

# 44<sup>TH</sup> LD DEMS NEWS



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## Action Item - Planned Parenthood Sidewalk Supporters!



Planned Parenthood Sidewalk Supporters are a group of awesome women and men offering positive support at the Everett Planned Parenthood Clinic on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday mornings. We are there no matter what the weather may be. We are a group that rotates throughout the morning making sure there are always at least two people together at all times from 9 am to 1 pm. We support for whatever our schedule allows. We usually have pro-life individuals that show up in force and generally harass the patients, volunteers, and employees. We have been a strong presence outside the clinic for five months now showing our support for Planned Parenthood. This truly can make the difference in someone's life. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Cathy Benson** at [cmbenson59@hotmail.com](mailto:cmbenson59@hotmail.com)

## May Meeting News



**May Speakers:** Natalia Kiss Vallejo – NARAL Prochoice Washington. They are an independent grassroots organization with a focus on policy and elections. Natalia discussed the history of Washington State in regards to women's health. She updated us on the pregnancy accommodations bill and paid family leave. NARAL has a legislative scorecard on their website based on research including social media etc. Scorecard informs their endorsement process. Endorsements are not public yet. There will be lots of focus on the 45th this cycle.

**Bill Trueit** – Presentation from the Climate Change Conference. Bill discussed the average temperature change and showed how it has steadily been rising over the years with a bell chart. 93% of the extra heat traps in the ocean. Hotter air retains more moisture. The average fire season in the West is now 105 days longer than it used to be. Water scarcity affects 40% of the world's population. More information can be found at [www.ClimateRealityProject.org/training](http://www.ClimateRealityProject.org/training).

## PCO Profile



Alex has been a member of the 44th LD since December, 2015, and PCO of Lake Stevens 15 since February 2016. He has been active as a volunteer during the various 2016 caucuses, helping fellow PCOs and volunteers organize their precincts, and GOTV effort in his home precinct. Alex brings several years of experience serving on various boards to his role of 1<sup>st</sup> vice chair. In his new role he hopes to help grow the LD through outreach programs and helping unify all democrats around our common goals.

## Committee Updates - Fundraising/Outreach



The first in a series of "Yes We Can" events kicked off with Women in Politics. The event was well attended and featured speakers from the Women's March in January. Speakers included Halei Watkins with WinPower Strategies who spoke about campaigning and fundraising. Speakers featured from the march were Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Tammy Duckworth, and Tulsi Gabbard. In addition there were two empowering speeches by Malala and Hillary Clinton along with music that has empowered women (and men) through the years.

If you missed it, you can see it [here](#)