

30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General
Monthly Meeting
June 2, 2010
First Wednesday of
each month 7 – 9 P.M.
4016 S 352 St. 98001
½ mile west of
Military Rd

Scheduled speakers for the May 5 meeting were: Mayor Linda Kochmar of Federal Way to speak on the state of the city, and South King County Fire & Rescue Chief Al Church.

At this meeting, the 30th LD Democrats **voted to endorse** initiatives **I-1068** to decriminalize the possession and use of marijuana and **I-1098** to establish an income tax on "High Earners" (individuals incomes in excess of \$200,000 per year or couples incomes in excess of \$400,000). **This initiative would also reduce the State's portion of property tax by 20% and eliminate the Business and Occupation Tax.**

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For the June 2 Meeting

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

Save the dates!

Our Picnic this year will be on Saturday, July 17 in PACIFIC at the City Park! This will be a potluck, with Fried Chicken provided by the 30th District Democrats.

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Saturday May 22 -- 7pm to 9pm-- **Judicial Forum** Renton Carpenter's Hall. Meet and question the Judicial candidates for several Judge positions. Suggested donation \$10.00 including a light dinner.

Sunday May 23 – 2 pm at Beth Zubitis - 31420 23 Ave S Meridian Court
Nominating Convention to select the candidates in **partisan** races who will have the opportunity to be the official candidate of the 30th LD Democrats in the current election cycle. **All are welcome but only PCOs can vote.**

June 7-11 -- candidate filing period (including filing for PCOs for the August 17 election). For more information contact Jeffrey Holden.

June 25 & 26 (Fri & Sat) - State Convention- Vancouver, WA at the Hilton (301 W 6th St, Vancouver, 98660). The Friday events will take place at the Hilton and the Saturday events will occur at the Clark County Events Center, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, WA 98642. If you want to attend, you must fill out a registration form and return it to the State party as soon as possible. Any questions, call Shawna Ousse at 206 583 0664 or email her at Shawna@wa-democrats.org.

Wednesday July 7 --7pm to 9 pm-- Regular monthly LD meeting. **We expect to be endorsing candidates in several election races for the August Primary.** ¹

Saturday July 17 --Noon to 4pm-- 30th LD picnic at the park in Pacific. Come and socialize and have fun.

No one has the right to sit down and feel hopeless. There's too much work to do.
Dorothy Day

Meeting Report from the Federal Way City Council

Tim Burns read into the record of the FW City Council on May 4 a statement in which he urged the City Council to adopt a proclamation or resolution to boycott the State of Arizona as a result of that State's recent passage of the "Papers Please" law.

The City Councils of Seattle and Tacoma are scheduled to address this issue. Los Angeles has voted to "Boycott Arizona".

INITIATIVE 1082

(Don't sign it, don't vote for it!)

financed by private insurance companies and the right-wing Building Industry Association of Washington

would privatize our public non-profit workers' compensation system.

Delegates representing the **Washington State Labor Council's affiliated unions voted unanimously Saturday to oppose this initiative, so the WSLC will immediately begin distributing** information to unions and rank-and-file members explaining why I-1082 would be bad for our state's working families -- and its employers.

.... insurance companies sponsoring I-1082 **plan to spend millions** to convince Washington voters that I-1082 will "save jobs." **But here's the truth:**

I-1082 privatization will drive up employers' costs. The same profit-minded insurance companies that gouge us on health insurance will do the same with workers' compensation. Rates will skyrocket for employers that want to stay in our public non-profit system because private insurers will cherry-pick low-risk employers from the system.

Initiative 1082 (Continued)

-- **I-1082 privatization will kill jobs and lower wages.** Ending worker contributions to the system, as I-1082 does, means a 25% rate hike for employers. Not only will this cost precious jobs amid a recession, employers will cut wages to try to make up the difference..

-- **I-1082 privatization will add a profit motive to our public non-profit system.** Wall Street-based insurance companies like AIG (America's biggest private workers' compensation insurer) are driven by the bottom line, not by public service. They try to deny injured workers' claims and charge employers as much as they can get away with.

-- **I-1082 privatization will force injured workers to fight the giant insurance companies for their benefits.** These insurers routinely deny claims -- just as they do for health insurance -- and they have deep pockets to drag out the legal process through endless appeals.

-- **I-1082 privatization will lead to taxpayer bailouts to maintain employers' coverage and workers' benefits when insurance companies go bankrupt.**

This has repeatedly happened in California and other states -- costing taxpayers billions -- after insurers temporarily charged artificially low rates to try to gain market share and then failed, leaving the state to pick up the tab.

More info at:

<http://www.wslc.org/reports/latest.htm>

From McClatchey newsletter on the OIL SPOIL

[Since spill, feds have given 27 waivers to oil companies in gulf](#)

Since the Deepwater Horizon oil drilling rig exploded on April 20, the Obama administration has granted oil and gas companies at least 27 exemptions from doing in-depth environmental studies of oil exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico. The waivers were granted despite President Barack Obama's vow that his administration would launch a "relentless response effort" to stop the leak and prevent more damage to the gulf. One of them was dated Friday — the day after Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said he was temporarily halting offshore drilling

[Oil spill: BP had wrong diagram to close blowout preventer](#)

In the days after an oil well spun out of control in the Gulf of Mexico, BP engineers tried to activate a huge piece of underwater safety equipment but failed because the device had been so altered that diagrams BP got from the equipment's owner didn't match the supposedly failsafe device's configuration. That meant that when engineers thought they were activating the blowout preventer to crimp the well's pipe, they were actually activating a piece of test equipment.

[Gulf oil spill still out to sea, but odor has reached shore](#)

Areas of Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Gulfport reported pervasive petroleum smells Tuesday. It was described variously as a burned-plastic odor, odd waxy smell and the smell of diesel exhaust. It's to be expected, officials said, with all that crude oil in the Gulf.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ? 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, please check with the Treasurer.)

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CALENDAR

- Wed 06/2 30th District Democrats *Regular General meeting*, 4016 S 352 St 98001 (1/2 mile west of Military) 1st Wed of each month 7-9 PM
Doors open 6:30 P.M.
REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE AND THE SENIOR CENTER FOOD PANTRY
- Wed 06/9 Exec Board Meeting, Meridian Court, 31420 23 Ave S, 7:00 P.M.
This meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Some of us get there at 6:30. This meeting is open to all.
- Sat 6/19 4th Annual Public Campaigns Dinner So. Seattle Community College, Brockey Center 6000 16 Ave SW 7 P.M. Call 206 283 6297
Go to: www.dinner@washclean.org
- Fri/Sat 6/25 & 26 State Convention [Vancouver, WA at the Hilton \(301 W 6th St, Vancouver 98660\)](#). Friday events will be at the Hilton and Saturday at Clark County Events Center 17402 NE Delfel Rd, Ridgefield, WA 98642
- Sat 07/17 30 LD PICNIC! Will be held this year at PACIFIC City Park. 10 a.m. to help set up. A potluck! Fried chicken provided!

IF YOU HAVE suggestions/input for the newsletter, or to receive newsletter by email, contact kd7jpu@arrl.net or 253 838 8618 not later than 18th of month.