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Who should Vice President Biden choose for his running mate? Why?

I invited MDC members to tell me who they would like Joe Biden to choose for a running mate and why. Here are their responses. – editor.

As many MDCers already know, I am a big fan of **Elizabeth Warren**. Events have proven how sensible her “plans” have been. Senator Warren’s plan of Medicare for All is CLEARLY the best solution for our health care mess. To all those casino workers in Las Vegas who didn’t want to give up their Cadillac health insurance program, now that they are out of work and no health insurance, suddenly Medicare for all doesn’t look so bad. Quite apart from being the obviously best informed and intelligent candidate in the race, she provides the best bridge between the left and so called moderate wings of the Democratic Party. In addition she appeals to younger voters and would be the most likely vice presidential candidate to bring them along. Admittedly no sane person can afford not to vote in the 2020 election but Elizabeth Warren would provide the impetus to do so. While it would be nice to have a minority on the ticket, as President Obama told us, “Listen to Elizabeth Warren.” ~**Lem Howell**

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I have liked **Elizabeth Warren** for years, even before she probably didn’t even think about being a politician! For many reasons, I didn’t support her, but I’m enthusiastically supportive of her for VP. I believe many of the Sanders supporters, not prone to vote for Joe, would indeed vote for that ticket. They see her as one of them, a Progressive! I think we Democrats need to accept that it’s time we truly become that “big tent” party! ~**Peggy Maze**

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I agree with Biden’s decision to nominate a woman. While there are several qualified women who would make a good vice president, I believe the two finalists

should be **Kamala Harris** and **Elizabeth Warren**. Both senators know how the system works, and both ran good campaign for president, so they are well known to Democrats who followed the primaries. Elizabeth started the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), which Trump is trying to destroy. Kamala was attorney general for California taking on bank fraud. Both of these issues are very close to me as I have a suit before

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join us for

A Chautauqua Afternoon

Candidates for public office: We are not meeting for this event in person this year. Instead, we invite you to submit a statement of no more than 200 words and a photo, which will appear in our printed and online program. These will help MDC members make informed choices at their primary endorsement proceedings June 24.

Sponsorships are \$125; candidates who sponsor are offered an ad in our event program and a one-year membership in the MDC. To sponsor see

<https://www.metrodems.org/the-mdc-chautauqua-event>.

Send sponsorship checks, statements and photos no later than June 3 to Eleanor Munro at walkere1@msn.com, 1925 41st Ave SW, Seattle WA 98116.

MDC endorses Tarelton, Goodman and Hasegawa

Members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle have voted by email early endorsements for Representative Gael Tarelton (36th LD) who has declared her candidacy for Washington secretary of state, and for the reelection of Representative Roger Goodman (45th LD) and Senator Bob Hasegawa (11th LD). All have been members of the MDC for many years.



Call for board of directors candidates

Those who wish to serve on the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle’s board of directors for the 2020 – 2022 term are asked to inform Eleanor Munro no later than May 27 so their names can be included on the ballot that will appear in the June edition of *The MDC News*. Any member in good standing (dues paid) is eligible to stand for election.

Current board members whose terms expire June 2020 are Joanna Cullen, Dan Fievez, Judi Gibbs, Jayson Morris and Allan Munro.



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.

Members pledge \$3,000 to renew MDC vision in 2020

MDC members: Let’s renew our vision in 2020. Your donation of \$1,000 will help us revitalize the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. Mail your check to Eleanor Munro, 1925 41st Ave SW, Seattle WA 98116 or pay online at metroedems.org using the membership form.

If \$1,000 is a bit out of your reach, donate any amount or consider paying a designated amount each month to help us promote the values we hold dear. We have already received two \$1,000 and two \$500 pledges/donations.

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the CFPB, and I experienced much bank fraud. ~**Dan Fievez**

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Though I supported Elizabeth Warren four years ago and early this time, I think Joe Biden should choose **Amy Klobuchar** as his running mate. She is an experienced senator, so she won't be undergoing on-the-job training, which Trump has shown does not work for the presidency — and she is from the Midwest. Were he to pick either Elizabeth Warren or Kamala Harris, the ticket would have “coasties” (and I don't mean members of the Coast Guard) from areas that would normally support Biden no matter who he chooses, so he should make a run at middle-of-the-country voters. ~**Mark Marshall**

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I favor Amy Klobuchar because she will help bring in votes in the upper Midwest. She also will be a fine vice president. ~**George Wallerstein**

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First choice: **John Kasich** - or any other moderate Republican, to galvanize other moderate Republicans, independents, people who are cynical about the ineptitude of Congress, and people who would be inspired by the promise of unity replacing division. Second choice: **Kamala Harris, Amy Klobuchar, or Elizabeth Warren** - each for different reasons, but all formidable, tenacious women who also sought the nomination. Third choice: **Cory Booker** - the per-

sonification of goodwill, reconciliation, and the high road that Democrats should always take. Fourth choice: **Andrew Cuomo** - who has emerged through crisis-management as the capable, responsible, trustworthy antithesis to Trump. (I always wished his dad would have run.) ~**Justin Simmons**

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I think Biden should pick **Elizabeth Warren**. Biden will have a real mess to clean up after Donald Trump. He needs someone with extensive experience who can help him with the task. Of all the candidates who ran for president this time around, Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders are the most qualified—and Biden has said he will pick a woman. Biden also needs someone who can assume the presidency if he becomes ill or otherwise disabled. I can think of no woman better qualified than Elizabeth Warren. ~**Judi Gibbs**

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I voted for **Amy Klobuchar** in the March presidential primary and recommend her for vice president. She is moderate, from a crucial region, and is only about 60 years old. ~**Al Rasmussen**

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I think the decision on VP is of greater importance than any other in my lifetime. The choice should be someone who is ready to be president. It appears that VP Biden will be the candidate. In my interactions with other democrats of both persuasions concern is expressed about

his health. So that is a shared issue with both persuasions in the party. Then there is the challenge of how to bring out the Sanders/Warren voters. They have zero enthusiasm about VP Biden and are well informed about his record. They are passionate about universal healthcare and climate change. **Elizabeth Warren** as the choice would go a long way to bring out these voters. ~**Elizabeth Stanton**

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My recommendation for that honor/responsibility would be: **Elizabeth Warren**. Not just because she was my #1 choice for president this year, nor because the progressive reforms she championed were the reforms I wanted (and still yearn for), but because she's the woman most likely to keep the “Berniecrats” in the fold, and with some measure of enthusiasm. She's certainly no Tim Kaine! We cannot afford a repeat of 2016! ~**Dean Fournier**

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Either **Amy Klobuchar** or **Elizabeth Warren**. Probably Amy would be the better choice for Vice President, to preside in the Senate and to break tie votes if needed. Elizabeth, as Senate majority Leader, could use her intelligence, professional experience, and cogent policy proposals to guide essential legislation and to begin to repair the recent extensive damage in Federal government policy and practice. ~**Charlton Price**

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May 2020

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been cancelled until
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