

DIALOGUE



30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General
Monthly Meeting
July 7, 2010
First Wednesday of
each month 7 – 9 P.M.
4016 S 352 St. 98001
½ mile west of
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For the July 7 Regular General Meeting
We expect to be endorsing candidates in several election races for the August Primary.

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

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Save the dates!

Our Picnic this year will be on Saturday, July 17 in PACIFIC at the City Park. 600 3rd Ave SE., 98047 # 253 929 1100 Time: Noon to 4 P.M. This will be a potluck. Fried Chicken will be provided.

NOTICE

The King County Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Meeting will be held for the first time in Federal Way!

Sunday July 18th 2 p.m. at the Regional Library 34200 1st Way S
253 838 3668 This is your chance! Plan to attend!

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From the "Rename BP" Contest. Winner = "Billionaire Polluters"
For information and to get a bumper sticker, go to True Majority.org.

A letter from Fundraising Chair, Pat Artz

THANK YOU ALL for your help and contributions during the past eighteen months. Now, our Treasurer tells us we need approximately two thousand dollars to cover our overhead through the end of this year. Our treasury is marginal and we would like to be liquid enough to promote our candidates for the 30th District, too. This may be a good time to upgrade your membership category to Senator or President but any contribution or pledge is welcome. (If not you, who?) Feel free to pass an extra envelope to a friend or donor.

This is the last time you will receive the remittance envelope from me as Fundraising Chair for the 30th District Democrats. I will be available for ad hoc assignments but have personal commitments for my time for the immediate future. Please help me to leave the district with adequate funding for the next six months. Thank you again. It's been fun.
Patricia A. Artz

Decline to Sign!

Tim Eyman and out-of-state interests are at it again, with paid signature gatherers out working to place these initiatives on this November's ballot. Both initiatives threaten Washington's environment, quality of life, and economic future.

We have an opportunity **now** to stop them.

What can you do to stop these initiatives?

Decline to sign I-1107 and I-1053.

Spread the word. Make sure your family, friends and colleagues know that these initiatives would hurt your community. Ask them not to sign. [Forward this email.](#)

Remove your signature from I-1107. Think you already signed? [Here's how to retract your support.](#)

Initiative 1107

I-1107 would cost our state hundreds of millions in lost revenue over the next two years, and would lead to further deep budget cuts. This initiative would slash the critical state income coming from taxes on soda pop, candy, gum, and bottled water. Without this already-approved funding, environmental protections will, once again, be in danger.

Initiative 1053. This initiative recycles the failed concept behind Tim Eyman's previous Initiative 960. If approved, I-1053 would force a two-thirds vote of the legislature to pass any increase in revenue for our state. As a result, the only way to balance our state's potential \$3 billion budget deficit will be through more brutal, ruthless cuts. Do you want to fight all over again for the money to fund our basic, state-provided protections that keep our **air safe, water pure, and toxic contaminations cleaned up?**

Say NO to I-1107 and I-1053. Report back ASAP when you encounter signature gatherers for 1107 and 1053. Please call or email 1-888-207-7307 or wa.declinetosign@gmail.com and let Decline to Sign organizers know where signature gatherers are in your area. This is very important. Timely information about where they are collecting signatures is critical to the success of a Decline to Sign effort to stop the initiatives from making the ballot.

Washington's future depends on it.

More on the BP Oil Gusher (from Karen Backman)

Eleven workers lost their lives in the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion. Countless more have lost their livelihoods. The environmental devastation to marine life and coastal wetlands is unfathomable.

Yet under current law if a jury finds BP criminally negligent, the company would not necessarily have to pay any restitution to the victims of the spill -- not even to the families of rig-workers who perished or to the fishermen put out of work.

Furthermore, criminal penalties are currently too lenient to adequately deter corporate wrongdoers from authorizing risky schemes that damage the environment.

That's why I just emailed my members of Congress, urging them to support Sen. Patrick Leahy's Environmental Crimes Enforcement Act (ECEA) to make restitution for violations of the Clean Water Act mandatory and increase criminal sentences for violators.

Please join me and send an e-mail to your members of Congress, too, to treat acts like BP's catastrophic spill as serious crimes against our communities, our economy, and our environment:

<http://ga3.org/campaign/ecea>

GOT A QUESTION about the health care bill? For accurate information on any aspect of the new health reform legislation, contact edomingues@retiredamericans.org. You'll reach an Alliance for Retired Americans staff person ready to answer your question

2010 Elections From NARAL

PubliCola asks anti-choice, anti-birth control **Senate candidate Dino Rossi** how he would have voted on reproductive health and rights measures that have come before the Senate; his responses show that he would be a [consistent vote in opposition to women's health](#).

Horsesass blogger Goldy comments on [Dino Rossi's opposition](#) to women's rights and health. Noting that Dino Rossi tried to [avoid talking about his position on a woman's right to choose](#) during his two campaigns for governor, Goldy posts an ad from the 2008 gubernatorial race funded by Evergreen Progress that cites his opposition not only to abortion access but even to contraception.

American Crossroads, a conservative political group, is [targeting](#) Washington's Senate race.

The National Republican Congressional Committee identifies [anti-choice Rep. Dave Reichert](#) (WA-08) as one of nine vulnerable Senate Republicans.

Politico reports that [conservative women's groups](#), like the anti-choice Susan B. Anthony List, are raising money and plan to be very active in the 2010 elections.

Washington, DC-based American Beverage Association has put in [more than \\$1 million](#) for the signature gathering effort to get I-1107, which would repeal the taxes on candy, soft drinks, bottled water and certain processed foods that the legislature passed last session to help close the budget deficit.

Opponents of I-1107 point out that the anti-tax campaign is [deceiving voters](#) by referring to the tax on soda and candy as a "food tax."

The Governor's budget office released a forecast showing that state lawmakers will face a [\\$3 billion budget deficit](#) when they return to Olympia in January to write the next two-year budget. The budget forecast also shows the state will take in \$200 million less than anticipated through June 2011.

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

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Wed 07/14 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.

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