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Matt Gallagher, assistant resident engineer, poses with Chelsea Clinton, daughter of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Gallagher followed his curiosity and became part of a campaign stop. Photo by Joe O'Donnell



Curiosity Gives Employees' a Close View of Presidential Campaign

By Ned Racine, Editor

(Jan. 15, 2008) Joe O'Donnell, senior contract administrator, and Matt Gallagher, assistant resident engineer, were curious on Jan. 11. What was the commotion around the restaurant at Cesar Chavez Ave. and Soto Street?

The two took a brief walk from the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension office at 1st Street and Soto and discovered a slice of the United States election process: Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton was making a campaign stop.

"We went over to see what was going on and to take part in the democratic process," Gallagher said.

"There was Secret Service all over the place," said O'Donnell. "Her [Clinton's] staff was everywhere."

Gallagher came away with a photo of Chelsea Clinton and him. How did he manage to get the former first child to pose with him? He asked her. "She was very accessible," he noted.

"There was a lot of people there," Gallagher said of the afternoon event, although he thought it was well organized. "It was pretty neat to see a

presidential candidate.”

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