

Resolution for Clallam County to withdraw from ICLEI and UN Agenda 21

Whereas, the Constitution of the State of Washington states, in part, in Article 1, Section 1, that the government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed, and is established to protect and maintain individual rights; and

Whereas, the Clallam County Republican Platform states, in part, under Section I, that the proper function of government is to do for the people only those things that must be done, and cannot be done as well by individuals. The most effective government is government closest to the people. Therefore we strongly support:

- (e) **Maintaining full control of our national sovereignty, Constitutional rights and command of our armed forces, never subordinating or relinquishing them to the control of the United Nations or any global government or organization.**

Whereas, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners (BOCC) as a whole has signed an agreement with the United Nations, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), which conforms to the United Nations Agenda 21 and references it in its documents;

Whereas, the ICLEI document entitled “FAQ: Elected Official Liaisons” states that the role of the elected county official, among other items, is to “implement sustainability plans”, to “participate in ICLEI training workshops”, “to achieve ICLEI’s Five Milestones for Climate Protection”, and “help build and maintain support for ICLEI’s mission and goals;

Whereas, the BOCC authorized Clallam County to pay membership fees to ICLEI;

Whereas, Clallam County employees (staff official liaisons to ICLEI) will receive from ICLEI “notifications of grant, financing and promotion opportunities” and “travel and lodging subsidies for ICLEI events”;

Whereas the Clallam County staff liaison (currently the Clallam County Administrator) serves at “lead ICLEI contact person for the jurisdiction”, and is required to “coordinate implementation of the Local Action Plan” by ICLEI, among other duties; and will qualify to receive “travel and lodging subsidies for ICLEI events”;

Whereas, according to the ICLEI website, “Our programs, and projects promote participatory, long-term, strategic planning process that address local sustainability while protecting global common goods. This approach links local action to internationally agreed-upon goals and targets such as: Agenda 21. (1)

Whereas, among other areas, Agenda 21 promotes changing consumption patterns, achieving significant changes in the consumption patterns of industries, governments, households and individuals (2); promoting human settlement development, which promotes moving populations away from rural areas and into cities (3), and many other

areas that adversely affects our sovereignty as a nation, and has no business in our county government.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Clallam County Republican Party demands that the Board of Clallam County Commissioners withdraw immediately from ICLEI and repeal and rescind any and all documents and actions that are in compliance with ICLEI's directives or "suggestions" and send no further money to ICLEI and/or the United Nations.

Further, we the Clallam County Republican Party resolve that we stand in opposition to all programs initiated by or connected to the United Nation's Agenda 21 and/or ICLEI, and instead, support voter-approved initiatives in all County decisions regarding public and private property ownership and usage, from this day forward.

Resolved and passed unanimously by the Clallam County Republican Party Central Committee on August 15, 2011.

1 (<http://iclei.org/index.php?id=global-themes>)

2 http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/agenda21/res_agenda21_04.shtml

3 http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/agenda21/res_agenda21_07.shtml