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Fellow Democrats,

In my Chair's message on Monday I made some comments that I should not have made in a communication on behalf of the 34th District Democrats. I referred to a candidate for Burien City Council as a "lunatic white nationalist." My choice of words was poor - while Darla and other candidates on the Burien First Burien Proud slate have aligned themselves with the anti-immigrant Burien Proposition 1 campaign funded by a white nationalist group from Michigan, there is no evidence to suggest that she herself is a white nationalist. I owe Darla and all of you an apology, so I'm writing today to say I'm sorry.

This is an issue that is deeply personal to me. I live in a neighborhood that's nearly 50% immigrants, and many of my neighbors are rightfully scared by the increase in attacks on immigrants from white nationalists and a president who consistently seems to support them. Last weekend a young Somali girl about 8 years old was showing some other little girls how to put on a hajib in the park across the street from our home. As my fiancé walked by she said "Don't worry, I'm not a terrorist." That incident broke our hearts, and was still weighing on me as I composed my Chair's Message on Monday.

We are at our best when we lift each other up, when we listen to those we disagree with and attempt to understand where they're coming from so we can find any common ground we might have, and move forward together. I promise to try harder to live up to those ideals as we navigate these uncertain times together.

I hope to see you tonight as we hear from community leaders and elected officials in Burien about what is at stake and what we can do to help.

In solidarity,

David

David Ginsberg  
Chair, 34th District Democrats

