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# MDC announces primary endorsements



President Eleanor Munro led the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle June 23 as it endorsed candidates and ballot measures appearing on the primary election ballot and some that will appear on the general election ballot. Many of those who sought the endorsement of the 60-year old political club spoke at its third annual Chautauqua Afternoon June 12. Endorseees are as follows:

## National

President, Hillary Clinton  
US Senate, Patty Murray  
US Rep 1<sup>st</sup> CD, Susan DelBene  
US Rep 2<sup>nd</sup> CD, Rick Larsen  
US Rep 5<sup>th</sup> CD, Joe Pakootas  
US Rep 6<sup>th</sup> CD, Derek Kilmer  
US Rep 7<sup>th</sup> CD, Pramila Jayapal and Brady Walkinshaw (dual endorsement)  
US Rep 8<sup>th</sup> CD, Alida Skold  
US Rep 9<sup>th</sup> CD, Adam Smith  
US Rep 10<sup>th</sup> CD, Denny Heck

## State

Governor, Jay Inslee  
Lieutenant Governor, Karen Fraser  
Secretary of State, Tina Podlodowski  
Treasurer, Alec Fiskien  
Auditor, Jeff Sprung  
Attorney General, Bob Ferguson  
Commissioner of Public Lands, no candidate received a majority of the votes in this race  
Superintendent of Public Instruction, no candidate received a majority of the votes in this race  
Insurance Commissioner, Mike Keidler

## LD 1

Senator, Luis Moscoso  
Rep 1, Derek Stanford  
Rep 2, no endorsement in this race

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*Clockwise from top right center column: Accompanied by two of his young daughters, Dan Shih, candidate for representative in the 43rd LD, speaks at the MDC's third annual Chautauqua Afternoon. Master of ceremonies, Representative Gael Tarleton (36th LD), speaks on behalf of Brady Walkinshaw, candidate for US Congressman in the 7th CD. Justice Charlie Wiggins asks the MDC to endorse him for re-election to the Supreme Court. MDC board members Jayson Morris and Kathleen Flynn pose for the camera. Ms Flynn served as chair of the event committee. Senator Bob Hasegawa signs in for a speaking slot and also renews his membership in the MDC.*



# Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right

by Jane Mayer

Doubleday, New York, 2016

Reviewed by Nelson Dahl

«We must make our choice. We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.» - Louis Brandeis

Jane Mayer spent five years researching this book. At a time when economic inequality is reaching a peak in America, she has focused on the Koch brothers, Charles and David, and their network of extremely wealthy people who fear socialism and are dedicated to a libertarian view of minimal government. They are opposed to nearly all regulations, to income taxes, to any form of welfare, and even the Food and Drug Administration. They seem to believe that the only legitimate function of government is to provide security and enforce property rights. The brothers were vehemently opposed to government taking any action on climate change that would hurt their fossil fuel profits. Between 2003 and 2010, they spent over half a billion dollars on a massive campaign to manipulate and mislead the public about the threat posed by climate change. Meanwhile, Koch Industries continued to be the number one producer of toxic waste in the US and one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gases.

There seems to be a common view among the wealthy that people are poor because they made poor choices or didn't work hard enough. What kind of understanding would the Koch brothers have of ordinary people when their own father, Fred, was the richest man in Kansas when he died?

The most insidious thing about the way these people have used their wealth is all the ways they have sought to influence our way of life. In 2012, following *Citizens United*, outside spending groups spent more than a billion dollars to influence federal elections. The Democrats lost sixty-three seats in the House that November.

And their influence didn't stop there. The Charles Koch Foundation managed to build a "Freedom - Advancing Network" of nearly five thousand scholars in some four hundred colleges and universities across the country, resulting in altering faculty views toward the right and in some cases even teaching the philosophy of Ayn Rand.

The Koch brothers were also directing millions of dollars into online education in high schools, teaching students in some cities that Franklin Roosevelt didn't alleviate the Depression, that minimum wage laws hurt the poor, and that lower pay for women was not discriminatory.

After reading this book, I am convinced that we no longer have a functioning democracy. Does anybody care? That is the question. When two unelected multi-billionaires can control enough of the US government and our educational systems to determine what is best for the other 330 million of us, surely we have a crisis.

Economic inequality and the influence of money in politics have been the top issues in Bernie Sanders's campaign, and I hope the Democratic Party will continue to prioritize those issues until we can find a way to bring about some meaningful changes.



## From the editor

Please send notices of upcoming events, letters, articles, and book reviews to Editor Eleanor Munro at [walkere1@msn.com](mailto: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.

## Chautauqua Afternoon features 27 candidates

As master of ceremonies at the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle's third annual Chautauqua Afternoon June 12, Representative Gael Tarleton (LD 36) introduced 27 candidates for a variety of state and local offices. MDC members and friends munched on hot dogs and apple pie and basked in the sunshine on the lawn at Ann and Tony Martin's home in West Seattle while they listened to candidates' speeches.

For Supreme Court Justice: Mary Yu Position 1, represented by Judge Virginia Galvan; and Charlie Wiggins Position 6.

For King County Superior Court: David Keenan, Position 26; Eric Newman and Cathy Moore, Position 44; Anthony Gipe, Position 52; Helen Halpert, Position; Kristin Richardson, Position ; Nicole Gaines Phelps, Position ; and Marianne Spearman.

For governor: James Robert Deal.

For lieutenant governor: Karen Fraser

For treasurer: John Comerford and Alec Fiskien.

For commissioner of public lands: Dave Uptegrove.

For superintendent of public instruction: David Spring.

For US Representative in the 7<sup>th</sup> LD: Pramila Jayapal, Sameer Ranade, Dan Shih, Don Rivers and Brady Walkinshaw represented by Gael Tarleton.

For US Representative in the 8<sup>th</sup> LD: Santiago Ramos and Alida Skold

For Representative Position 1 in the 5<sup>th</sup> LD: Jason Ritchie.

For Senator in the 11<sup>th</sup> LD: Bob Hasegawa.

For Representative Position 2 in the 32<sup>nd</sup> LD: Wesley Irwin.

For Representative Position 1 in the 43<sup>rd</sup> LD: Marcus Courtney

Kate Martin spoke on behalf of ParkMyVia-duct in favor of Initiative 123.

The MDC's endorsement proceedings occurred June 23, noon – 1:30 pm, Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St. Those who were endorsed were notified immediately and will be sent MDC membership contact information upon request to be used only by them for the purposes of this campaign only. See photos, pages 1 and 3.

### METROPOLITAN DEMOCRATIC CLUB of SEATTLE –Board of Directors

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**LD 5**

Senator, Mark Mullet  
Rep 1, Jason Ritchie  
Rep 2 Darcy Burner

**LD 11**

Senator, Bob Hasegawa  
Rep 1, Zack Hudgins  
Rep 2, Steve Berquist

**LD 30**

Rep 1, Mike Pelliccotti  
Rep 2, Kristine Reeves

**LD 32**

Rep 1, Cindy Ryu  
Rep 2, Ruth Kagi

**LD 33**

Rep 1, Tina Orwall  
Rep 2, Mia Gregerson

**LD 34**

Rep 1, Eileen Cody  
Rep 2, Joe Fitzgibbon

**LD 36**

Senator, Reuven Carlyle  
Rep 1, Noel Frame  
Rep 2, Gael Tarleton

**LD 37**

Rep 1, Sharon Santos  
Rep 2, Eric Pettigrew

**LD 39**

Rep 1, Linda Wright  
Rep 2, Ronda Metcalf

**LD 41**

Senator, Lisa Wellman  
Rep 1, Tana Senn  
Rep 2, Judy Clibborn

**LD 43**

Rep 1, Dan Shih  
Rep 2, Frank Chopp

**LD 45**

Rep 1, Roger Goodman  
Rep 2, Larry Springer

**LD 46**

Rep 1, Gerry Pollet  
Rep 2, Jessyn Farrell

**LD 47**

Rep 1, Brooke Valentine  
Rep 2, Pat Sullivan

**LD 48**

Rep 1, Pat Kuderer  
Rep 2, Joan McBride

**Judicial**

Supreme Court

Justice 1, Mary Yu  
Justice 5, Barbara Madsen  
Justice 3, Charlie Wiggins

King County Court of Appeals

Div 1 Dist 1,  
Michael Trickey

King County Dist Court,  
Lisa Paglisotti

# Directors for 2016 – 2018 term elected

All candidates who declared their candidacy for MDC board of directors were elected, Vinod Goswami announced at the June 3 meeting of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. Mr Goswami, a board member, was tasked with receiving and counting the ballots.

Those elected were Bill Bradburd, Joanna Cullen, Dan Fievez, Judi Gibbs, Lem Howell, Peggy Maze Johnson, Kate Martin, Mark Marshall, Jayson Morris, Allan Munro and Elizabeth Stanton. Their terms of service begin immediately.



*Scenes from the MDC's third annual Chautauqua Afternoon*

King County Superior Court  
Pos 4, Gregg Hirakawa  
Pos 14, Nicole Gaines Phelps  
Pos 21, Veronica Galvan  
Pos 26, David Keenan  
Pos 31, Helen Halpert  
Pos 43, John McHale

Pos 44, Cathy Moore  
Pos 52, Anthony Gipe  
Pos 53, Mariane Spearman  
**Seattle ballot measures**  
Initiative 123 – YES  
Proposition 1 - YES



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**MDC Calendar**  
July – September 2016

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

**Wednesday July 13**

Topic: Sound Transit 3

Speaker: Janet Pelz, Sound Transit 3 communications project manager will explain how the ST3 program will build upon the existing mass transit system of light rail, commuter rail and bus services to take people further and faster to destinations throughout King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties. Ms Pelz is the daughter of the late Dick Pelz, a founding member of the MDC.

**Wednesday July 27**

Topic: Sound Transit 3

Speaker: John Niles, president of Global Telematics will speak on "Troubling Aspects of Sound Transit's \$54 Billion Expansion Plan for the Next Quarter Century."

**Sunday, September 18**

Diamond Jubilee – 60 years of promoting progressive values.

**September 28**

General endorsement proceedings.



**New members**

The MDC welcomes returning member Senator Bob Hasegawa, 11<sup>th</sup> LD.

**What's happening**

**July 13** An evening with Senator Bob Hasegawa, 6 – 8:30 pm, at Alicia Fusion Bistro in Leschi, 200 Lake Washington Blvd, Seattle. Features heavy gourmet appetizers selected by master Asian restaurateur, Peter Kuang. RSVP bobhasegawa2016@gmail.com. Suggested contribution \$100.

**July 21** Fundraiser for Jason Ritchie, candidate for representative in the 5<sup>th</sup> LD, 6 – 8 pm, Tutta Bella at Crossroads, 15600 NE 8<sup>th</sup> #J1, Bellevue. Co-hosted by Congresswoman Susan DelBene and Congressman Adam Smith. RSVP [jason@ritchieforwa.com](mailto:jason@ritchieforwa.com) or 425.324.6888.

**July 27** Maritime barbecue fundraiser for Representative Gael Tarleton (36<sup>th</sup> LD), 4:30 – 7 pm, Pacific Fisherman Shipyard, 5351 24<sup>th</sup> Ave NW. Sponsor levels: Admiral \$2000, Commodore \$1000, Captain \$500, Sailor \$250, Friends of Gael \$100. RSVP [evan@bluewavempolitics.com](mailto:evan@bluewavempolitics.com) or 206.682.7328.

**July 28** A fundraising event for Representative Gael Tarleton (36<sup>th</sup> LD), 6:30 – 8 pm, Batch 206, 1417 Elliot Ave W. Suggested contributions start at \$100. RSVP by July 25, [evan@bluewavempolitics.com](mailto:evan@bluewavempolitics.com) or 206.682.7328.

**August 20** Northwest Progressive Institute's 13th annual anniversary picnic. 5 pm. Redmond's Perrigo Park, 9011 196th Ave NE. Suggested donation \$25 or pay what you can. RSVP [nwprogressive.org/](http://nwprogressive.org/).



**Robert Winsor**  
*July 26, 1928 – June 12, 2016*

Judge Robert Winsor, the last surviving founding member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, died June 12, 2016. He served as treasurer of the organization in 1967 and 1968.

Mr Winsor earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Minnesota. He worked for five decades as a lawyer, judge, mediator and arbitrator and also served as a board member of the ACLU, was appointed by Governor Dan Evans as a trial judge for the King County Superior Court; later served on the Court of Appeals; worked with the Seattle's Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services; and was appointed by Governors Mike Lowry, Gary Locke and Christine Gregoire to the state Clemency and Pardons Board. After his retirement, he re-joined the MDC.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm, July 24, at the East Shore Unitarian Church, 12700 SE 32nd St, Bellevue.

The family suggest that remembrances by made to the ACLU.

**MDC people**

McDonald International School has named MDC member Joan Burton Volunteer of the Week. Her volunteer work consisted of reading stories about her cat to the children, which led to self-publishing book about cats. An avid hiker, she is author of *Best Hikes with Kids in the Northwest*.

Membership renewal date appears on above label

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