

VOTERS WANT MORE CHOICES

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To: Our thousands of supporters throughout the state (cc'd to the media, house & senate members, and Governor, and other candidates for office)

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RE: New update on Democrats' plot to not appoint successor to Pam Roach

Great job! Last week tons of you sent emails to the Democrat-controlled King County Council telling them to NOT delay picking the successor for Pam Roach's senate seat. Your efforts have already made a big impact. More on that later. First, an update:

Tonight starting at 7pm, the 37 Republican precinct committee officers in the 31st district will meet at Sumner Middle School to pick 3 possible successors for Pam Roach's senate seat (I'll be attending so I'll let you know first thing Wednesday morning who they are). Then the King County Council chooses among those 3.

Last month, when it came to choosing the senate successors for the 37th district (Rebecca Saldana) and the 45th district (Dino Rossi), the Council moved lightning fast: the PCO's picked their 3 appointees and the King County Council interviewed them and chose them the same day!!).

But the Democrats are under tremendous pressure to delay this appointment. A tie in the state senate will allow uber-activist Democrat Cyrus Habib to stage a coup and empower the minority Democrats to take over the Senate and pass a litany of liberal legislation until Pam's successor is named.

CYRUS HABIB's QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE KING COUNTY DEMOCRATS (<https://shiftwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Cyrus-Habib-King-County-Democrats-Questionnaire.pdf>): *"Once we have 24 Democratic Senators, the Republican majority would need all 25 Senators present and voting to retain control of the floor. But whether we have 24 or 25 seats, I will of course be willing to break ties in favor of the progressive policies that Leader Nelson and I both care about."*

"In the past, office holders have treated the position of Lt. Governor as virtually nonpartisan. While I respect (this view), I also recognize the opportunity the Lt. Governor has, if he or she is trained in and has a passion for parliamentary procedure and constitutional law."

"I intend to use the full extent of my legal knowledge and the power of the office to fight for budgets that meet our constitutional obligations, and to block moves by Senate Republicans that aim to undermine our legislative priorities or politicize the work of the executive branch."

"As Lieutenant Governor, I have committed to using every constitutional, parliamentary, and procedural power of the office to ensure that our 2017-18 budget addresses our McCleary obligation, including, as I have previously mentioned, exercising my right to refuse to sign an unconstitutional budget that fails to meet the Court's standard."

Habib's comments are deeply disturbing because the lieutenant governor should be as an impartial facilitator of Senate actions, not a super-senator with superpowers.

Voters have repeatedly and recently reaffirmed their support for the Majority Coalition Caucus' control of the state senate but Cyrus Habib is clearly intent on ignoring that voter mandate if Pam's successor is not chosen before the session starts.

Fortunately, our efforts last week are bearing fruit. Thanks to last week's overwhelming number of emails from all of you and some intense backroom lobbying by the Republicans on the King County Council, the Democrats have scheduled interviews with the 31st's 3 picks this Thursday starting at 1:30 pm (join me there to watch it live, the interviews will be done in public at the King County Council chambers, 516 3rd Ave, Room 1200, Seattle). Again, for the 37th district and 45th district senate replacements, the King County Council interviewed the candidates and made their choice THE SAME DAY. So there's no precedent or reason or excuse for them to not do the same for Pam's successor.

Please send another email to the King County Council and tell them to appoint Pam's successor on Thursday after the interviews. Cut and paste these email addresses into the To line of your email:

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Email this or something like this:

"Chairman McDermott and other Democrats on the King County Council: Last month, you interviewed and picked senate successors for the 37th district and 45th district the same day! Do what's right and do the same for Pam Roach's successor this Thursday. The voters of the 31st district deserve representation in the Legislature starting on day 1 of the session. No excuses, no games, no delays."

An email from you right now will really help. All of us working together can really make a difference.

You can count on us to fight against state and local government's insatiable tax appetite. The voters' passage of our Initiative 1366 last year certainly shows that the people are in no mood for any tax hikes, let alone increases next year totaling \$5.2 billion.



If you like and appreciate our past, current, and future efforts on behalf of taxpayers, please send us a donation for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 or more (there are no limits on how much can be given). You can go to our website right now - www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com and make a secure on-line contribution by PayPal or VISA or M/C. OR, you can print [this form](#), fill it out, and return it with a check or credit card information.

We've done so many amazing things over the past 17 years, but that's only been possible thanks to successful benefactors like you. We ask you to please help us help taxpayers.

Please donate TODAY.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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P.S. There are thousands of politicians, bureaucrats, lobbyists, and special interest groups working each and every day to raise your taxes. Shouldn't there be at least one person, one team, one organization that fights to lower your taxes? Please help us so we can continue our successful efforts on behalf of taxpayers.

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained." Benjamin Franklin