



30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General Monthly Meeting

August 5, 2009

First Wednesday of
each month 7 – 9 P.M.
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Report on JULY 2009 Regular General Meeting

The Endorsement Committee presented their recommendations. The following candidates were approved:

King County Executive

Seattle Port Commission Pos 1

Seattle Port Commission Pos 3

Seattle Port Commission Pos 4

Algona City Council

Federal Way Municipal Court Judge Pos 1

Federal Way Municipal Court Judge Pos 2

Federal Way City Council Pos 6

South King County Fire Commissioner

Dow Constantine

John Creighton

Rob Holland

Max Vekich

Paul Mallory

Rebecca Robertson

Renee Walls

Roger Freeman

John Rickert

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

Please note **that there is an 8 day period starting Aug 10 when you can register IN PERSON. Call 206 296 VOTE for information.**

Election for SCM Since this is vacation season, the vote for Washington State Committeeman will take place at the regular general meeting in **October**. Appointed and elected PCO's will be eligible to vote.

AUGUST MEETING

Speaker for the August 5 meeting will be Roger Freeman.

It may be the summertime, but election season is in full swing. Here in King County, the race for executive is heating up, and there is one candidate who should have you concerned: Susan Hutchison. **Hutchison is an anti-choice conservative,** and she is currently leading in the polls.

You may be thinking: Seriously? A conservative candidate for King County executive is the **frontrunner?** Most candidates with Hutchison's conservative credentials wouldn't stand a chance in a county that overwhelmingly supported pro-choice candidates Barack Obama and Chris Gregoire in the last election. Yet **Hutchison's many years as a KIRO broadcaster makes her a familiar face.** And **she has repeatedly dodged questions about her views on issues like women's health.**

With less than two weeks before ballots go in the mail, we need to get the word out that Susan Hutchison is far to the right of the voters of King County.

* Hutchison has made contributions to the campaigns of anti-choice candidates **George W. Bush, Mike Huckabee, Dino Rossi and Dave Reichert.**

* She used to sit on the board of the Discovery Institute, an organization that promotes **"intelligent design" and disputes evolution.**

An Executive Hutchison would be a disaster for women's rights and health.

(The above from NARAL Pro-Choice Washington - for more info go to: www.ProChoiceWashington.org.)

In Memoriam - Maureen Fairfield passed away June 16, 2009. She was active in the 30th District Democrats, acting as a faithful greeter for a long time. She was also active in the Federal Way Senior Center, and was a member of the Saltwater Unitarian Universalist Church of Des Moines. Interment was at Tahoma National Military Cemetery. Memorial Service was at the Senior Center. Our sincere condolences to her family. *Obituary for Maureen M. Fairfield is at:* <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?n=maureen-m-fairfield&pid=129305812>

The Case For A Surtax

The House Ways and Means Committee has proposed [implementing a tax surcharge](#) on the **richest one percent of Americans**, with the revenue going toward financing a portion of the estimated [\\$1 trillion cost](#) for health care reform. Under [the House proposal](#), the surtax would begin in 2011 and constitute a one percent marginal rate for households making between \$350,000 and \$500,000, 1.5 percent for households making \$500,000 to \$1 million, and 5.4 percent for those making more than \$1 million.

As House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) put it, "Let's leapfrog over the middle class to the [wealthiest people in our country](#). They've had it pretty good the last eight years in terms of tax policy under President Bush. And we think that's a place you can go."

Yesterday, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius called the tax "[a legitimate way to go forward](#)." And as Families USA executive director Ron Pollack said, "Since this group enjoyed a significant tax reduction windfall during the last decade -- and since this windfall played a big role in burgeoning federal deficits -- it makes sense that this group bear some burden as part of the [effort to secure America's long-term economic future](#) through health-care reform."

The surcharge would raise \$544 billion from those same households over 10 years. The surcharge "would require the richest one percent to give back some, [but not all](#), of the tax cuts they received over the 2001-2010 period."

"It certainly is okay for me to tell my friends on Wall Street, who just got a bonus of \$600,000, that they're going to pay more in taxes so that we can [lower health care costs in America](#)," Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) said.

According to estimates from Citizens for Tax Justice (CTJ) 98.7 percent of Americans will be totally unaffected by the surcharge.

LABOR UPDATE – Paul Mallary (with thanks to the summer quarter issue of The Washington Teamster)

1) DON'T SHOP AT WALMART!

2) Support for the [Employee Free Choice Act](#) appears to be fraying at both ends of Pennsylvania Ave. It sounds like letters to our Senators, Representatives and the President may be in order.

3) [Health Care Reform](#): as far back as I can remember (the 50's anyway), health care for middle and low income Americans has been inequitable. Reform may finally see the light of day, IF we can hold our legislators to their expressed commitments to act.

4) Organized labor is pressing the Obama administration on the [Mexican Cross-Border trucking problem](#). As it stands, some trucking from Mexico may enter the U.S. without meeting all standards required of U.S. Drivers.

Disclaimer: check on the Internet to determine the status each of the issues before you ream out your legislators. By the time you see this information it could have become outdated.

From the Wall Street Journal:

MANAGEMENT: JULY 21, 2009

Pay of Top Earners Erodes Social Security Fund Expected to Be Exhausted in 2037
By ELLEN E. SCHULTZ

The nation's wealth gap is widening amid an uproar about lofty pay packages in the financial world.

Executives and other highly compensated employees now receive more than one-third of all pay in the U.S., according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of Social Security Administration data -- without counting billions of dollars more in pay that remains off federal radar screens that measure wages and salaries. **Highly paid employees received nearly \$2.1 trillion of the \$6.4 trillion in total U.S. pay in 2007**, the latest figures available. The compensation numbers don't include incentive stock options, unexercised stock options, unvested restricted stock units and certain benefits....

Keep your vote! Support Referendum72.org

The governor signed ESSB 5808 which allows a city or town to pass an ordinance forcing an area to be annexed without a vote of the people. While 5808 was in its final stages, the Assoc. of WA Cities quietly added sections that allow annexation without a public vote. Ref. 72 rejects these 3 sections. Contact Jerry @referendum72.org for more info.

A War Against Organizing

By Kate Bronfenbrenner Wednesday, June 3,
2009 (Excerpted from a Washington Post editorial)

A Rite Aid distribution center employee recently described what happened when workers tried to form a union in their California workplace.. .(which was)

surveillance, constant threats and harassment; they were repeatedly interrogated, one on one, about how they planned to vote; 2 co-workers fired; and the rest lived in fear that they, too, might get a pink slip.

The union filed numerous charges of unfair labor practices and eventually won the organizing election. But 3 years after the campaign began, she and her fellow Rite Aid workers still don't have a contract.

Rite Aid takes full advantage of current labor law to keep workers from exercising their full rights to organize and collectively bargain under the National Labor Relations Act. **Such behavior by U.S. companies during union organizing campaigns has become routine**, and our nation's labor laws neither protect workers' rights nor provide disincentives for employers to stop disregarding those rights.

There has been a steady decline of workers' rights in the past several decades. The failure of the system to defend workers' rights in a timely manner multiplies the obstacles workers face when seeking union representation, creating delays that favor employers. Employers appeal a high percentage of the cases to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and **in the most egregious instances, the employer can count on a final decision being held up by three to five years.**

Fifty-two percent of workers who form a union are still without a contract a year after they win an election and **37 percent** remain without a contract two years after the election. For employers, labor law provides yet another means to indefinitely delay unionization...

(SUPPORT THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT!-Call your reps.- Ed.)

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

PCOs are encouraged to pay dues. (Dues are due in February of each year. 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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Voting Member: \$20 Family (2 voting members) \$ 25 Associate/Non Voting Member: \$10
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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 8/5 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 8/12 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).

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.