomah County Commissioner - District 3



Rob Milesnick

It's easy to feel left out of county government decisions.

Rather than asking us what we think, county commissioners have spent their time bickering with each other. And when they finally do ask for our opinion, the decisions have already been made.

I'm running for the County Commission to change all that.

Because the things the county is responsible for are important. Things like giving kids and seniors' access to health care, providing children with safe and healthy options after school is done for the day, and keeping our community especially our bridges, safe.

These decisions are much too important for us to be left out.

One key decision in our future has to do with keeping local families healthy. I think everyone in Multnomah County should have access to high quality, affordable health care no matter where they live or how much money they make.

I'll work hard to get state and federal funding for county health care, along with developing new options for delivering high quality, affordable care to the people

who need it most. The County can also do more to help Multnomah County's kids do better in school and stay healthy.

The County's SUN Schools help improve test scores, keep kids healthier, and bring neighborhoods together. But they still don't have a stable funding source.

My top education priority is guaranteeing stable funding for SUN Schools so they can focus on helping kids, and not keeping the doors open.

When it comes to public safety, the county can help reduce crime and gang violence by opening Wapato Jail. My plan also includes increased drug treatment and electronic surveillance options for non-violent offenders, and more training to ensure Sheriff's Deputies can safely resolve situations involving mental health needs.

Some of these challenges may seem daunting. But it's important that we start doing the work today. Small changes in County government can have an immediate impact, and big changes have the potential to change lives.

Please contact me at any time for more information and to offer your ideas, at rob@robforcounty.org, or visit us online at www.robforcounty.org to learn more about my campaign.

Thank you.

Rob Milesnick of Portland, Oregon. Rob is a candidate for Multnomah County Commissioner, District 3. (Currently held by Commissioner Lisa Naito.) More information at RobForCounty.org

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Visit the always improving party website at www.multdems.org today for updates on coming events and party information. Sign in or create an account for access to all the site has to offer!

Can We Pull a Rabbit Out of the Hat?

Health Care Reform

Is there anything more confusing than our health care system? And now we face the daunting task of shaping health care reform.

Wading through the myriad of reform plans that seem to proliferate exponentially makes the effort that much more difficult, and in the end, we all have our own ideas of what we want to see.

The question remains, then, what reforms can we all agree on and how can we achieve them?

Many of us, in political groups, as individuals, within community groups, non-profits and the faith community are working on this very question.

There are many obstacles to comprehensive reform, of course, but one critical means to realizing our objectives is often overlooked...our own political will.

We've worked extremely hard for a long time now, sometimes seeing a dim light at the end of the tunnel, sometimes not.

What we forget is that we have the very real power to influence our representatives, at all levels of government, to achieve at least some of our goals.

In our own state, the health care problems are many, and with the loss of Measure 50 last month, one of the most glaring one deals with children, for we still have 117,000 uninsured children as well as a lack of resources for rural health care and school-based clinics.

These conditions, of course, only add to the ever-growing financial burden on families across the state.

While we're all painfully aware of the growing number of populations that are medically underserved, or unserved altogether, the Health Care Caucus steering committee is looking at four goals to accomplish by November 2008.

The first is gaining a super majority in the legislature. The next two are aimed at children's health: get-

ting school-based clinics funded and expanded and securing a firm commitment from legislators ensuring that by fall of 2009, all Oregon children will be immunized. Our fourth goal is to see that rural health clinics are adequately funded throughout the state.

Is it worth going after small victories when so many adults are suffering? It's a more than fair question, but again I would say this: we need some victories, if only to prove to ourselves that we can, indeed, win them. And to help break the deadlock that comes when the waters are so muddied it's difficult to know which way to go.

We chose these reform issues because we believe them to be both important and

reachable...because we believe the social will exists to bring these to fruition...because we believe that success breeds confidence, builds capacity and know-how and leads naturally to more success...because we believe that social will can shape political will.

And because it's up to us - all of us - to stand up and advocate for real health care reform.

*Susan Silodor, Chair
Health Care Caucus of the Democratic Party of Oregon*



Prospective PCP Bios

Prospective PCPs are asked to provide a brief biographical description, describe any previous political work or experience with the Democratic Party, and to tell what they hope to accomplish as a PCP. Here are the responses from recent applicants.

Jean B. Scott

Here's a Little Information About Me:
Retired vocational counselor for the state.
Have You Had Any Previous Experience with the Democratic Party or in political work? No
I Want to be a PCP Because:
I want to increase voter participation in my neighborhood.
*Address: SE Bybee
SD 21, HD 41, Precinct 4250*

William Tim Moxley

Here's a Little Information About Me:
Prior PCP (left the state for work the last 2 years)
Previous Experience: Kerry Feet on the Street, Phone Banks
I Want to be a PCP Because:
We can't survive another 4 years of Republican mismanagement!
*Address: SW Orchid St, Portland
SD 18, HD 36, Precinct 1245*

Joseph R. Esmonde

Here's a Little Information About Me:
Voted Dem for 37 years. College grad. Electrician now
Business Rep./Political Liaison for IBEW #48
Have You Had Any Previous Experience With the Democratic Party or in Political Work?
Yes, active in my union in GOTV, phone banks over the past 15 years.
I Want to be a PCP Because:
To get the White House and U.S. Senate majority back.
*Address: SW Hume St.
SD 6, HD 1, Precinct 1245*

Becoming a Precinct Committeeperson

The precinct is the smallest political unit in the country. A precinct cannot be divided by legislative, congressional or supervisor district. A precinct is where elections are won or lost. Most importantly, it is your neighborhood.

You have your hand on the pulse of the precinct; you understand the problems and potentials and have a desire to improve your neighborhood.

Never underestimate the power of the precinct worker! It is the precinct worker, actively participating in the Democratic Party at the precinct level, who wins elections for the Democratic Party at the local, state, and national levels. The Democratic Party begins with the Precinct Committeeperson. A Precinct Committeeperson is a representative of the Party in the precinct in which he or she resides.

For every 500 registered voters in a precinct, there should be one precinct person of each gender. Each Precinct Person is a member of the County Central Committee of the county party.

The Multnomah County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC) is the highest authority in county party policies.

Being a Precinct Committeeperson can mean a lot of hard work, a lot of educating and persuading and a good sense of organization. Precinct Committeepersons are the cornerstone of the party, and can really have an impact.

To find out more about becoming a Precinct Committeeperson, contact us today or download the form below and send it to us.

Help change our community, our county, our state and our nation. We are dedicated to making people's lives better!

Download the Committeeperson interest form at:
http://www.multdems.org/files/committeeperson_form.pdf

Fill the form out and send to us at MCDCC, Attn: Vice Chair, 232 NE 9th, Portland, OR 97232-2915.

Looking Ahead - PCP Elections in May

Precinct Committee Persons are elected every two years in the Primary Election.

The precinct is the smallest political unit in the county. A precinct cannot be divided by legislative, congressional or other districts. elections are won or lost at the precinct level. Your precinct is your neighborhood. You know the people, the schools and the community centers. You know the problems and the potentials.

You can find the form to file for election in your precinct here:

<http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/forms/sel105.pdf>

Mult Dems Calendar - check the website, www.multdems.org, for updates

Democratic Party of Oregon Super Tuesday Party

February 5 2008 - 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Tiffany Center, 1410 SW Morrison St. Portland

Join the DPO in Portland to watch Primary results come in from 23 other states around the country! Beer, wine, hors d'oeuvres, tickets \$50, RSVP & buy tickets here:

<https://secure.dpo.org/dpo/supert>

NINE Town Hall Hosted by Representative Shields

February 6 2008, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Representative Chip Shields to Host Town Hall at the

Urban League Multicultural Center, 5325 NE MLK Blvd.

Meeting will focus on NINE health care agenda for 2008-2009 legislative sessions. Third Town Hall on education scheduled for March 2008.

MCDCC Executive Meeting

February 7, 2008 - 7:00pm - 9:00 pm

Donkey Stable

MCDCC Monthly Meeting

February 14, 2008 - 7:00pm - 9:00 pm

Guest speaker will be Portland City Commissioner and candidate for Mayor, Sam Adams. Enjoy goodies, giveaways, and a raffle. Activities will focus on our local neighborhoods, and where we can all fit in and effect progress.

Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave.

2008 DNC Delegate Selection Plan

If you want to be elected as a delegate to the national convention in Denver (Aug. 25-28, 2008), please check back for more information as we get closer to 2008. The filing form will be available March 1, 2008. If you have questions about the delegate selection process, please contact Wayne Kinney, DPO Rules Committee chair, at wayne@dpo.org

Statewide Call to Action

"No LNG in Oregon"
Wednesday, February 6
11 AM to 2 PM
Capitol Steps, Salem

Oregon must come together on February 6 to let Governor Kulongoski and your state representatives know that we are UNITED AGAINST LNG!



Can't Make the Rally? On February 6, CALL Governor Ted Kulongoski at 503.378.4582. Demand that he stand up for Oregonians, and to veto all LNG terminals. Tell him that you would rather see an investment in clean, renewable energy for Oregon. For more information: www.lngpollutes.org or email nolngrally@verizon.net. Media contact: Rory Cox: rcox@pacificenvironment.org or 415.399.8850 x302

A Valentines Gathering!



Please come to the next meeting of the Multnomah Democratic Central Committee. All Dems and guests welcome.

Guest speaker will be Portland City Commissioner and candidate for Mayor, Sam Adams. Enjoy goodies, giveaways, and a raffle. Activities will focus on our local neighborhoods, and where we can all fit in and make a difference.

Please bring non-perishable food items to the February Multnomah County Central Committee Meeting. The Multnomah County GLBT Caucus will be collecting food in February for Esther's Pantry at Our House of Portland. Esther's Pantry provides people affected by HIV/AIDS access to food and personal care items. If you have questions, please contact Joey Kerns at multnomah.chair@stonewalloreign.org.

Attention Oregon Voters!

Having difficulty deciding who to vote for in the May Primary?

Here's help!

Come to the Candidate Forum for the Democratic Party Secretary of State Position

MEET:

Senator Brad Avakian
Senator Kate Brown
Senator Rick Metsger
Senator Vicki L. Walker

The candidates will take questions from moderator Gavin White, former Chairman of the Multnomah County Democratic Party.

Each candidate will offer a brief statement and answer the same questions.

There will be time to meet the candidates before and after the presentation.

Don't Miss this Opportunity to be an Informed Voter

10:00am Saturday,
March 29th, 2008

Friendly House, Inc.
2617 NW Savier
Portland 97210

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Contact Sandy Baker at 503-228-2575

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Delegation Chair	John Bradach		statechair@multdems.org
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Dist 52	Julie Christensen	503-695-2474	52leader@multdems.org

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3rd CD	Joe Smith	503-284-5552	thirdchair@multdems.org
5th CD	Kathy Jackson	503-248-6827	fifthchair@multdems.org



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MCDCC General Meeting

Thursday, February 14th, 7 pm
Dinner begins at 6 pm and is only \$5.
The Central Committee business meeting
will come to order at 8 pm.

Hollywood Senior Center
1820 NE 40th Ave.
Portland, OR, 97212



Sign Up to be a Neighborhood Leader Today



I'm ready to do my part for Oregon and America! I pledge to contact at least 25 voters in my neighborhood about Democratic candidates at least 3 times between now and Election Day 2008, and find 2 more Democrats to sign up as Neighborhood Leaders like me.

Under Howard Dean’s leadership, the Democratic Party is building a team of Neighborhood Leaders across Oregon and across the country.

Becoming a Neighborhood Leader is the best way to help elect Democrats. Face to face contact is the number one way to influence voters.

The program asks you to walk your neighborhood and speak at least 3 times with at least 25 of your neighbors, and recruit 2 more Neighborhood Leaders to do the same.

You can turn your neighborhood blue and move your state forward. Help us win the most important election of our lifetime.

You can sign up at:
http://www.oregondemocrats.org/neighborhood_leader_program