

## **Matt Sircely - Candidate for 24th LD Chair**

**I first became involved with the local Democrats in 2008, speaking for Barack Obama at my precinct caucus in Port Townsend. Subsequently selected by the campaign to speak at the County Convention and the 6th CD Caucus in Shelton, I was then elected Chair of the Jefferson County Democrats. We engaged issues, and we worked to integrate the influx of new enthusiasm that had arisen from Obama's grassroots-style campaign. At the time, I was the second-youngest chair in the state.**



**I authored several resolutions that passed through the WSDCC, including the compromise language in the 2010 WSDCC resolution on health care reform. A resolution on Border Patrol, which I authored alongside others (incl. Bill Miller), currently serves as the sample resolution on the WSDCC website. The JeffCo Dems won every contested countywide race in 2010, and I'm proud of the work we did to help elect Steve Tharinger to his first term in Olympia.**

**In 2011, I was elected Chair of the 24th LD. We had a great team. Secretary Patrick Wadsworth was a pleasure to work with. Together, we worked to communicate more effectively across county lines, which again became my focus when I served as Olympic Peninsula Outreach Coordinator for Bernie 2016.**

**Originally from Pennsylvania, I spent my college years at Hamilton in Central New York, studying government, political economy, sustainable development, Spanish and music. I graduated with honors in 1998, and I have worked as a musician ever since, moving to Port Townsend in 1999. I also work as a writer and freelancer for magazines, artists, organizations and small businesses.**

**I ask for your vote for Chair of the 24th LD because I enjoy engaging with the diversity of political perspectives that stretch across our district. I am grateful to the elder PCOs across the 24th who supported me when I was younger, and everyone who has offered advice throughout my prior years of service to the 24th LD. Now, amidst renewed enthusiasm from the Sanders campaign, I know first-hand that we have remarkable people in our ranks, some are dear friends who have been active for decades, others are newly-found political voices. We all know that we need to stick together. That's at the root of why we're all Democrats.**

**When we pair good intentions with understanding and rapid communication, we can unite to become bolder and stronger in the face of our coming struggles. When we generate new ideas and achieve a level of consensus across the 24th LD, I believe that our ideas can carry far beyond the borders of our district. We've done it before, and we can do it again. We must. This time, our work is more important than ever before, and we can also expect it to be more difficult in the coming years.**

**In 2017, now is a critical time for the 24th LD to move forward and develop the types of communication channels that will carry us into the future. If elected Chair, I will work to build communication, facilitate volunteers, and accomplish goals as set forth by the executive board and the members of the 24th LD.**

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