



30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General
Monthly Meeting
July 1, 2009
First Wednesday of
each month 7 – 9 P.M.
4016 S 352 St. 98001
½ mile west of
Military Rd

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Report on JUNE 3, 2009 Regular General Meeting

Guest speaker for the June meeting was Dow Constantine, current chair of the King County council and a Councilmember since 2002. His parents were school teachers and his grandfather a mill worker. He spoke as a candidate for King County Executive. His campaign can be reached at :

Dylan@dowconstantine.com

Other guests included Roger Freeman, candidate for Federal Way council to replace Eric Faison. He has been an attorney for 15 years. He can be reached at Roger-Freeman@comcast.net

Larry Phillips, also a candidate for KC Exec. spoke on revitalizing the economy and safe, secure families,

Fred Jarrett also spoke as a candidate for King County Exec.

June 6 was the deadline to register as a candidate.

To vote in the August 19 Primary, you must be registered to vote by July 19.

Call 206 296 VOTE for information.

NOTICE

JULY MEETING – Election for SCM

There will be an election for the 30th District Democrats WA State Committeeman position. PCO's are encouraged to attend.

Appointed and elected PCO's will be eligible to vote.

This meeting will be held July 1, 2009

7 – 9 p.m. at 4016 S 352 St, (1/2 mile west of Military Rd) 98001

SONIA SOTOMAYOR Whom all good Latinos adore, But right-wingers tend to deplore. They'd like to show Sonia the door. Her record, they say, heretofore Reveals that beliefs at her core Would favor minorities more: She'd hand them decisions galore, Because of the racial rapport. - - - Whereas white male judges are, as everyone knows, totally neutral. (Thanks to Calvin Trillin, Deadline Poet, The Nation Magazine, June 22, 2009, page 6.)

30th DISTRICT DEMOCRATS PICNIC

July 26 noon to 4 P.M. Site #1 Steel Lake Park

Decline to Sign Referendum 71. Reproductive rights are civil rights, and all Washington families should be treated the same, with the same protections, the same rights and the same obligations as their neighbors.

During this year's session, Washington state legislators overwhelmingly passed the Domestic Partnership Expansion bill which gives domestic partners – including gay and lesbian couples – the same legal rights as married couples. The Governor signed the bill into law in May.

Referendum 71 is an attempt to repeal the law by getting a referendum on the ballot. Pledge NOW to Decline to Sign the Referendum 71 petition, and ask your friends, family and coworkers to help keep Washington's Domestic Partnership Law intact.

Will Sen. Cantwell side with President Obama or with the insurance industry?

Millions of Americans live in fear of getting sick because they can't afford the care they need — President Obama wants to change that by giving all Americans access to health care through a public option similar to Medicare.

Under President Obama's plan, Americans could choose between the insurance plan they have already (if they have one) and a public plan that would provide quality, affordable care.

Unsurprisingly, private insurers have spent millions of dollars trying to keep this plan from becoming reality. Instead, they're asking for "reform" that wouldn't change anything at all.

[We need a public health care option. And we need Sen. Cantwell to get on board with President Obama's plan.](#)

Right now, **only 36 senators** are on record supporting a public option. Without support from Sen. Cantwell, we could very well lose this fight.

[Tell Sen. Cantwell to support a public health care option in any reform that comes before the Senate this year — and vote down any bill that doesn't include a strong public option. Americans' lives hang in the balance. CALL SENATOR CANTWELL!](#) Thank you for working

to build a better world.

(The above from CREDO Action/Working Assets)
You can also go to AFL-CIO on this subject.)

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Want better oversight of GE Crops? Now's your chance!

You might be interested in this Center for Food Safety e-activism campaign. If you go to the URL below you can check out what is at stake and send your own message directly to the relevant decision makers. Take action on this action alert from Center for Food Safety at <http://ga3.org/campaign/Aphis3?rk=odBBxy9ajvTHW>

Celebrate 100 Years of Father's Day!

This holiday was first proposed in 1909, when a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd sought to create awareness of fathers' valuable contributions to families and communities. The idea came to Dodd while she was listening to a Mother's Day sermon. Her own father -- a single dad who raised her after the death of her mother -- was her inspiration. The holiday this year is June 21st.

Bill Moyers Journal

Bill Moyers is managing editor and Michael Winship is senior writer of the weekly public affairs program Bill Moyers Journal, which airs Friday nights on PBS, channel 9. The Moyers Blog is at pbs.org/moyers.

THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

Sixty million people who don't have unions say they'd join one tomorrow, but too few will ever get the chance in our corporate-dominated system.

- Companies routinely intimidate, harass, coerce and even fire people who try to form unions—and current labor law is helpless to stop them. The penalties are so slight for breaking the law that corporations simply consider it the cost of doing business. The government found that companies violated the rights of 29,559 workers in 2007 alone (and those are just the documented cases). A quarter even illegally fire workers.
- Even when workers win their unions, many companies delay bargaining any way they can. According to a new study by MIT, 44 percent of workers who form a new union never reach a first contract.

The Employee Free Choice Act is the change we need.

- The Employee Free Choice Act would put the choice of whether to form a union back in workers' hands by giving them the option of using majority sign-up, an alternative to the current company-dominated system. Large national companies with good profit margins and good labor relations, such as AT&T and Kaiser Permanente, have used majority sign-up successfully for years.
- The Employee Free Choice Act guarantees that companies can't just drag their feet on a first contract. To guarantee workers can win a union contract, it provides for mediation or binding arbitration when it's needed.
- The Employee Free Choice Act levels the playing field by putting real penalties on companies that violate the law during organizing and contract campaigns.

Re: Health Care "Reform" By Karen Backman
Debate is currently centered around a specious "trigger" option which has been created to suppress any meaningful discussion of the single-payer option in providing comprehensive health care for Americans.

The so-called "trigger" option would enable consideration of the public option only after certain and onerous to meet market conditions are met -- mainly if private insurance companies are unable to achieve various metrics for coverage within a certain time frame, all of these terms written in careful legalistic language that would preclude the triggering of any such option for single-payer. This proposal is appeasement of the private health-care-for-profit industries who consider a public plan as competition and the first dangerous step towards a single-payer system. Progressives, however, view it as reform in name only and not substance.

What this essentially accomplishes is a mechanism to kill the public not-for-profit plan.

As has been historically seen with Medicare part D, a trigger option has so far meant no public option at all.

There is a trigger in the Medicare part D program. To this date conditions have never been met for a public option for prescription drug coverage, at great cost to those who subscribed to the plan. The standards for Medicare Part D were set by the pharmaceutical industry, and carefully written so that would remain unreachable. Should the same system be put in place for insurance coverage, the same result will occur and public health care or even the option for some to subscribe to public health care will never come to pass.

In other words, the "trigger" option is a trap to kill real health care reform, a last-ditch effort by opponents of health care reform who want to gut the president's plan.

It would also delay a public health insurance option for years for it would mean that a public health insurance option would only come into effect once certain and very narrowly defined conditions were met.

Unfortunately we already have a crisis: inordinately high health care costs, millions of uninsured, and a lack of choice for all of us. The "trigger" has already been triggered.

2009 DUES ARE NOW DUE. THANK YOU PAID MEMBERS 2009.

PCOs are encouraged to pay dues. (If your name is not on this list, check with the Treasurer.)

President's Club: Frank/Beverly Warnke, Art/Dee Fluharty, Jeff/Kaori Holden, Geoffery/Devin McAnallo, Jem Wear, Sterling Smith

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Members: Pat Artz -Karen Backman - David Baine - Andrew Boike - Tim Burns - Barbara Carmichael - Howard/Vernita Christianson - Donna Cirincione - Larry Coghill - Marguerete Condon - Michael/Sue Dillard - Lupe Cook - Bob Dickinson - Linda/Elbert Gage - James//Madalyn Grayson - Carol Gregory - John Haynes - Max Hedgecock - Miriam Helgeland - Larry Jackson - Patricia Johnson - Joyce Johnston - Nancy LeMay - Paul Mallary - Jean Matthew - Kevin McManis - Thos. Miller/Anne Robsamen - Jean Noe - Romana/Carolyn Perna - Richard/Nancy Poppe - Barbara Reid - Verleene Riggins - Ed Sedlak - Jeffrey Snow - Keith Tyler - Patricia Vanderlinde - Inez Walker - Gigi Williams

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Voting Member: \$20 Family (2 voting members) \$ 25 Associate/Non Voting Member: \$10
Senator's Club: \$50 President's Club \$100 Newsletter only: \$ 5

Any registered voter residing within the 30th Legislative District who hereby declares him/herself to be a Democrat may become a voting member upon payment of Annual Dues. *Dues are payable at time of joining and renewable in February each year.*

CALENDAR

Wed 7/1 30th District Democrats *Regular General meeting*, 4016 S 352 St
98001 (1/2 mile west of Military) 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Doors open 6:30 P.M.
REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR RAFFLE/FOOD BANK

Wed 7/8 Exec Board Meeting, Meridian Court, 31420 23 Ave S, 7:00 P.M.
This meeting will now be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each
month (not Thursday).

Sat 6/20 Hard Times Party 6 PM Social Hour followed by Dinner and Old Time Fiddlers
Entertainment. Silent Auction (Vintage Goodies & Collectibles)
Bring items for Silent Auction. Tickets \$25 plus can of food. Prize for
best costume (costumes not required). Tickets: 253 874 3106
FW Senior Center 4016 S 352 St (1/2 mile west of Military Rd)

Sun 7/26 COME TO THE 30TH DISTRICT DEMS PICNIC JULY 26 NOON TO 4 P.M. SITE #1
STEEL LAKE PARK

EVENT DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK AGAIN LATER

If you have suggestions or input for the newsletter, or to request the newsletter by e mail, contact

Jean Not Later Than 20 th of month or call 253 838 8618.