

**Diane Jones For State Committee
Woman
24th Legislative District**



My work for progressive initiatives and the Democratic Party show that I am a committed and effective activist. I have attended all Washington State Central Committee meetings for the last few years, both as Vice Chair of the Jefferson County Democrats and as Acting Chair of the Labor Caucus. I've never had a vote. As committee woman I would have and I am well prepared to represent Democrats in 24th LD on the Central Committee. I am familiar with how the Central Committee meetings work and I am ready to take on the important decisions we will make in January

The new Central Committee will face many important decisions over the next two years:

Election of a State Chair is one of the first things the Central Committee will do. Before the January meeting, I want to know all about the candidates.

Will they represent our interests on the DNC to assure integrity? Will they follow through on superdelegate reform? Will they ask local parties how the "coordinated" campaign can be more effective? How would they work with and support local party organizations, especially in Eastern Washington. Will they give a larger role in decision making to the Executive Board.

Our state party will be looking at Washington's presidential nominating process and considering the caucus versus primary question. It is a complicated issue I've been studying and I want to be a part of the discussion, representing the interests of the public.

Resolutions are one of the main things Central Committee members vote on at each meeting. When I go to state meetings, I have spent most of my time working with the Resolutions Committee, often because I am helping to get a labor or Jefferson County resolution through the process.

I am in favor of involving more democrat party constituents into the recruitment of candidates. We should explore new ways to bring local parties into the process.

Coming from labor I also want to find ways to encourage more union members into participating in the state party. This coincides with my interest to have a more people friendly vs corporate friendly party.

Biography and political activism:

I worked as a union electrician out of IBEW for over thirty years. For 10 of those years I also owned and operated a commercial salmon troller in Alaska. In the late 90's I served on a state advisory board for the Regional Fishery Enhancement Group program which encouraged formerly adversarial stakeholders to work together restoring diminished salmon populations and their habitat.



As statewide coordinator for WAmend and campaign chair for the signature gathering effort of I-735, I demonstrated my conviction that

corporations were wrongly extended Constitutional Rights and money is not equivalent to speech. With coalition partners we gathered 330,000 signatures to qualify I-735 for the ballot and it passed.



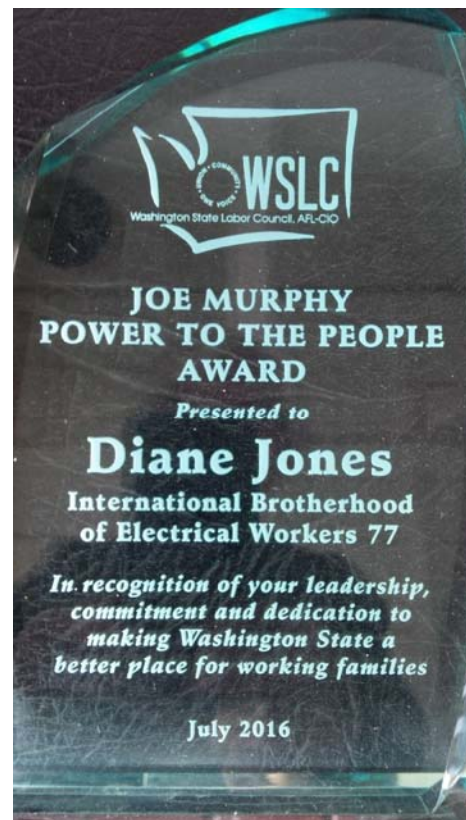
I collected 2400 signatures for I-1433 to raise the minimum wage and it also qualified for the ballot and passed. As a result, the minimum wage will jump to \$11/hour including earned sick pay on January 1.

I initiated the endorsement of both these initiatives by the Jefferson County.

Democrats so our local party could promote them ahead of Nov. 8.

If we can break up corporate stranglehold of our democratic institutions, move towards a government of, by and for people and bring up living standards this will go a long ways to reengage citizens to help deal with pressing environmental issues.

Nationally, the situation is very grave. Our DNC representatives need to hear from the Central Committee. We will need better focus as we look forward to the next congressional elections. At the state level we have opportunities for success. And in everything we do, we need to make sure we are representing our base, the 99%, in a strategically coordinated smart way.



I have not only door belled for a candidates in both our LD and a neighboring LD 10 this year but, as a PCO, I spent days doorbelling my precinct last year to get more accurate up-to-date information in our data base.



Please come vote for me at the 24th LD Re-Organization Meeting
Quilcene Community Center on Saturday, January 14, at noon.

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