



## 30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General  
Monthly Meeting  
Sept 2, 2009  
First Wednesday of  
each month 7 – 9 P.M.  
4016 S 352 St. 98001  
½ mile west of  
Military Rd

### Report on AUGUST 5, 2009 Regular General Meeting

The scheduled speaker was Roger Freeman, candidate for Federal Way City Council Position 6.

### September Meeting

Scheduled speaker for the September meeting is Martha Kostner; the subject will be Health Care.

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Beth Zubitis

**NOTICE:** Ron Simosky has been appointed by the Chair to be interim WA State Committeeman. This was approved by the Exec. Board on 8/2/2009. During the **September** meeting, appointed and elected PCO's will be eligible to vote to confirm this appointment.

### October Meeting

In **October**, all persons interested in the WA State Committeeman position may be nominated from the floor. There will then be a vote - all appointed and elected PCO's will be eligible to vote.

### The November Election

King County Executive candidate Susan Hutchison **is an anti-choice conservative**. Hutchison has said **she would eliminate county agencies that don't actually exist**. She has called for money to be transferred between social service and environmental programs, **which is illegal** and can't be done. Hutchison continues to duck and dodge questions about **her Republican background**.

Her 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. 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. Also, 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](http://www.ProChoiceWashington.org).)

**IF Referendum 71** makes it on to the November ballot, **VOTE TO APPROVE**. This will retain the domestic partnership law as it currently stands. **We must communicate with voters to explain that referenda require an APPROVE vote in order to retain a law**. If Referendum 71 is on the ballot in November, we'll be voting to **APPROVE** the domestic partnership law. (Those trying to repeal the law will be voting to reject Ref. 71.)

**Now is the time** to start telling your family, friends and co-workers to think of it this way: we are not voting to approve the referendum, we are voting to approve the domestic partnership law. We are voting to approve protections for all families.

Log on to [www.wafst.org](http://www.wafst.org) to find out more. This website is **Washington Families Standing Together**.

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## More on Referendum 71

*Washington Families Standing Together (WFST)* reflects our values and the breadth of support for the state's domestic partnership law which provides essential protections to families formed by same sex couples and heterosexual couples where one partner is age 62 or older.

This is the second attempt in the last three years to repeal a law protecting gay and lesbian individuals. In 2006, Tim Eyman led an effort to collect signatures in an attempt to repeal the state's anti-discrimination law protecting gays and lesbians from job and housing discrimination. They failed to collect enough signatures to get that referendum on the ballot.

A broad array of over 120 organizations – faith-based groups, labor unions, seniors, communities of color, children's organizations, firefighters, teachers, statewide and local groups – have joined the coalition dedicated to **preventing the domestic partnership law from being repealed**. . . editorial boards all across the state urged voters to retain the law, and more than 85 clergy and congregations signed a faith statement in support of the domestic partnership law.

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[Unmasking Astroturf](#)

What is Astroturf? The dirty little secret: **astroturf groups are phony grassroots groups funded by corporations** (e.g. big insurance and pharma, big phone & cable companies, tobacco and energy (including coal) industries) and by political groups. **These Astroturf organizations are mobilizing to spread misinformation**, to manufacture public support for a given issue, (think healthcare, think public option) to sway politicians, and to fool members of the media into putting them on the air as bonafide citizen grassroots organizations.

Go to: [www.whitehouse.gov/reality](http://www.whitehouse.gov/reality) check.

46 million Americans have NO health insurance. 18,000 people die each year because they get to a Dr. too late. The U.S. expends twice as much on health care as other industrialized countries. GM spends more per vehicle on health care than they spend on steel.

## NO on Initiative 1033

Another Tim Eyman initiative - a misleading initiative that will have thousands of unintended consequences - and it's an idea that has **already been proven a failure** in other states.

**I-1033 would slow economic recovery and leave us in a permanent recession.** This year Washington faced a devastating budget deficit. **I-1033 would lock in this year's budget as our baseline.** The worst of times in Washington, would become the best that we can hope for.

**I-1033 threatens education and health care.** Unemployment is still on the rise, families being kicked off health care, teachers across the state being laid off, and nursing homes and hospitals being forced to reduce their care. As the economy recovers, we could restore funding to these services - but **under I-1033 the current situation would become permanent.**

**I-1033 is a proven failure. A similar initiative passed in Colorado in 1992.** Since then, Colorado's economy has been devastated and funding for services ranging from education, to the judicial system, to health care, and libraries has plummeted. The situation was so critical that **in 2005 voters put the law on hold so their state could recover.**

Similar initiatives been defeated at the ballot in Maine, Nebraska, Oregon and most recently California—and they've been kept from the ballot in Ohio, Missouri, Oklahoma, Montana, and Michigan. Between 2005 and 2009, a similar proposal was introduced legislatively in 28 states (AL, AZ, CA, FL, GA, ID, KS, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NH, NM, NV, OH, OK, OR, PH, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI). Colorado remains the only state to have adopted this terrible idea.

Note: The State Office of Financial Management has estimated that Eyman's plan will cost the State \$6 billion by 2015, and will cost local governments another \$2.8 billion in the same time frame.

Bill Moyer's Journal - public affairs program airs Friday nights 9 p.m., PBS, Channel 9. The Moyers Blog is at [pbs.org/movers](http://pbs.org/movers).

**Healthcare Reform & the Public Option**  
**Patriot Majority** believes it is our patriotic duty as Americans to pursue policies that make health care affordable.

**We cannot allow the opponents to kill healthcare reform.**

The opponents are organized and spending millions of dollars (1.4 Million \$ a **DAY**) to kill the public option and the employer mandate.

Republican Dick Armey has predicted that healthcare reform will "fail spectacularly" and has called pro-reform legislators the "bedwetters caucus."

Urge your representatives to pass a strong public option, an employer mandate and no taxes on healthcare benefits.

Congress is listening. Make your voice heard TODAY! **Call 202-224 3121. Email your Senators and Member of Congress immediately and tell them that you support real healthcare reform that includes a strong public option, an employer mandate and no tax on healthcare benefits.**

Patriot Majority's radio ads are running on the radio shows of Bill Press, Thom Hartmann, Stephanie Miller, Mike Malloy, Ed Schultz, Alan Combs, and the Reverend Al Sharpton.

### **SUPERBUGS**

The "superbugs" are here and they are in the supermarket meat aisle. According to the NY Times, scientists discovered MRSA, an antibiotic-resistant staph infection, in supermarket pork in LA and Wash D.C. Meanwhile, a brand new strain of MRSA was found earlier this year in US pigs (and pig farmers), raising fears of even more virulent, possibly deadly, strains arising soon.

The cause of this explosion of superbugs in livestock is clear -- the routine administration of antibiotics to healthy animals in factory farms.

In response to this crisis, Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) has again introduced into the House of Rep. the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act. PAMTA would restrict the use of sub-therapeutic doses of entire classes of antibiotics in farm animals and has the support of public health officials and agricultural experts alike.

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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2009? IF SO, THANK YOU - IF NOT, PLEASE DO!** Dues are due in February of each year. 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, Jem Wear, Sterling Smith

**Senator's Club:** Hope Elder - Rick Hoffman - LeeAnn Prielipp - Linnea Peterson - Ron/Mary Simosky - Beth Zubitis

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

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**Track WA Bills & Votes Here:**

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature>

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**AM1090 on your radio dial**

**Thom Hartmann 9 to noon M-Fri**

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Senator's Club: \$50      President's Club      \$100      Newsletter only:      \$ 5

**Any registered voter residing within the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 9/2      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 9/9      Exec Board Meeting, Meridian Court, 31420 23 Ave S, 7:00 P.M.  
This meeting will now be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each  
month (not Thursday).

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

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