



King County
Metropolitan King County Council

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No.:	45	Date:	16 Dec 2013
Proposed No.:	2013-0529	Prepared by:	Nick Wagner

SUMMARY

Proposed Motion 2013-0529 (Att. 1) would make an appointment to fill a vacancy in the position of state representative for the 43rd Legislative District.

BACKGROUND

The 43rd Legislative District includes all or parts of the communities of Ballard, Capitol Hill, the Central Area, Downtown Seattle, Fremont, Green Lake, Madison Park, Madrona, Phinney Ridge, the University District, Volunteer Park, and Wallingford, among others. The boundaries of the district are shown in the attached map (Att. 2).

If State Representative Jamie Pederson is appointed to replace State Senator Ed Murray as senator for the 43rd Legislative District, as recommended by the King County Democratic Central Committee, Rep. Pedersen's resignation to become senator will create a vacancy in the position of state representative.

As King County's legislative authority, the Council is responsible for making an appointment to fill the vacancy. Washington Constitution, art. II, § 15 (Att. 4).

The appointee must be from "the same political party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer whose office has been vacated, and shall be one of three persons who shall be nominated by the county central committee of that party." Washington Constitution, art. II, § 15 (Att. 4).

The Council must make the appointment "within sixty days after the vacancy occurs." Washington Constitution, art. II, § 15 (Att. 4). Assuming this vacancy occurs on 16 December 2013, the Council must act no later than Friday, 14 February 2014.

The person appointed by the Council will serve until certification of the election of a successor in November of 2014. RCW 29A.24.171 (Att. 5)

THE NOMINEES

The King County Democratic Central Committee ("KCDCC") has nominated the following candidates to fill the current vacancy:

1. Brady Walkinshaw (87 votes in second round)
2. Michael Scott Forbes (71 votes in second round)
3. Ana Cristina Gonzalez (11 votes in first round)

The nominees are listed in order of preference, with each candidate's name followed by the number of Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) votes that he or she received. As described in a 4 December 2013 memorandum from Karl de Jong, chair of King County Democrats (Att. 6):

The candidates are presented in ranked order as they were voted for and nominated by the 43rd Legislative District Democratic Party organization and subsequently unanimously ratified by the King County Democratic Central Committee. You should consider the ranking as the preferred order in which the Democratic Party would expect the Council to consider these candidates.

According to the website of the 43rd District Democrats, “The second and third place candidates for each position have agreed to respect the will of the PCOs, and support appointment of Jamie Pedersen to the State Senate, and Brady Walkinshaw to State House, Position 1.”

Biographical information on the candidates is included in these materials as Attachments 8-10. Recent news articles on the nomination process are included as Attachment 11.

AMENDMENT

In its current form, the proposed motion has a blank for the name of the person to be appointed. The blank will need to be filled in by amendment of the motion.

INVITEES

1. Brady Walkinshaw
2. Michael Scott Forbes
3. Ana Cristina Gonzalez

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KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 13, 2013

Motion

Proposed No. 2013-0529.1

Sponsors McDermott

1 A MOTION making an appointment to fill the vacancy in
2 the position of state representative for the 43rd legislative
3 district.

4 WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of state representative for the 43rd
5 legislative district due to the resignation of Representative Jamie Pedersen following his
6 appointment as state senator for the 43rd legislative district, and

7 WHEREAS, the 43rd legislative district Democratic precinct committee officers
8 have met to consider candidates for the position, and

9 WHEREAS, the King County Democratic Central Committee has submitted the
10 names of three nominees to fill the vacancy;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

12 _____ is hereby appointed to the position of state

13 representative for the 43rd legislative district.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Larry Gossett, Chair

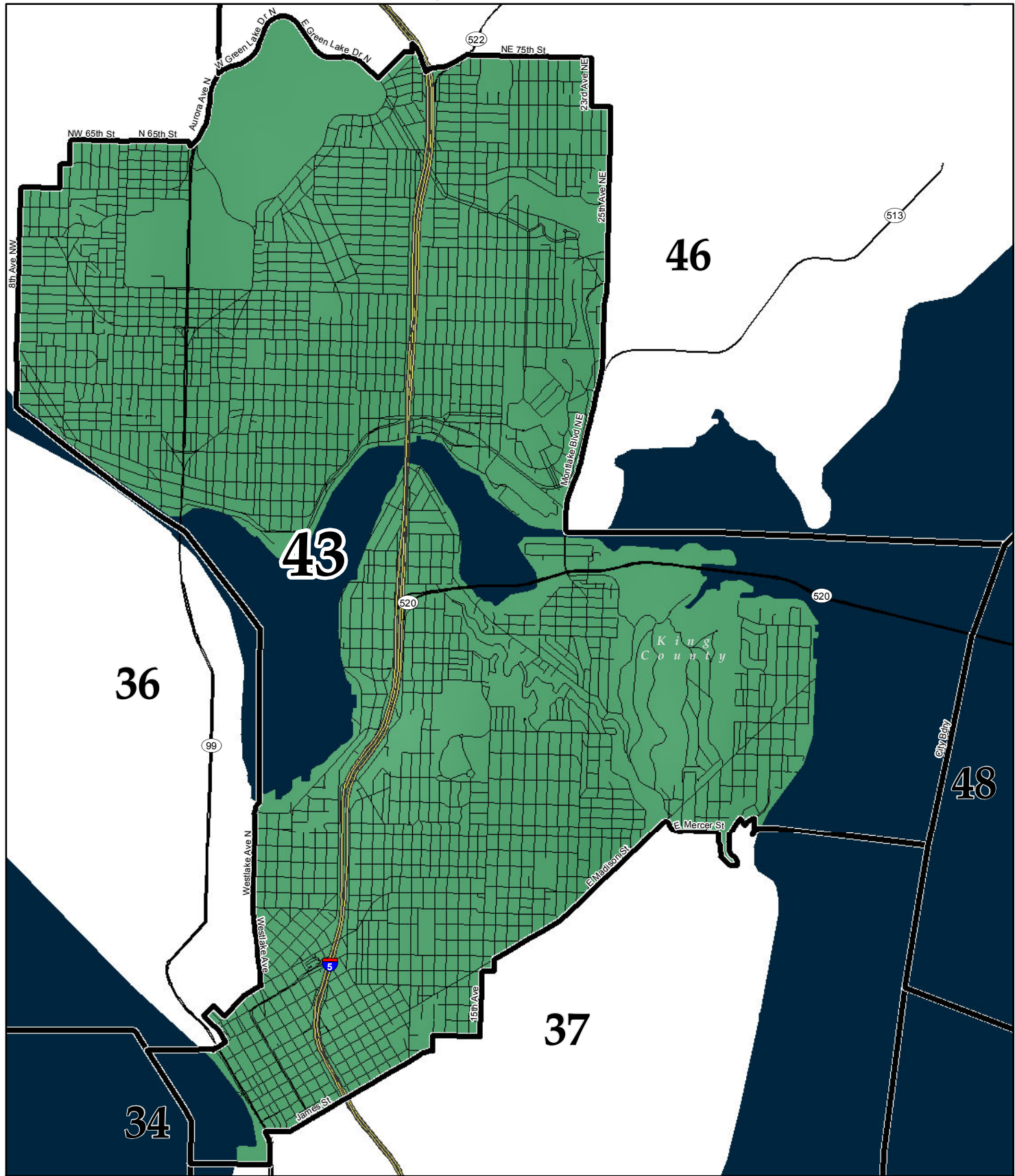
ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None



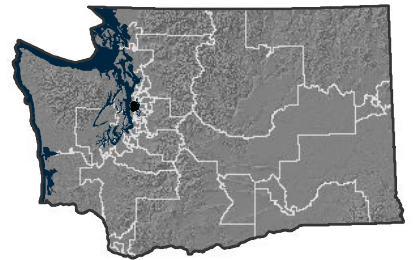
Legislative District 43



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Washington State Constitution, Article II, Section 15

VACANCIES IN LEGISLATURE AND IN PARTISAN COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICE. Such vacancies as may occur in either house of the legislature or in any partisan county elective office shall be filled by appointment by the county legislative authority of the county in which the vacancy occurs: Provided, That ***the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative district, county, or county commissioner or council district and the same political party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer whose office has been vacated, and shall be one of three persons who shall be nominated by the county central committee of that party,*** and in case a majority of the members of the county legislative authority do not agree upon the appointment ***within sixty days after the vacancy occurs,*** the governor shall within thirty days thereafter, and from the list of nominees provided for herein, appoint a person who shall be from the same legislative district, county, or county commissioner or council district and of the same political party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer whose office has been vacated, and ***the person so appointed shall hold office until his or her successor is elected at the next general election, and has qualified:*** Provided, That in case of a vacancy occurring after the general election in a year that the office appears on the ballot and before the start of the next term, the term of the successor who is of the same party as the incumbent may commence once he or she has qualified and shall continue through the term for which he or she was elected: Provided, That in case of a vacancy occurring in the office of joint senator, or joint representative, the vacancy shall be filled from a list of three nominees selected by the state central committee, by appointment by the joint action of the boards of county legislative authorities of the counties composing the joint senatorial or joint representative district, the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative district and of the same political party as the legislator whose office has been vacated, and in case a majority of the members of the county legislative authority do not agree upon the appointment within sixty days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall within thirty days thereafter, and from the list of nominees provided for herein, appoint a person who shall be from the same legislative district and of the same political party as the legislator whose office has been vacated. [AMENDMENT 96, 2003 House Joint Resolution No. 4206, p 2819. Approved November 4, 2003.] [Emphasis added.]

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RCW 29A.24.171

Vacancies in office.

(1) If, prior to the first day of the regular filing period, a vacancy occurs in an office that is not scheduled to appear on the general election ballot, leaving an unexpired term for which a successor must be elected at the next general election, filings for that office shall be accepted during the regular filing period. The filing officer shall provide notice of the vacancy and filing period to newspapers, radio, and television in the county, and online. The position shall appear on the primary and general election ballots unless no primary is required or unless a candidate for superior court judge is entitled to a certificate of election pursuant to Article 4 [IV], section 29 of the state Constitution.

(2) If, on the first day of the regular filing period or later, a vacancy occurs in an office that is not scheduled to appear on the general election ballot, leaving an unexpired term, the election of the successor shall occur at the next succeeding general election that the office is allowed by law to have an election.

[2011 c 349 § 10; 2006 c 344 § 7; 2004 c 271 § 165.]

Notes:

Effective date -- 2011 c 349 §§ 10-12, 27, 28, and 30: "Sections 10 through 12, 27, 28, and 30 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and take effect immediately [May 16, 2011]." [2011 c 349 § 34.]

Effective date -- 2006 c 344 §§ 1-16 and 18-40: See note following RCW [29A.04.311](#).

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COUNCIL MEMBER
LARRY GOSSETT

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DISTRICT TWO

DATE: December 4, 2013

TO: Council Chair Larry Gossett, King County Councilmember District 2
Rod Dembowski, King County Councilmember District 1
Kathy Lambert, King County Councilmember District 3
Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember District 4
Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember District 5
Jane Hague, King County Councilmember District 6
Pete von Reichbauer, King County Councilmember District 7
Joe McDermott, King County Councilmember District 8
Reagan Dunn, King County Councilmember District 9

FROM: Karl de Jong, Chair King County Democratic Central Committee

RE: Nominees for the State House Position 1 Vacancy in the 43rd Legislative District

Pursuant to the Charter and bylaws of the Washington State Democratic Party, the Washington State Constitution, and the Revised Code of Washington, the King County Democratic Central Committee hereby presents the following individuals as nominees for position 1 of the State House representing the 43rd Legislative District:

1. The Honorable Mr. Brady Walkinshaw
2. The Honorable Mr. Michael Scott Forbes
3. The Honorable Ms. Ana Cristina Gonzalez

The candidates are presented in ranked order as they were voted for and nominated by the 43rd Legislative District Democratic Party organization and subsequently unanimously ratified by the King County Democratic Central Committee. You should consider the ranking as the preferred order in which the Democratic Party would expect the Council to consider these candidates.

The following votes were taken on the evening of December 3rd by 160 Democratic precinct committee officers (PCOs) in the 43rd Legislative District Democratic Party in a series of two votes.

<u>First Ballot:</u>		<u>Second Ballot:</u>	
Brady Walkinshaw	80	Brady Walkinshaw	87
Michael Scott Forbes	69	Michael Scott Forbes	71
Ana Cristina Gonzalez	11		

The King County Democratic Central Committee subsequently voted unanimously to forward the top three names in ranked order to the King County Council.

I, accordingly, am sending you the three names as selected by the duly elected and appointed PCOs of the 43rd Legislative District Democratic Party and ratified by the King County Democratic Central Committee as required by the Washington State Constitution, state statute and the state Democratic Party charter and bylaws.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important appointment.

Respectfully yours,



Karl de Jong, Chair
King County Democratic Central Committee

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NEWS

The Results of the 43rd PCO Caucus Are In!

December 4, 2013

On December 3, 2013, Democratic Precinct Committee Officers in the 43rd Legislative District voted to forward the following candidates, in ranked order, to the King County Council for consideration and appointment to the State Senate seat being vacated by Mayor-Elect Ed Murray:

1. Jamie Pedersen
2. Linda Clifton
3. Ron Aley

In anticipation of a vacancy occurring in the State House once Rep. Pedersen is appointed to be our next State Senator, PCOs also voted to forward the following candidates, in ranked order, to the King County Council for consideration and appointment to the State House:

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Brady Walkinshaw submittal

Brady Piñero Walkinshaw grew up north of Bellingham, in an agricultural community on the Canadian border. He graduated from Nooksack Valley High School, where his mom, Vicky, teaches English Language Learners. She immigrated to this country from Cuba in the 1960s. Brady's dad, Charlie, works in agricultural education and natural resource management. Brady received a scholarship to attend Princeton University where he studied public policy, and went on to serve a four-year term on the University's Board of Trustees. As a Fulbright Scholar in Honduras, Brady founded Proyecto Villa Nueva, a non-profit working on violence prevention and youth leadership in urban slums. Proyecto Villa Nueva was recognized by the Organization of American States in 2011 for contributing to a culture of peace. Prior to moving to Seattle, Brady also worked with Georgetown University and the World Bank on interfaith dialogue on issues of environment and poverty in developing countries. He is also a former AmeriCorps volunteer.

Brady returned to the Northwest in 2008 and has spent the past five years in the Global Development Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He works on issues of food and nutritional security in developing countries, and manages the foundation's agricultural work with the Brazilian Government. Locally, he has been an activist on progressive causes and campaigns, including marriage equality. He serves as the Vice Chair of the Trust for Public Land's State Advisory Board, and on the Board of Trustees of Intiman Theatre. Brady is the PCO for precinct 1870 in the 43rd Legislative District.

On one side of his family, Brady is a first-generation American, and the other, his family is deeply rooted in the Pacific Northwest. He lives with his partner, Micah Horwith, a marine biologist with the State's Department of Natural Resources, on Capitol Hill.

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Brady Piñero Walkinshaw

Candidate for the 43rd District Democrats' Washington State House Nomination

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Events for PCOs

Friday November 22

6pm – 8pm

Home of Brady Walkinshaw and Micah Horwith

1414 East Harrison Street, Unit K

Seattle, WA 98112

With Rep. Marko Lias, Rep. Laurie Jenkins,
Samantha Casne, Sudha Nandagopal, Jeffrey
Hedgepeth, Amanda Stoddard, Ellen Ferguson,
Austin Miller, and Rico Natali

Monday December 2

6pm – 8pm

Home of Jeff Albertson and Benjamin Vogt

1708 26th Avenue East

Seattle, WA 98112

With Rep. Luis Moscoso, Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon,
Tina Podlodowski, Jake Faleschini, Emily
Walters, Dorothy Bullitt, Thomas Pitchford, and
Steve Gunn

Supporters

Elected Officials

Representative Jamie Pedersen

Representative Reuven Carlyle

Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

Representative Laurie Jenkins

Representative Marko Liias

Representative Luis Moscoso

U.S. Congressman Derek Kilmer

City Councilor Mike O'Brien

Former City Councilor Tina Podlodowski

Former City Councilor Heidi Wills

Community Partners and Leaders

Progreso: Latino Progress

Latino PAC of Washington

Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund

Dave Gering / CEO, Manufacturing and
Industrial Council

Lacey All / Chair, Washington United for
Marriage

David Wertheimer / Homelessness and Human
Services Advocate

Ben Schiendelman / Founder, Seattle Subway

Randy Engstrom / Director, Office of Arts and
Cultural Affairs, City of Seattle

Endorse Brady



Letter to PCOs

Dear Precinct Committee Officer,

My name is Brady Walkinshaw, and I plan to seek the nomination of the 43rd District Democrats to fill the upcoming vacancy in the House. I am running because I believe we need a champion for social and economic justice in the 43rd and in our State.

I grew up in a bilingual household in the Nooksack Valley, an agricultural community north of Bellingham. My mom, Vicky, teaches English language learners in the public schools where I graduated. She immigrated to the United States from Cuba with her parents, who worked restaurant jobs to put three kids through college. My dad, Charlie, was an organic vegetable farmer, and now works in agricultural education. I spent my summers harvesting raspberries, where I learned the importance of protecting the rights of all workers, regardless of their legal status.

I was fortunate to receive a scholarship to Princeton University, where I studied public policy. After graduating, I was elected to a four-year term on the University's Board of Trustees, where I worked on access and diversity. I went on to study as a Fulbright Scholar in Honduras, where I founded *Proyecto Villa Nueva*, a non-profit focused on youth leadership in urban slums. In 2011, the Organization of American States recognized the program for its contribution to violence prevention and a culture of peace.

I now live with my partner Micah Horwith, a Seattle native and marine biologist with the State's Department of Natural Resources, in a co-op on Capitol Hill. I've spent the past five years at the Gates Foundation, most recently as a Program Officer, supporting sustainable and productive food systems for the poor. At home, I have been an activist and leader for progressive causes, including the marriage equality referendum and the campaign to elect Governor Jay Inslee. I serve as the Vice Chair of the State's Advisory Board for the Trust for Public Land, on the board of Intiman Theatre, and on the Campaign Board of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund.

The 43rd is an engine for innovation, growth, and education. We are also Washington's most progressive District. We can choose a representative who will listen and act to promote

opportunity, access, and equity for all. I have dedicated my career to building coalitions that deliver on these principles.

Given the opportunity to represent you, I will be a committed advocate for the 43rd. I will work in partnership with legislative colleagues to address the systemic challenges we face: rebuilding the middle class, reducing carbon emissions, improving transit options, financing higher education, and reforming our State's regressive revenue system.

In 2014, I want to see our legislature increase the minimum wage and pass an immigration package that protects and expands the rights of undocumented immigrants. This year, many of my mother's low-income students were excluded from state-based financial aid for higher education because of their status. I will be a strong advocate for a Washington State DREAM Act in 2014 to extend these opportunities to our State's aspiring youth.

I grew up in a rural community where hardworking people in full-time jobs struggled to make ends meet. I am a firm believer in the movement for a living wage. The campaign in Seatac this year built a remarkable coalition; it raised questions about inclusive economic growth that we must tackle as a community. As Seattle engages in this debate, I will be a committed partner in Olympia.

For me, the 43rd is home. My grandfather was born in 1917 on 12th Ave., north of Volunteer Park. My grandparents met in 1952 at the Quaker Meeting House in the University District after the War. My work on poverty and social equity has affirmed for me that change begins at home. The legislature is a vital pathway for change, and I will serve my fellow PCOs and our District in Olympia by fighting for an equitable and prosperous future.

I would be honored to have your support, and I look forward to a continued conversation on the issues.

My best wishes,

Brady P. Walkinshaw

Contact Brady

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Scott Forbes | for the 43rd District Democrats' House Appointment

Friday, December 13 2013, 9:53 AM

Scott Forbes
for the 43rd District Democrats'
House Appointment



Ed Murray's election as Mayor means he'll be stepping down as the 43rd's State Senator—and the Precinct Committee Officers of the 43rd District Democrats will decide who fills the vacancy. Rep. Jamie Pedersen is seeking appointment to the Senate, and in turn I'm seeking appointment to the House.



PCO Pre-Meeting Event
Tuesday, December 3rd at 5pm

Re: Public Restaurant and Bar
426 Westlake Ave. N
Seattle, WA 98109

Please join us for the "meeting before the meeting" and have a drink with Scott before we head down the block to the 43rd's special caucus.

I've served as the Chair of the 43rd District Democrats for almost three years now. Together we've built our local party organization into a powerhouse: We've registered thousands of voters, distributed tens of thousands of sample ballots, and elected progressive candidates in races from the Seattle School Board to the governor's mansion. And, personally, I've led by example: I've knocked on doors, made phone calls, registered voters, and worked with other party leaders to organize events, share ideas, support good candidates, and revitalize our party at the city and county level. It's been a real honor leading the 43rd and working with our members to make a difference.

I've also been a leader on my neighborhood community council, a small business owner, and a tireless activist for progressive causes, from marriage equality to marijuana reform to protecting our communities from gun violence. On *all* of the issues the 43rd District Democrats care about, I've walked the walk.

I'm seeking appointment to the House to continue the work of representing our district and making our party more progressive. I think the Democratic Party has been on its back foot for the past 40-50 years. We've been fighting to defend the progress we made under the New Deal and the Civil Rights

Act—fighting against a backlash that started with Goldwater, rose to power with Nixon and Reagan, and peaked under George W. Bush. Our Democratic legislators came home every year and talked about how it could have been worse: Our “victories” were that we stopped the GOP from *completely* slashing budgets for the programs and services we care about... but the funding got a little meaner each time, and in our state Tim Eyman helped to make sure of that.

In the past few years the tide has finally turned, and we’ve started, ever so slightly, to make progress on issues like health care and civil rights and other reforms—but we’re still playing a lot of defense. We still *need* to play defense, because the GOP is apparently eager to return to the Gilded Age and recreate problems we thought we solved years ago, like bank panics and sweatshops and lately even reinstating Jim Crow laws and trying to disenfranchise voters. But we also need Democratic leaders who can do something the party hasn’t done for a long time: To get out on our front foot and make the progressive case. We need progressive solutions on issues from education to transportation to jobs to social justice to climate change, and we need good Democrats who can go to Olympia, make those arguments, and win them.

And I’ve demonstrated I can do that. I don’t think I can go to Olympia and single-handedly talk the Republicans down off the ledge, but I can make our caucus more effective, make stronger arguments on the progressive side of debates, and encourage the GOP’s few remaining moderates to do the right thing for their constituents and our state.

I’ll be a progressive leader in Olympia on issues like [higher education](#), [transportation](#), [climate change](#), and [social justice](#), and I’ll be working to organize and unite the Democratic caucus in the legislature, especially with regard to Seattle and King County issues. We need to restore higher education funding to pre-recession levels, secure a transportation package that funds King County Metro and provides for light rail, pass the Reproductive Parity Act and the DREAM Act, and we need to make coal trains a thing of the past.

I’ll also continue Cal Anderson’s and Ed Murray’s and Jamie Pedersen’s legacy of the 43rd leading the way on LGBT issues: Marriage equality was a major milestone, but we need to make our streets and schools safe, to get homeless LGBT youth into shelters and support networks, and to use the progress we’ve made in this state to push for national reforms on immigration, employment non-discrimination, and marriage equality in every state.

If you’re a Precinct Committee Officer in the 43rd, I’d appreciate your vote at the upcoming special meeting. I’d also love to sit down for coffee, talk about the issues, and talk about why I’d represent you well in Olympia. Please [drop me a line](#) and we’ll find a time.

Sincerely yours,
-- *Scott Forbes*

Scott Forbes | About Scott

Friday, December 13 2013, 9:54 AM

Scott Forbes



An Illinois native, Scott Forbes has played several roles in the 43rd LD since moving into the district in 2007. In 2008 he served as a precinct committee officer, an area caucus coordinator, and a delegate to the state Democratic convention; in 2009 he was elected Secretary of the 43rd, in 2010 became Vice-Chair for PCO Recruitment, and was elected Chair for the first time in 2011. Scott has also served on the board of the Montlake neighborhood council, and is a member of Equal Rights Washington, the Transportation Choices Coalition, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Scott moved to Seattle after spending a year in Los Angeles, where he worked to defeat Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's anti-union ballot initiatives, and before that he lived in Sydney, Australia, where he was the local leader of Howard Dean's 2004 campaign and the National Vice-Chair of Democrats Abroad Australia.

Scott's first career was in telecommunications and information technology, at companies ranging from AT&T and Disney to a startup that he co-founded. He is currently a law student at the University of Washington, where he is a member of the Washington Law Review and the Moot Court Honor Board. Scott lives in Montlake with his wife Therese and their dog Lady.

PCO Pre-Meeting Event Tuesday, December 3rd at 5pm

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Seattle, WA 98109

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Scott Forbes | On the Issues

Friday, December 13 2013, 9:54 AM

Scott Forbes
for the 43rd District Democrats

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Scott Forbes | Higher Education

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House Appointment



The 43rd is the home district of the University of Washington, and UW is the largest employer in our district. Representing our district means standing up for higher education: The [McCleary decision](#) requires the state to “amply fund” K-12 education, but doesn’t protect our public colleges and universities. The legislature slashed funding for higher education during the recession: Funding was cut by almost 50 percent from 2009 to 2013, tuition rose by 82 percent, students are now bearing nearly 70 percent of the cost of a public education, and Washington now ranks near the bottom in higher education funding per student.

As a legislator, I’ll fight to restore full funding to our public colleges and universities. Our 2013–14 budget froze tuition and increased higher education funding by 12 percent, but we can’t allow recession-level funding to become the new baseline, and we need to establish new, progressive sources of revenue. I will support a state capital gains tax to restore funding and make higher education affordable again, and establish targets for higher education funding that complement what *McCleary* does for K-12.

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Scott Forbes | Public Transit

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for the 43rd District Democrats'



Public transit is a vital service that pays enormous economic and ecological dividends. More buses and light rail means fewer cars and faster commutes, and making it easier to get around Seattle on foot or by bicycle reduces our carbon footprint and makes our city more livable.

In recent years, though, our legislature has been struggling just to fund the buses we have today, much less expand our public transit options. Different parts of the state have different public transit needs, and so as a legislator I'll work to grant King County and Seattle the authority to tap progressive funding sources, such as a Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, to provide the levels of public transit service to support our growing region. I'll also make sure that the state's plans for SR 520 meet our public transit needs and look beyond the bridge to our neighborhood and city streets.

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Scott Forbes | Climate Change

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In a rational world, every candidate for public office would begin by presenting their emergency plan for addressing man-made climate change. The scientific evidence is overwhelming, the damage is increasing by the day, and the longer we put off action, the harder our choices become. Climate change is a global issue, but we can do something about it here in Washington: Our state is already a leader in renewable energy, generating 86.9 percent of our in-state electricity from renewable sources, and generating 29 percent more electricity than we consume. Washington should be for renewable energy what Texas is for oil, and as a legislator I'll work to make that happen.

In Olympia I'll fight to make sure that we meet our Initiative 937 target for generating 9 percent of our electricity from non-hydro renewables by 2016, and oppose further efforts to weaken the initiative. I'll work to improve state incentives for green construction projects, and create jobs by building out our renewable energy infrastructure. I'll support a carbon tax to ensure that polluters bear the cost of pollution, and oppose sending coal trains across our state to export coal for burning overseas.

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Scott Forbes
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Standing up for equal rights is what being a Democrat means to me. I've worked for years on social justice issues, from marriage equality to workers' rights to reproductive justice, and I'll extend the 43rd's legacy of fighting for these issues in Olympia. As your representative I'll work to pass the DREAM Act and the Reproductive Parity Act, raise the state minimum wage, reform our state's regressive tax structure, and oppose "freedom to hate" religious exemptions to our LGBT civil rights laws. We need to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to succeed, and I'll be your voice in the legislature to make sure that we do.

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House Appointment



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President, Board of Directors

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June 2008 – Present (5 years 7 months) | ; Seattle-King County

- * Strategic planning
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King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

Government Agency; 10,001+ employees; Government Administration industry
January 2013 – Present (1 year)

- * Line of Business Planning and Training
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- * Comprehensive Financial Policy Documentation

Adjunct Faculty, Instructor of Economics

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Educational Institution; 501-1000 employees; Higher Education industry
January 2009 – Present (5 years) | Institute of Public Service - MPA Program

- * Economic Analysis (survey course)
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Government Agency; 10,001+ employees; Government Administration industry
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WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE

Democrats pick new Seattle state representative

They also make their support for Jamie Pedersen as a state senator official. He will replace Ed Murray, Seattle's mayor-elect.

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By [Bill Lucia](#)

After choosing Rep. Jamie Pedersen to fill mayor-elect Ed Murray's soon to be vacant state Senate seat, Seattle's 43rd District Democrats, at a special caucus on Tuesday night, selected Brady Walkinshaw to take Pedersen's spot in the state House of Representatives.

Pedersen, a judicial committee chairman in the house, was unopposed and the group's endorsement of him was widely anticipated. Walkinshaw competed against two other candidates and survived a run-off against 43rd District Democrats chairman Scott Forbes. The other contender for the house seat was Christina Gonzalez, an analyst in King County's Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget.

"I believe we need an activist legislator in Olympia who will fight for social and economic justice," Walkinshaw said in a forum held before the caucus vote.



BRADY WALKINSHAW

The district Democrats will forward the names of their choices to the King County Council, which will officially select replacements for the vacant seats. The council usually goes along with a district organization's recommendations.

Casting ballots at Tuesday night's meeting were 160 precinct committee officers. In the first round of voting for the House seat nomination, Walkinshaw received 80 votes, Forbes 69 and Gonzales 11. In the run-off Walkinshaw received 87 votes and Forbes 71.

A program officer for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Walkinshaw is also the vice chair of the state's Advisory Board for the Trust for Public Land and a board member at the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, an organization that supports LGBT political candidates. After growing up near Bellingham, Walkinshaw attended Princeton University, where he earned a degree in Public Policy.

During the pre-vote forum, Walkinshaw voiced support for a smorgasbord of progressive causes, including an income tax, increased higher education funding and more highway tolling.

"The transportation package as it stands right now needs to change in order to get my vote as a legislator," Walkinshaw said. "We need to look at tolling and taxing of our highways and our roadways as a source of progressive taxation." He went on to say that highway maintenance and transit funding should get more state dollars.

Michael Maddux, Vice Chair for Communications for the 43rd District Democrats, reminded the caucus that their district was safe country when it comes to progressive politics. Attributing this advice to state House speaker Frank Chopp, he said to the crowd, "Some of the best work we can do in the 43rd is to go east and knock on doors."

"We in the 43rd are the big winners tonight," he also said. "We are going to have tremendous progressive representation."

Murray will officially leave his state Senate seat on Dec. 31.



REP. JAMIE PEDERSEN State House Of Representatives

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Bill Lucia writes about Seattle City Hall and politics for Crosscut. He worked in the film and TV business in New York City and for a microfinance nonprofit in Nigeria, before moving to Seattle two years ago to attend the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs, where he will receive his master's degree in December. He can be reached at bill.lucia@crosscut.com.

One Question

One Question Special Edition: The 43rd District State House Hopefuls

Three candidates are seeking state Rep. Jamie Pedersen's open seat. The district Democrats will make their pick tonight. We've got questions today.

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By [Iosh Feit](#)



Three candidates are seeking the appointment to fill the soon-to-be-open state rep seat in Seattle's 43rd Legislative District; current Rep. Jamie Pedersen (D-43, Capitol Hill) is a shoo-in to fill mayor-elect state Sen. Ed Murray's open seat.

The district's roughly 200 precinct committee officers (PCOs) will make their pick tonight; the King County Council officially makes the appointment, but is sure to sign off on the district's choice.

The three candidates are: King County budget staffer and education activist [Cristina Gonzalez](#); 43rd District Chair, former techie, and UW law student [Scott Forbes](#); and Gates Foundation program officer and Princeton grad and Fulbright scholar [Brady Walkinshaw](#). (Walkinshaw, who is Cuban-American, has been endorsed by Rep. Pedersen.) The first candidate to get a simple majority wins; with three announced candidates, it will probably take a couple of votes to get there.

In anticipation of tonight's meeting, where the candidates will first be grilled by a trio of 43rd activists, including the ebullient and acerbic co-Vice Chair for Communications Michael Maddux, we had a few general and customized questions for the candidates ourselves.

The general questions:

1) What was the biggest legislative *success* of the 2013 session? (Everyone's a critic, and so we thought it'd be too much of a softball to ask what the biggest failure was and get hit with a bunch of platitudes about the DREAM Act or gun control or the Reproductive Parity Act; and we have different question about the transportation package anyway. More important, forcing the candidates to identify a success among the disappointing session is a good way to get a peek at what's truly important to them and also let's us know if they were actually paying attention.

2) What's your assessment of Gov. Jay Inslee's first year?

3) Given that the pending transit package overwhelmingly focuses on roads (\$9 billion out of the \$12.3 billion package would go to new road construction and \$1 billion would go to maintain roads with only \$114 million going to transit, plus, if voters go for it, a local option to save Metro), should we just skip it go w/ Dow Constantine's alternative Vehicle License Fee and sales tax option for Metro instead? This of course, offers a bit of a Solomonic Choice: The VLF and sales tax are regressive.

As for the tailored questions, we based those on [the candidates' personal statements](#).

- We asked Gonzalez, who's all about education, what she thought about this year's K-12 budget (did the legislature take a good first pass at meeting the State Supreme Court's *McCleary* mandate to fully fund education? ... [we broke down the numbers, and we don't think so...](#)) and if she thought the [levy swap](#) (in which state property taxes would supplant local funding) should be in the mix.
- We asked Forbes, whose personal statement was kind of vague, to offer more specific to-dos.
- And we asked Walkinshaw, who had the standard rap about fixing the regressive tax system, for his actual plan to fix it.

1) What was the biggest legislative success of the 2013 session?

Forbes:

I don't know if "success" is the right word, but I thought it was important that we increased state funding for higher education by 12 percent in the 2013-15 budget. Last year Washington dropped to 49th out of 50 in per-student funding for higher education, and state funding dropped from covering two-thirds of the cost of getting a four-year degree to putting two-thirds of the burden on students instead. We need to restore higher education funding to pre-recession levels, and that'll be my top priority in Olympia.

Gonzalez:



I believe that for our region and our state to remain economically competitive and for our residents to maintain a high quality of life, we need affordable access to health care for ALL our residents. Currently in King County, life expectancy differs by ZIP code and income level by as much as 10 years and students in south King County have lower graduation rates; these outcomes are inherently and morally wrong and I believe that the lack of affordable and equitable access to health care for some communities plays a major role in producing these outcomes.

I believe that being medically insured should not depend on your income level, and that as a basic human right, it should be equitably distributed.

So, I think the legislature's decision to expand Medicaid under the federal Affordable Care Act is one of the greatest accomplishments in 2013 and one on which we should build. It is exciting that Apple Health will cover 250,000 newly eligible low-income people in the new year (at no cost to the state for the first two years). This increased access to health care will help to decrease health and life expectancy disparities in our region. I hope that states that haven't increased Medicaid due to political strife (e.g. Texas, Louisiana, etc.) will follow our lead.

Walkinshaw:

In the last session, I was glad to see the Legislature reach bipartisan agreement on \$300 million of new revenue. These funds put new money into higher education, preventing year-over-year tuition increases for the first time in decades. While this is a welcome development, we need to continue pushing to return state funding for our Universities to pre-2009 levels.

2) What's your assessment of Gov. Jay Inslee's first year?

Forbes:



I think Gov. Inslee is leading our state in the right direction, and deserves credit for (among other things) making our state's health-care exchange one of the major success stories of the Obamacare rollout. I think Inslee's "Working Washington" budget proposal set the right priorities for our state government—investing in education, growing our economy, improving efficiency, and delivering vital services for children, seniors and the disabled—and he played a vital role in getting our state budget passed. Gov. Inslee also continues to be a leader on clean energy, as he has been throughout his political career, and I look forward to working with him on energy and environmental issues.

Gonzalez:

I appreciate Governor Inslee's long-term vision, especially his understanding of education, the economy, environmental protection and how they each

individually and collectively play a role in creating a healthy economy and sustainable communities. He understands the long-term nature of these challenges (to provide equitable access to education, to protect our environment from economic externalities, and our need for a strong middle class in order to have a strong economy) and he has, in my opinion, laid the groundwork for creating impactful course trajectory in each of these.

I will eagerly watch Governor Inslee's implementation of Results Washington, his performance management system. I'll be excited to see how he uses data in order to make our state government more efficient, effective and accountable to the taxpayers. I believe that this system is focusing on the most important issues, including education, services for safe communities, the environment, and the economy. And as an economist and budget wonk, I'll be excited to see how he uses this data to improve budget decision-making and service delivery.

Walkinshaw:

Governor Inslee has engaged on a range of important issues, and I am most excited by his emphasis on addressing climate change, from exploring a Washington State cap-and-trade program to the recent western-states agreement on CO2. These are important steps in the right direction, and I believe they will pay dividends in the months and years to come.

3) What do you make of the pending transportation package? Should we just go with King County Executive Dow Constantine's [local Plan B](#) to save Metro?

Forbes:

Yes. The Senate's transportation package is a non-starter, with 76 percent of \$12.3 billion spent on building and expanding roads, only 17 percent on maintaining existing roads, and less than 2 percent on transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. The Senate package doesn't address our 21st-century transportation needs, doesn't do enough to maintain our existing roads and bridges, and isn't a

reasonable starting point for negotiating to a pro-transit outcome.

I strongly believe the legislature should authorize a progressive funding option for King County transit, and the package does provide a Motor Vehicle Excise Tax option—but that carrot alone doesn't justify a package that fundamentally fails to meet our transit needs. King County's "Plan B" proposal, which funds Metro with regressive-but-available sources, allows us to come back to the table in Olympia when our existing Metro services aren't being used as a bargaining chip.

Gonzalez:

A state transportation package that focuses on roads and ignores the real transportation needs of this entire region is unacceptable. The long-term solution for this region's growing population, climate change challenges and economic mobility goals is increased and safe, reliable transit. We need Metro to be fully funded; we need the taxing authority to fund Sound Transit 3 so that we can build light rail to the heaviest travel corridors; we need Metro to be fully funded and to work in complement with light rail; we need funding to maintain our existing road and bridge infrastructure (e.g. South Park Bridge); we need for our transportation legislation to not gut our existing environmental protections; we need increased funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

We need the state's transportation legislation to address these needs, especially our dire need to save Metro in the immediate future. A viable transportation package from the state should give King County voters the option to appropriately fund Metro; the county's preferred option is to ask the voters to increase the motor vehicle excise tax (MVET). If there is no local option, then the county should look for appropriate ways to save metro, including considering the transportation benefit district (TBD), which (as you point out) would fund Metro bus service and roads in cities and unincorporated King County via a sales tax and a flat annual vehicle license fee.

Walkinshaw:



The pending transportation package has many deficiencies, from its repeal of prevailing wage provisions to its diversion of funds for stormwater systems. As a legislator, I would work in good faith to achieve a better package that addresses these deficiencies and includes immediate tax authorization for King County to avoid Metro cuts. However, if we cannot negotiate a better package, I believe that the Seattle delegation should support King County in pursuing the proposed 'Plan B' to close the Metro funding gap.

And now the customized candidate questions.

Here's **Forbes**, who I asked to get more

specific, not getting more specific:

My legislative priorities are to restore higher education funding, provide stable funding sources for King County Metro, promote investment in clean energy, pass the DREAM Act and the Reproductive Parity Act, raise the state minimum wage, and improve our state's regressive tax

structure. I'll also be working to build a better Democratic Party: I think that making our party more effective and more progressive is the key to solving many of the issues we're facing, and the work I've done with the 43rd District Democrats reflects that.

Here's **Gonzalez**, who ignored our specific question about the levy swap, on education funding:

The "first pass" at meeting *McCleary* is just that—I believe that it is a solid first pass at meeting our "paramount duty to make ample provision for the education of ALL children residing within its borders" but that we still have a long way to go. This first pass didn't do enough to decrease class size or to effectively fund costly transportation/bussing. We have much work to do, per the ruling, in order to fulfill the requirements of funding full-day kindergarten by 2018, decreasing class size, and funding operating costs. We should be proud of having one of the strongest constitutional mandates in funding education and own up to that commitment.

And here's **Walkinshaw**, asked to get specific about fixing our regressive tax system, proposing a capital gains tax:

In the short term, I believe that we need to pass a Washington State capital gains tax to make our revenue system more fair. I think that the *McCleary* ruling offers us a lever to negotiate this tax. Sooner or later, majorities in both houses will have to accept that we cannot meet our obligations under *McCleary* without additional revenue. We should propose a modest capital gains tax that directs its proceeds to K-12 education. The 2013 Washington State Supreme Court ruling striking down the supermajority requirement for new revenue puts this option within reach.

In the long term, we need more comprehensive revenue reform through a Washington State income tax. I think that our first attempt at an income tax should be revenue-neutral: any income tax should come with equivalent reductions in sales and/or business and occupation taxes. Practically speaking, this will require recruiting and defending legislators who favor an income tax, persuading legislators who don't, and extensive lobbying by citizens for a more progressive tax code.

Tonight's meeting is at 415 Westlake Ave N. at 7:00 p.m.

And, says one of tonight's inquisitors, Maddux: "Assuming there are no major hiccups, we are aiming for the final vote to occur before 9:00 p.m."

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This Washington

Race to Replace Pedersen Shapes Up

As state Sen. Ed Murray prepares to take over as Seattle mayor, the shuffle in the 43rd legislative district begins.

Published Nov 19, 2013, 4:16pm

By [Erica C. Barnett](#)

UPDATED TO ADD: Last night, the 43rd announced plans to hold a forum with all three candidates at 7:00pm on December 3 at 415 Westlake Ave. N.

As mayor-elect Ed Murray packs his boxes, bound for the seventh floor of city hall, candidates to replace *his* likely replacement in the state senate, current state Rep. Jamie Pedersen (D-43), will meet tonight at the 43rd District Democrats' meeting in the U District (7:00pm, University Heights Center, 5031 University Way NE) to make their pitches for why they should be the next state representative from the 43rd.

Precinct committee officers, who are elected by district residents, will select three candidates' names to send to the King County Council, which has the final call but traditionally picks the candidate with the most votes..

Brady Walkinshaw, a gay, half-Latino Capitol Hill resident, is generally viewed as the frontrunner, although 43rd District chairman Scott Forbes, who's lived in the district since 2007. Cristina Gonzalez, who served on the city's Families and Education Levy Oversight Committee, is also seeking the appointment.

Here are the three candidates' (slightly abbreviated) bios, provided to the 43rd District members today:

Brady Walkinshaw

I'm running to be an advocate for social and economic justice in the 43rd and in our State. I believe strongly in the need to take a long-term view to create the coalitions in our State to rebuild our middle class, reduce carbon emissions, finance higher education, pass a reproductive parity act, and reform our State's regressive revenue system. My mother immigrated from Cuba, and I grew up in a rural part of our State working in farming. I've spent my career building coalitions on issues from sustainable food systems and educational equity to marriage equality and campaigns to elect progressive candidates.

Cristina Gonzalez

I have an M.A. in Economics and currently work for Executive Dow Constantine's budget office. As adjunct faculty for Seattle University, I have taught a required course of Economics for the MPA program since 2009. Since 2008, I have proudly chaired the Board of Directors for Seattle Education Access, a local, values-based nonprofit that supports low-income/homeless young people to make successful transitions to post-secondary education. While on the Seattle Families and Education Levy Planning Committee, I fought for increased funding for college-readiness programs in middle and high schools and currently serve on its Levy Oversight Committee. I am seeking appointment in order to be an advocate in Olympia for equitable access to education for marginalized communities, services that support strong families, transportation funding that supports a strong economy, and a more equitable

tax structure.

Scott Forbes

An Illinois native, I have played several roles in the 43rd Legislative District since moving here in 2007. In 2008, that included becoming a PCO, serving as an area caucus coordinator, and a delegate to the State Convention. In 2009, I was elected Secretary of the 43rd District Democrats, Vice Chair for PCO Recruitment in 2010, and Chair in 2011 and again this year. I have served on the board of the Montlake Neighborhood Council, and am a member of Equal Rights Washington, the Transportation Choices Coalition, and the ACLU. If appointed to serve, I will be a strong and effective advocate for higher education, funding of public transit, the fight against climate change, and social justice needs in Washington – passing the DREAM Act, the Reproductive Parity Act, raising the minimum wage statewide, and reformatations to Washington's regressive tax structure.

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Pedersen likely to fill Murray's state Senate seat; Walkinshaw in line for House

Posted by [Jim Brunner](#)

Local Democratic activists met Tuesday night to fill vacancies in a couple of Seattle-area legislative seats.

Ed Murray's election as Seattle mayor last month left his 43rd Legislative District state Senate seat up for grabs.

State Rep. Jamie Pedersen will slide over to that position, as he ran essentially unopposed at a meeting Tuesday night of the 43rd District Democrats. Hundreds of Democratic precinct-committee officers gathered in a South Lake Union meeting hall for the vote.

Under the state constitution, legislative vacancies are filled via appointments by the local county council, which must choose a replacement from the same political party from a list of three names submitted by the local party organization. In practice, the Metropolitan King County Council typically picks the top choice from the list forwarded by the party.

So as a formality, the council will have two other names to choose from besides Pedersen, but both those alternative "candidates" made it clear Tuesday night they back Pedersen and have no intention of serving.

Pedersen, an attorney, was elected to the state House in 2006 and has served as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

After Pedersen's selection, the real drama Tuesday night was over the appointment to fill Pedersen's state House seat.

After a couple rounds of voting, the nod for that position went to Brady Walkinshaw, a program officer with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Walkinshaw is Cuban-American and gay, living on Capitol Hill with his partner, who works for the state Department of Natural Resources.

Walkinshaw bested Scott Forbes, the chairman of the 43rd District Democrats, and Cristina Gonzalez, a budget analyst for King County Executive Dow Constantine's office. While all three names will be

sent to the County Council, party etiquette says the runners-up will back Walkinshaw as the first choice.

The 43rd District runs through the liberal heart of Seattle (including Capitol Hill, Fremont, Wallingford and the University District) and at last night's meeting of nearly 200 precinct-committee officers (PCOs), the three candidates sounded virtually identical calls for new tax revenue for schools, strengthened civil-rights protections for minorities and increased transit funding.

Forbes called it a choice between "an excellent progressive candidate, an excellent progressive candidate, and an excellent progressive candidate."

So it came down to who had rallied enough PCOs to show up on a Tuesday night to vote. And Walkinshaw, who repeatedly boasted of his many endorsements from party leaders and state legislators, including Pedersen, won the ground game.

Meanwhile, in the 33rd Legislative District south of Seattle, Democrats selected Kent City Councilmember Elizabeth Albertson to fill the state House seat being vacated because of Dave Upthegrove's election to the Metropolitan King County Council.

The 33rd District covers Kent, SeaTac, Des Moines and Normandy Park.

All the appointees will serve one year and will have to stand for election to full terms in 2014.

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State Rep. Jamie Pedersen (D-43), the heir apparent to departing state Sen. (and Seattle mayor-elect) Ed Murray's seat in the senate, has officially endorsed Brady Walkinshaw, a relative newcomer to the district, to replace him.

Walkinshaw is running for the position against 43rd District chair Scott Forbes and King County employee Cristina Gonzalez, who served on the city's Families and Education Levy oversight committee and is the chair of the board of Seattle Education Accesss, a non-profit that helps low-income students get into college.

In a Facebook post this weekend endorsing Walkinshaw, Pedersen wrote:

After much consideration, I have decided to endorse Brady Walkinshaw for the appointment to the 43rd district seat in the House that I will soon vacate. Brady brings years of experience as a collaborative leader: as a program officer at the Gates Foundation; the founder of Proyecto Villa Nueva (a nonprofit to help youth in Honduras); a member of the board of trustees at Princeton University; and a member of the Campaign Board for the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund and the organizing committee for Fighting for the Majority, our LGBT community effort to support House and Senate Democrats. Brady is the son of a Cuban immigrant mother who teaches English language learners, and an organic vegetable farmer father. He grew up in rural Whatcom county and spent his summers picking raspberries, which is part of the reason that he has connected with and won the endorsements of a diverse group of House Democrats. I am incredibly impressed by his organizational and networking skills: in the past few months, he has recruited 61 new precinct committee officers to the 43rd district. I think that Brady is the candidate who will be the most effective advocate for higher education, social justice and other progressive values on behalf of our district, and hope to serve with him in the legislature. You can learn more about him at <http://www.bradywalkinshaw.com/>.


Pedersen and Speaker Rep. Frank Chopp (D-43, Wallingford) will both be at an event for pro-Walkinshaw PCOs, along with former city council member Tina Podlodowski and state Reps. Joe Fitzgibbon (D-34) and Luis Moscoso (D-1) next Monday.

The 43rd District's Precinct Committee Officers will make their picks among the three candidates for 43rd District Representative shortly after Thanksgiving. Those names will then go to the King County Council, which traditionally selects the candidate with the highest number of PCO votes.


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