**23rd Legislative District – Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) – Committee Member Report – Jim & Ginger Sommerhauser – 25 June 2020**

The last WSDCC meeting attended was the Washington State Democratic Convention, held on June 13, 2020. As State Committee Members, we would have been automatic delegates to the Convention, which we did not know when we ran to be delegates for the 23rd LD Democrats to the State Convention. Regardless, we were elected, and attended the Convention via Zoom. Compared to previous convention, this Convention was a breeze. It was concluded before 5 p.m. with all business completed, which had not happened in the many years that we attended State Convention. Because the Convention was a virtual convention, all actions were planned and choreographed. No surprises were seen or allowed at the 2020 State Convention.

The delegates approved the 2020 Washington State Democratic Platform, which was amended by 11 Minority Reports. This Platform had more requested modifications than any previous platform. Ginger notes that in addition to proposed changes, the Platform was reorganized. For example, agriculture is no longer a separate plank. Agriculture is dispersed to two or three new Platform Pillars. There are no rules that the Platform keep the existing organization. It just means that we must take the time to read and understand the newly approved platform.

As State Committee Members from the Legislative District, we participate in the elections of Electors for the United States President. Payton Swinford put his name as an Elector from the 6th Congressional District. He was not elected the 6th Congressional District, but he was elected as an At-Large Elector for the State of Washington. Every time we turned around, Payton was in a run-off election. Congratulations, Payton!

Also, as State Committee Members from the Legislative District, we participated in the election of At-Large Delegates to the Democratic National Convention, and delegates from the Public Local Elected Officials (PLEOs) to the Democratic National Convention. Because of run-off elections, the last delegates were elected on the Monday, 15 June.

These elections were conducted virtually, similarly to the method used to elect delegates to the State Convention.