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Bob Williams is the Founder and Senior Fellow of the Freedom Foundation and is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of fiscal and tax policies, election reform and disaster preparedness. He served as an auditor at the Pentagon and Post Office for the U.S. Government Accountability Office. He served five terms in the Washington State Legislature and was the 1988 Republican nominee for governor.

Because of his unique experience and expertise, Bob is a regular guest on talk radio and has appeared on numerous television investigative reports including The O'Reilly Factor (FOX), Lou Dobbs Tonight (CNN), Ron Reagan, Jr. (MSNBC), and ABC World News Tonight. In addition, he has testified before both houses of Congress on several occasions, and worked with White House staff on implementing Presidential directives at the state level.

Dinner Menu:

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Feb. 17, 2014 – Central Committee Meeting—7 p.m.—HQ

Feb. 18, 2013 – Issues meeting – 9 a.m. – Mariner in Sequim.

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR ... DICK PILLING

The Crying Game... Obama-style...

President Obama continues to publicly snivel about his inability to get people to listen to him... And, more importantly, to do what he says without question...

Because, he laments, if only he could just get their attention, then people would surely concentrate on the really important things like income inequality and wealth redistribution.



Instead, people keep harping on trivial matters like Benghazi or IRS snooping or the targeting of conservative groups. Or, most annoyingly, the stunningly incompetent rollout of Obamacare and its evermore obvious flaws.

In between his bouts of self pity, he seems genuinely puzzled. After all, he has deployed his best weapons that have worked so well in the past. Not only has he Blamed Bush, but has also Ripped Rush, and Fought Fox as well but all to no avail. People just aren't listening.

But why is this? Does he not have the most indulgent and dedicated panderers this side of the iron curtain. Do we not see ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC all rally to his banner... the drive by media, orchestrated by the New York Times, all beating his drum... National Public Radio shouting his praises...

What the heck... given all of his previous successes, why are these many messengers suddenly failing to achieve the desired effect?

Well, simply put, it ain't the messenger, it's the message. People are finally waking up to his agenda and, more importantly, they are rejecting it. And they will continue to do so, in ever increasing numbers, unless he changes it.

He may have to shift his positions a bit... perhaps shift priorities... maybe shift a bit to the center...

But we know that will never happen because...

Obama can't do shift...

GOVTRACK an easy way to keep tabs on legislators

The website www.govtrack.us brings together the status of U.S. federal legislation, voting records, congressional district maps, and more. Most of the information is assembled in an automated way by scanning federal government websites, such as THOMAS. State legislative information is available here through a partnership with LegiNation, Inc. and LegiScan, Inc. The site offers information about upcoming bills, bill status, votes from the Senate & House websites, upcoming committee meetings, and state legislation. Check it out at www.govtrack.us

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Nichols appointed as county hearings examiner

Mark Nichols, Clallam County's former acting prosecuting attorney and longtime chief deputy prosecutor, and has been appointed as county hearing examiner and at-large court commissioner.

Hearing examiners render land-use decisions in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. They preside over land use hearings at least twice a month at the Clallam County Courthouse. Congratulations to Mark on his appointment to this important position.

Wild Olympics is back

The "Wild Olympics" move is back, and the question could be asked: Who's really running the "Wild" agenda in the Olympic National Park? 2014 the coastline of the Olympic National Park has been a sanctuary since 1994 and is already designated as WILD public land.

How many overlapping "WILD" Global and local non-profit special interest groups are now collaborating,

complementing the efforts of existing authorities, advising, promoting initiatives at the local level, manipulating, controlling and influencing our elected officials and appointed agencies in their PRO WILD OLYMPICS AND SCENIC RIVERS AGENDA? If you need background information about why this is "bad" - go to: http://www.citizenreviewonline.org/2011/Aug/forks_panel_wild_olympics_wolves_agenda21.html and read the story. Also check out Pearl Rains-Hewett's excellent & informative site about local issues at www.behindmyback.org

Did you know...

The WA State Dept. of Ecology quotes the "mandate" of the Earth Charter on its website? To read the Earth Charter, go to www.nwri.org/earth-charter/. To read what Ecology says on their website, go to: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability/>

Former Clallam County Young Republican produces first full-length feature film

Jonathan Hay, a former very active Young Republican here, has produced his first feature film entitled "The Arroyo." Based on actual border problem with illegal immigration, the film is due to be shown at Port Angeles Deer Park Theater for one night only sometime in March (date to be announced). We'll be publishing more about this on the www.clallamrepublicans.org website, and getting information out by email. Jonathan and director Jeremy Boring are among a group of producers and directors in Hollywood who are work-

ing to develop family-friendly and conservative-leaning films. Please help support Jonathan's effort and the local Republican Party by planning to attend.



Commissioners choose Will Payne to serve as Prosecuting Attorney

At their January county commission meeting, Will Payne was appointed by the Clallam County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) to replace Deb Kelly as Prosecuting Attorney for Clallam County.



Because this is a partisan position, the Clallam County Republican Party was charged with providing three names for consideration to the BOCC, from which they appointed the final individual for the office.

Mr. Payne will finish out Kelly's term. The position is up for re-election this year (2014).

Payne grew up in West Texas and after farming, ranching and working in construction, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and retired as a Captain. He started his own business in computer consulting, running and growing it successfully.

Payne practiced general civil law in Wyoming and Washington. He practiced criminal law as a criminal defense attorney and as an Assistant County Attorney in Wyoming and Deputy Clallam County Prosecutor. He is currently practicing as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Washington.

Payne currently serves on the board for the Clallam/Jefferson County Pro Bono lawyers and is a member of the Port Angeles Rotary Club and is a member of the Port Angeles, WA Public Safety Advisory Commission. He's served in many areas of various communities. For more information about his background, go to: www.williampayne.org/About_Me.html

Congratulations to Will on his appointment.

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Ecology Petitioned to Amend Burdensome Water Rule

Olympic Resource Protection Council (ORPC) has filed a petition with the Department of Ecology (DOE) to amend the Dungeness Water Management Rule. ORPC has been critical of the rule because of its significant and unnecessarily costly impacts on Clallam County residents seeking to develop or redevelop their properties consistent with established county land use designations and planning policies. Given the recent ruling by the WA Supreme Court in the Swinomish v. Ecology case, ORPC has further concerns regarding the lack of legal authority for the rule.

ORPC is hopeful DOE will address the points raised in the petition, some of which include:

The need for DOE to use its existing reservation authority to set aside a sufficient quantity of groundwater, as required under the Water Resources Act, to meet the demand for domestic water under the County's long-range land use planning; this instead of utilizing "overriding considerations of the public interest" (OCPI) to create a reservation.

Taking into account the past investments which have been made to restore streamflows, such as the 30 cfs permanently held by the State for instream flows.

Conducting the required maximum net benefits test since DOE set instream flows in excess of base flows.

DOE's recent approach to instream flow rulemaking has caused widespread uncertainty; created direct conflicts with local land use planning authority; and imposed significant regulatory and transactional costs that are out of proportion to any identified benefits. ORPC urges DOE to amend the rule and work with all stakeholders to craft a balanced, lawful and effective water management rule for the Dungeness Basin.

Additionally, ORPC hopes the Swinomish decision will prompt a reassessment of DOE's rulemaking authority and that there will be legislative clarification of the appropriate balance of water supplies for people, farms, and fish.

The petition process is afforded under RCW 34.05.330 and requires the agency to provide a written response within 60 days of receipt. Under this statute the agency must choose one of two alternatives: it can deny the petition or engage in rule-making. If they deny the petition, they must specify its reasons for the denial and specifically address concerns raised in the petition. Where appropriate, the agency must indicate alternative how the agency will address the concerns raised in the petition.

Visit www.OlympicResourcePC.org for more information
or contact Greg McCarry at
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No charges against IRS for targeting conservatives

The Obama FBI will not file charges against the IRS for targeting conservative groups. The agency never once interviewed a single Tea Party group.

The IRS Scandal involved:

At least 292 conservative groups targeted

At least 5 pro-Israel groups targeted

Constitutional groups targeted

Groups that criticized Obama administration were targeted

At least two pro-life groups targeted

A Texas voting-rights group was targeted

Conservative activists and businesses were targeted.

At least one conservative Hispanic group was targeted

IRS continued to target groups even after the scandal was exposed.

"Shouldn't law enforcement talk to the victims in an investigation? That's like investigating a burglary without interviewing the burgled," notes a Wall Street Journal editorial....

From <http://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2014/01/fbi-wont-file-charges-against-irs-for-targeting-conservatives-but-never-interviewed-a-single-tea-party-group/>

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New IRS Rules would quash first amendment rights; Congressman introduces bill to block the move

Over the past year or so, there has been an ongoing investigation by the U. S. House of Representatives over allegations that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has specifically targeted conservative and Christian organizations. The hearings are still going on.

Now, the IRS has quietly issued a proposed set of new IRS regulations, which, if implemented, will permanently muzzle conservative 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations and their individual employees. The 501(c)(4) designation covers social welfare organizations.

The proposed new regulations would compel a 90-day blackout period during election years in which conservative 501(c)(4) organizations – like tea party groups, pro-life and pro-family groups, would be banned from mentioning the name of any candidate for office, or even the name of any political party.

Lobbying groups like labor unions and trade associations are exempted. The regulations would prohibit conservative organizations using words like "oppose," "vote," or "defeat." The restrictions may apply to 501(c)(3) organization in the future. According to Mat Staver, chairman of Liberty Counsel Action, one of the core liberties in our constitutional republic is the right to dissent, and that is being taken away. Specifically, here's what the proposed regulations would do to conservative groups and their leaders:

- *Prohibit* using words like "oppose," "vote," "support," "defeat," and "reject."
- *Prohibit* mentioning, on its website or on any communication (email, letter, etc.) that would reach 500 people or more, the name of a candidate for office, 30 days before a primary election and 60 days before a general election.
- *Prohibit* mentioning the name of a political party, 30 days before a primary election and 60 days before a general election, if that party has a candidate running for office.
- *Prohibit* voter registration drives or conducting a non-partisan "get-out-the-vote drive."
- *Prohibit* creating or distributing voter guides outlining how incumbents voted on particular bills.
- *Prohibit* hosting candidates for office at any event, including debates and charitable fundraisers, 30 days before a primary election or 60 days before the general election, if the candidate is part of the event's program.
- *Restrict* employees of such organizations from volunteering for campaigns.
- *Prohibit* distributing any materials prepared on behalf a candidate for office.
- *Restrict* the ability of officers and leaders of such organizations to publicly speak about incumbents, legislation, and/or voting records.
- *Restrict* the ability of officers and leaders of such organizations to make public statements regarding the nomination of judges.
- *Create* a 90-day blackout period, on an election year, that restricts the speech of 501(c)(4) organizations.
- *Declare* political activity as contrary to the promotion of social welfare.

Protect labor unions and trade associations by exempting them from the proposed regulations.

U. S. Congressman Dave Camp (R-Midland), and Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has introduced a bill—H.R. 3865—"Stop Targeting of Political Beliefs by the Act of 2014" to stop the targeting of conservatives by the IRS. He has led the investigation into the IRS's abuse of conservative groups. He said, "Congress must make sure every American's right to participate and engage in civic debate is protected, and this legislation will provide some much-needed assurance that IRS targeting and surveillance will not continue."

Contract your U. S. Representatives and urge them to move the bill forward. It can be read at <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr3865>.

Individual citizens can also [file a public comment in opposition to this proposed IRS regulation at Regulations.gov](#). All comments are due by Feb. 27, 2014.

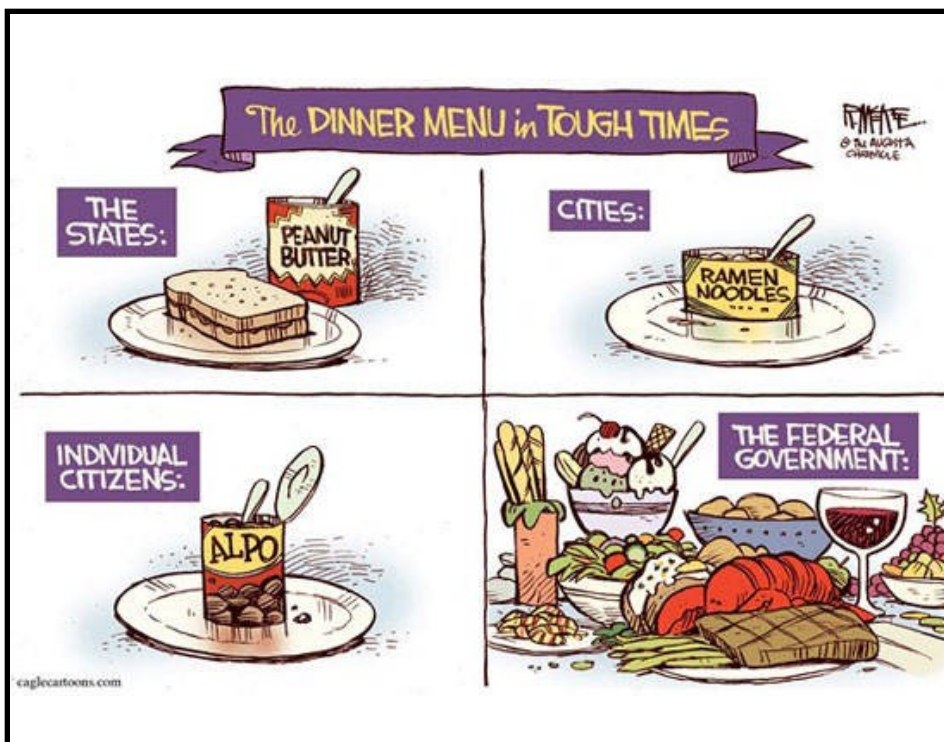
WSRP Chair Susan Hutchison Demands Public Disclosure Commission Do Its Job

BELLEVUE, WA – Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) chairman Susan Hutchison released the following statement today:

"Following a report from Austin Jenkins on the Democrats' shadowy hidden money network in our state, I am demanding the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) continue its investigation into Tom Steyer, the California billionaire who registered his NextGen Washington PAC at the offices of Progress Alliance and whose checkbook was maintained by Washington State Democratic Party chair candidate and current Executive Director of the Win/Win Network, Dana Laurent.

"Tom Steyer has consistently falsely reported his activities in our state, and the PDC is failing in its duty to hold everyone accountable to our state's campaign finance laws. California billionaires do not get special treatment, and I call on our campaign finance watchdog to do its job to ensure fairness in Washington State elections."

On October 23, 2013, the WSRP filed a complaint with the PDC against Tom Steyer following his illegal \$3 million contribution to his NextGen PAC, which was well beyond the Washington State law limiting contributions to political committees to \$5,000 in the last 21 days before an election. Steyer claimed that the organization was done doing business in Washington, though evidence soon surfaced that NextGen was still doing business 11 days after the lie he told the PDC regarding his activities. The PDC has yet to administer a ruling or even conduct an investigation on the renewed complaint the WSRP filed on October 31, 2013.



Smart Meter issue to be heard by city council

On January 16, 2014 the City of Port Angeles informed Mueller Systems that it has breached its agreement to plan and install the City's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system (also known as "Smart Meters").

On February 4, the Port Angeles City Council will hear WMP report and consider future options. Judi Hangartner, PCO and founder of the Smart Awareness Group is asking folks to show up at the meeting.

Shiftwa.org exposes liberal attack network

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The Growth Management Act: Just another Central Planning Failure

By Glen Morgan,
Freedom Foundation

On Jan. 16, thanks largely to Senator Pam Roach (R-Auburn), the Washington State Senate provided an opportunity to discuss the Growth Management Act (GMA) in a public work session. Last year, I wrote about a less formal work session held by Representative Dean Takko (D-Longview). However, the recent Senate work session demonstrated notable willingness to look at Washington State's GMA in a comprehensive manner without constraining the comments of those who testified. The complete video from the hearing is at the Freedom Foundation website (starting at about 37 minutes).

Experts from Futurewise (pro-Central Planning), CATO, Freedom Foundation, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), Citizens Alliance for Property Rights (CAPR), and others offered a variety of testimony. In addition, two current County Commissioners and one former legislator testified, and the citizens who spoke came from all over Washington, including counties like Pend Orielle, Whatcom, San Juan, Thurston, Island, Pierce, and King.

The hearing room was packed-- standing room only. The overflow rooms were also full of citizens watching the work session, and many people were hovering outside the doors, hoping to fill any vacated seat. The testimony at this hearing speaks for itself, and this open public GMA work session was

the first in possibly the last 20 years. This fact, along with the high degree of public interest and the significant use of local and state resources to comply with the GMA, makes this televised work session remarkable.

Under previous Washington State Senate regimes, led largely by the Democrat Party, a public discussion was never allowed partly because few GMA supporters want to question the impact of its mandated central-planning schemes—let alone the dangers of central planning in general. As I state in my comments at this hearing (see 1:51:37), the Freedom Foundation's official policy is that the GMA should be repealed. As Property Rights Director, I recognize the great harm this law has directly caused for citizens and their communities alike. Many of the people testifying also understood the problems and described them. For instance, Randy O'Toole discussed the fallacy of Compact Developments and their "benefits" to the environment. He has also written several papers on this subject attached here.

Commissioner Skoog from Pend Orielle County and Commissioner Emerson from Island County discussed the real and costly impacts of trying to manage small counties under GMA-imposed restrictions and litigation. Additionally, Ed Kilduff, a scientist from San Juan County and Roger Almskaar from Whatcom County discussed problems introduced by faux science and goofy assumptions under the GMA. Charlie Conner from King County explained how the GMA forced developers to get big and go for mega developments, only hurting the little guy in the process. Larry Castello, also from King County, discussed how the GMA encouraged land use policies in King County that ignore property rights (listed as a right in the Washington State Constitution) and emphasize penalties, fees, fines, restrictions, and restraint against citizens.

Senator Roach also pointed out that the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) does not represent the rural or small counties very well at

the Legislature. If I were a lobbyist at WSAC, I would take a close look at how they represent their smaller counties.

If you're a citizen concerned about property rights, you should listen to all of these testimonies. (You may enjoy Senator Roach's description of a memorable helicopter ride over the Yakima Reservation, too.)

In the recent 2014 Index of Economic Freedom rankings published by the Heritage Foundation, the United States is slipping further down the list of "mostly free" nations. Exploding debt and the erosion of property rights have accelerated this downward rankings trend for the United States. In Washington State, the GMA has been the primary vehicle for destroying individual property rights. Washington State modeled its GMA on Florida's "Smart Growth," a central-planning approach with an Orwellian name. Florida discovered the central planning business was not a good use of their resources, so they rejected this scheme in 2011. We hope Washington State doesn't have to continue down this harmful path much longer before we can convince our elected leaders to reject it, as well. Thursday's hearing is just the beginning and will hopefully initiate the dialogue that can move Washington toward more freedom in the future.

In politics, there are no guarantees, and there is no such thing as Utopia. Politics is all about the art of the possible, and it is unlikely the GMA would be repealed tomorrow. Yet Thursday's hearing was a great opportunity to start exposing the truth about central planning in Washington State and forcing our elected officials to pay attention to this issue. For this opportunity, we should thank Senator Roach and her fellow state senators for being willing to initiate the discussion.

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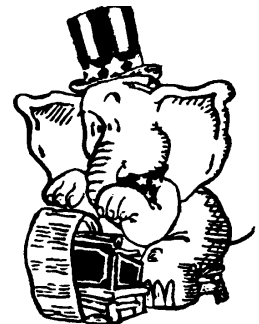
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