



Howell, Munro disagree – again

They met in 1965. They joined the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle in 1967 and both have served on its board of directors almost every year since then. They were early and active members of Choose an Effective City Council and worked together to help repeal Washington’s blue laws. And although they are on the same side, they have often gone head to head over the details. They are at it again.

Lem Howell believes the House of Representatives should initiate an inquiry into impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump. Allan Munro doesn’t. They will speak for and against the question in a formal debate during the first part of the July 10 meeting of the MDC, which will take place noon – 1:30 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St.

The debate will consist of seven-minute constructive arguments and three-minute rebuttals. It will be followed by brief discussion and a vote on the motion made by Mr Howell at the MDC’s June 26 meeting: that the MDC urge its congressional delegation to support the initiation of an inquiry into impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

Both men are lawyers. Mr Howell received his LLB in 1964 from New York University; Mr Munro earned his JD from the University of Washington in 1965. A list of their accomplishments and their involvement in numerous political and civic activities is too long to print here, but will soon be available on the MDC website, metrodems.org.



mark your Calendar

MDC meetings

All MDC meetings take place at noon – 1:30 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St, Seattle, unless otherwise noted. To enter buzz 002.

July 10, noon – 1:30 pm

Program Part 1 – A Great Debate features longtime friends and fellow MDC members Lem Howell and Allan Munro. The question is: Should the House of Representatives initiate an inquiry into impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump? This is a formal debate with seven minutes for constructive speeches and three minutes for rebuttal. Mr Howell takes the affirmative and Mr Munro the negative.

Program Part 2 – Tom Speer and David Olivera will be speaking on the termination of the partnership of the Seattle Public Schools with the Urban Native Education Alliance (UNEA) and the removal of the Clear Sky program (a program dedicated to educational equity for First Nations school children).

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motion

Prior notification

At its July 10 meeting the MDC will vote on the following motion made by Lem Howell: that the MDC urge its congressional delegation to support the initiation of an inquiry into impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

A formal debate between MDC members Lem Howell (affirmative) and Allan Munro (negative) will precede the vote on the question: Should the House of Representatives initiate an inquiry into impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump?



primary election

MDC endorses 15 candidates

The primary endorsement proceedings of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle were conducted at its regular June 26 meeting by MDC Vice President Jack Whisner. Results are listed below.

As is often the case when there are more than three candidates seeking one office, there were no clear majorities in several races, notably Seattle City Council Districts 3, 4, 5, and 6. The MDC counts “no endorsement” as a voting option and votes for that option are included in the total count. Races in which no one was endorsed are reconsidered following the August primary election. Also, in the event MDC’s endorsees are not among the finalists in their race, that race will also be reconsidered; the names of the finalists will appear on the MDC’s general endorsement ballot.

King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles was endorsed earlier in the year. She is a lifetime honored member of the MDC.

The following candidates received the sole endorsement of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its June 26 primary endorsement proceedings.

King County

Assessor *John Wilson*
Director of Elections *Julie Wise*

King County Council

District 2 *Larry Gossett*
District 6 *Claudia Balducci*
District 8 *Joe McDermott*

Seattle City Council

District 1 *Lisa Herbold*
District 2 *Tammy Morales*
District 7 *Andrew Lewis*

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Seattle School Board

MDC meeting notes

June 12

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Pastor Joanne Engquist joined members briefly and give an overview of the history and mission of the church – our new meeting location – at 911 Stewart St.

A Chautauqua Afternoon – income and expense

President Eleanor Munro distributed income and expense reports that showed the MDC took in approximately the same amount in funds as it expended (\$2,700). The report also showed that the organization's net proceeds for 2017 and 2018 were approximately +\$500 and -\$500 respectively.

Representative Dick Nelson

Ms Munro shared a request to reschedule the June 26 endorsement proceedings so that members of the MDC could attend the June 26 memorial service for former Representative Dick Nelson. It was determined that rescheduling the meeting would not be feasible.

Climate change debate

A motion passed to send a letter to the Democratic National Committee asking it to dedicate at least one of the national presidential debates to the subject of climate change as requested by our Governor Jay Inslee.

June 26

Impeachment

Lem Howell moved to suspend the rules (motion passed); he then moved that MDC urge our congressional delegates to start an inquiry into impeachment of the president. As time was short it was agreed to take up the motion at the next meeting, July 10, following a debate between Mr Howell and Allan Munro (see page 1).

Primary endorsements

Vice President Jack Whisner conducted the MDC's primary endorsement proceedings. See list of endorsees on page 1.



Call for candidates to serve as officers

Those who wish to serve as president, vice president, secretary or treasurer of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle should submit notice of their candidacy to President Eleanor Munro at walkere1@msn.com no later than August 28. Officers are elected for two year terms. According to the MDC bylaws candidates must be members of the board of directors and members in good standing (dues paid in full at least 30 days prior to September 25, when votes are tallied).



MDC elects directors

All of the ten members of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle seeking reelection were reelected. They include President Eleanor Munro, Vice President Jack Whisner, Immediate Past President Kiku Hayashi, Senator Peter Francis, Vinod Goswami, Lem Howell, David Rudo, Elizabeth Stanton, Harriet Wasserman and Bert Wyman.

Candidates Anquida Adams and Peggy Maze were also elected to the board.

Directors are elected for staggered terms of two years.



New members

The Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle welcomes new members Brendan Kolding, candidate for Seattle City Council District 1, Frank Krueger, candidate for Seattle City Council District 4, and Sam Cho, candidate for Port Commission Position 2.



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.

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Mr Speer is member of the UNEA Elders Advisory Council.

July 24, noon – 1:30 pm

Representative Gael Tarleton (36th LD) will speak on “New Thinking About Washington’s Tax Code.”

August 14, noon – 1:30 pm

Senator Patty Kuderer (48th LD) will speak on “Prospects for a State Bank in Washington.”

August 28, noon – 1:30 pm

Representative Roger Goodman (45th LD) will speak on “Criminal Justice Policy, Progress and Prospects.”

Deadline to declare candidacy for two-year terms for officer of the MDC (email your declaration to Eleanor Munro at walkere1@msn.com). All positions are open: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer.

September 11, noon – 1:30 pm

The MDC Health Care Task Force presents Jim Vollendroff, director of the Behavioral Health Institute at Harborview Medical Center, who will speak on the mental/behavioral health crisis in Washington state.

September 25, noon – 1:30 pm

General endorsement proceedings led by MDC Vice President Jack Whisner.

October 9, noon – 1:30 pm

To be determined.

October 23, noon – 1:30 pm Seattle Port Commissioner Fred Felleman. Title to be determined.



Executive committee President Eleanor Munro ★ Vice President Jack Whisner ★ Immediate Past President Kiku Hayashi
Directors Anquida Adams ★ Joanne Cullen ★ Dan Fievez ★ Sen Pete Francis ★ Judi Gibbs ★ Vinod Goswami ★ Lem Howell ★ Peggy Maze ★ Jayson Morris ★ Allan Munro ★ Dr David Rudo ★ Elizabeth Stanton ★ Harriet Wasserman ★ Bert Wyman
Lifetime honored members Kay Bullitt ★ Sen Pete Francis (former president) ★ Sen Jeanne Kohl-Welles ★ Hon Nick Licata (former president)

39 candidates seek endorsement at MDC's Chautauqua Afternoon

The burning issue of the 2019 campaign appears to be homelessness. That was one topic addressed by all of the 39 candidates who were on hand to seek the endorsement of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its sixth annual Chautauqua Afternoon, June 9, in West Seattle. Candidates for Seattle City Council, King County offices, Seattle School Board and Port of Seattle were given five minutes to present their messages after being introduced by MDC Vice President Jack Whisner, master of ceremonies.

Elected officials in attendance included King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, candidate for reelection to District 2; Seattle City Councilmember Lisa Herbold, candidate for reelection to District 1; King County Assessor John Wilson, candidate for reelection; School Board Director Leslie Harris, candidate for reelection to District 6; Port of Seattle Commissioner Fred Felleman, candidate for reelection to Position 5; and Senator Bob Hasegawa, a member of the MDC who is not up for reelection this year.

Others who took the opportunity to seek the endorsement of the MDC are listed below by office:

King County Council District 2 – Girmay Zahili.

Seattle City Council District 1 – Brendan Kolding, Philip Tavel.

Seattle City Council District 2 – Mark Solomon, Omar Tahir-Garrett.

Seattle City Council District 3 – Logan Bowers, Pat Murakami, Ami Nguyen.

Seattle City Council District 4 – Sasha Anderson, Alex Pedersen, Frank Krueger, Emily Myers, Joshua Newman, Heidi Stuber, Cathy Tuttle.

Seattle City Council District 5 – Ann Sattler, John Lombard, Alex Tsimerman.

Seattle City Council District 6 – Kara Ceriello, Jon Lisbin, Kate Martin, Ed Pottharst, Terry Rice, Heidi Wills.

Seattle City Council District 7 – Andrew Lewis, Jason Williams.

Seattle School Board District 1 – Eric Blumhagen

Seattle School Board District 3 – Chandra Hampson, Rebeca Muniz.

Seattle School Board District 6 – Crystal Liston.



Members and guests of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, as well as candidates, listen to five-minute speeches of those seeking the endorsement of the MDC; MDC Vice President Jack Whisner, left, and former president of the MDC, Justin Simmons, pose with James Tiberius Simmons, who is attending his first MDC event

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obituary

Eugene Victor Lux
1926 – 2019

Members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, of which Mr Lux was a faithful member, remember him as the one who always volunteered to do whatever needed to be done: bartending, setting up, clearing up, etc. There was never any need to carry home leftover food from MDC events: Mr Lux was always eager to take it to wherever it might be needed.

He died June 21 after a long and productive life as a populist politician, serving in the House of Representatives 1973 – 1988 and as an appointee to two tenures in the Senate. He also served seven four-year terms as commissioner of King County Fire District 20.

A celebration of life, attended by many members of the MDC, was held June 29 at the Southwest Seattle Senior Center, where Mr Lux had served as a member of the board of directors.

Remembrances may be made to the King County Fire District 20, 12424 76th Ave S, Seattle.



obituary

Dick Nelson
1936 – 2019

Records are not definitive, but members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle believe Mr Nelson became a member of the organization in the 1980s. He attended meetings thereafter whenever the topic of the program interested him. He died June 3.

Mr Nelson served as a Washington state representative 1977 – 1992. He was a co-sponsor of the Washington State Growth Management Act and co-authored successful legislation related to public transportation issues in the state.

Mr Nelson, who was a nuclear engineer, received his BS Engineering from the University of Washington and an ScD (materials science/physics) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At the time of his death he was president and senior researcher at Integrated Transport Research, a nonprofit founded by him in 1993.

A celebration of his life was held at the Swedish Club June 25.

Remembrances may be sent to Planned Parenthood Northwest, Family Works Family Resource Center and Food Banks, Zero Waste Washington and Giffords Courage to Fight Gun Violence.



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District 1 *Eric Blumhagen*
District 2 *Lisa Rivera Smith*
District 3 *Rebecca Muniz*
District 6 *Leslie Harris*

Port of Seattle

Position 2 *Sam Cho*
Position 5 *Fred Felleman*

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Port of Seattle Position 2 – Dominic Barrera, Sam Cho, Nina Martinez, Ali Scego, Preeti Shridhar.

King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles was endorsed for reelection to District 4 earlier in the year.

Sponsors of the event were Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Pat Murakami, Brendan Kolding, Frank Krueger, Cathy Tuttle, Andrew Lewis, Charles Davis, Kiku Hayashi, Lem Howell, Peggy Maze, Allan Munro, Eleanor Munro, Charlton Price, David Rudo, Harriet Wasserman, and Jack Whisner.

See endorsements on page 1.



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