



30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General
Monthly Meeting
Nov 4, 2009
First Wednesday of
each month 7 – 9 P.M.
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Reports

Ron Simosky has been elected to the **WA State Committeeman** position.

Tim Burns has been appointed to be Vice Chair and this has been approved by the Executive Board. All paid members & PCO's will have the opportunity to confirm this approval at the November 4 meeting.

*****REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE SENIOR CENTER FOOD PANTRY.*****

Ballots were mailed out on 10/14/2009. They need to be returned not later than 11/3/2009. For those readers who have not yet filled out their ballots, the following information may be helpful.

The 30th District Democrats have endorsed the following candidates:

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VOTE NO on I-1033

VOTE TO APPROVE REF. 71

Referendum 71 - 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.** In November we will 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 to find out more. This website is **Washington Families Standing Together.**

Why We Desperately Need Health Care for All – Now

In Washington, DC, the insurance companies have wielded enormous influence to knock a public option out of the Senate Finance Committee health care bill and we still struggle to keep the public option alive in the House. A decision is due soon from the full Senate. Will they actually pass a bill which requires that Americans buy private insurance? The House continues to try to determine the shape and content of our legislation.

The political system is failing the American people. Money for Wall Street, not for Main Street. Money for War, not for Peace. Money to move jobs out of America, not to create new jobs here. Money for insurance companies, but what about the people? While 47 million uninsured wait for an answer, and another 50 million underinsured stand by, Americans are losing their jobs, their homes, their health care and their retirement security. How long can people wait for help?

I am asking you to continue to join me in the push to have a state single payer amendment in the health care bill. Whatever passes the Congress will be insufficient to meet the broad based health care needs of the American people, which is why it is important to give the states the option to move toward single payer. **Call your representative now and demand that the Kucinich state single payer amendment remain in the bill.**

level of human suffering from an economy "gone bad" is rising to shocking levels. A recent US Census report states that in this decade the number of northeastern Ohioans who live fractionally above the poverty line has risen 10% - to a quarter of a million people.

But I do not see cold statistics. I see real people. I see the poverty lining their faces. I see their eyes asking: Why? (From Dennis Kucinich)(reply@kucinich.us)

Tim Eyman's bad idea on your ballot

VOTE 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, PA, 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.

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Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) was on fire in his weekly YouTube video, "[Senator Sanders Unfiltered](#)."

"The reality is that the middle class today in this country is in desperate shape and the gap between the very very wealthy and everyone else is going to grow wider," he begins. Sanders goes on to detail why he gets so very tired of hearing that this recession is over:

While markets surged past 10,000, the official unemployment rate stood near 10 percent. The United States is in a unique historical position. People on top are doing extraordinarily well, but in the real world the middle class is collapsing. **The top 1 percent owns more wealth than the bottom 90 percent. CEOs of large corporations earn 400 times what their workers make. That is not** what America is supposed to be about. With all the issues we are dealing with - from health care to global warming to wars in Afghanistan and Iraq - please do not forget what is happening to tens of millions of our brothers and our sisters out there who are struggling hard to keep their heads above water. Read more at: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/10/17/bernie-sanders-the-middle_n_324764.html

WASHINGTON -- The Obama administration will put steep **import duties** of 35% in the first year **on Chinese passenger and light truck tires**, responding to what the U.S. International Trade Commission determined to be a surge of Chinese tire exports that has rocked the domestic U.S. tire industry and displaced thousands of jobs, U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk announced Friday night....

President Barack Obama campaigned for the presidency using tough trade rhetoric and appealing to union workers. He said he would renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement to incorporate stricter labor and environmental standards. And he said China must abide by the rules of the WTO or face consequences.

.... President Obama's action stands in contrast to that of his predecessor. President George W. Bush rejected four ITC recommendations for tariffs against China.

From the 13 September 2009 Wall Street Journal.

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: Peg/Jay Altman - 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 Coghill - Marguerite Condon - Michael/Sue Dillard - Lupe Cook - Bob Dickinson - Tracey Eide - 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 - Michael/Mary Kun - John/Darcy Lees - Nancy LeMay - Paul Mallary - Jean Matthew - Kevin McManis - Thos. Miller/Anne Robsamen - 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:
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Membership Levels:

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 11/4 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.

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Wed 11/11 Exec Board Meeting, Meridian Court, 31420 23 Ave S, 7:00 P.M.
This meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

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