



REPUBLICAN NEWS

CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

CCRP NEWSLETTER — JULY 2019

Help Get I-1648—Term Limits on New Taxes on the Ballot – Deadline is July 5th

Governor Jay Inslee (D) and the Democrat supermajority passed a lot of bills imposing new taxes on the last day of the legislature, in the dead of night, and with little or no public input: higher property taxes, new fuel taxes, new payroll taxes, new taxes on bank customers, new taxes on online buyers, new taxes on service business customers, new property sales taxes and more!!

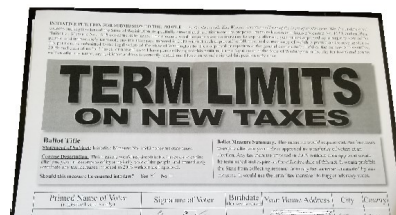
Total price tag? \$27 billion over the next 10 years.

One billion = 1,000,000,000.00

Here's our chance to overturn all of them in November.

Initiative 1648 — “Term Limits on New Taxes” — sunsets/expires all tax hikes not approved by voters at the ballot box. For tax hikes imposed in 2019, the initiative requires they expire on December 5. For tax hikes imposed in 2020 and thereafter, the initiative puts a one-year time limit on them. The “single subject” of I-1648 is putting term limits on legislatively imposed tax increases.

So with voters' permission, tax increases can have a longer duration, but when unilaterally imposed by the Legislature, they must have a short duration.



Let's give the voters the chance to repudiate all of the Democrats' tax hikes and tell 'em to go back to the drawing board in 2020.

There's two ways to help: donate and collect signatures. It's best to do both. Initiatives are at GOP headquarters in Port Angeles and at the Master Locksmith, downtown Sequim. Go sign and then pick one up to gather signatures.

For more information, contact sueforde@clallamrepublicans.org.

WSRP Training on July 13th —Don't Miss Out!

The WSRP [Washington State Republican Party] is traveling to counties across the state to ensure that we provide the training, resources, and party building tools necessary to begin pushing back on the Seattle-style agenda being forced in Olympia.

Clallam and Jefferson Counties training will take place on Saturday, July 13, 2019, from 10-2 in Sequim. Lunch is being provided by the State Party. You need to sign up to attend, as space is limited, and State needs a headcount for lunch. Please contact Sue Forde at sueforde@clallamrepublicans.org to let us know you wish to attend. (We'll let you know the place when you sign up.)

This training will be incredibly valuable for potential candidates, first time activists, PCOs, county party members – really anyone who wants to promote the conservative cause in Washington State – and **we highly recommend that you attend so you can hit the ground running in the 2019-2020 election cycle!**

Learn!

Training Will Cover: Campaign Support; Organizational Structure; Canvassing Training; Volunteer Recruitment and Party Building; Social Media Literacy; First Time Candidate Training, and much more!

Hope to see you there!

Into Action!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Thursday, July 4th, 2019 – Forks Old Fashioned 4th of July—Independence Day Parade starts at noon in Forks.

Thursday, July 4th, 2019 – 4th of July Independence Parade starts at 6 p.m. downtown Port Angeles. (more on page 2)

Thursday, July 11, 2019—Central Committee meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at GOP Headquarters. Come join us.

Saturday, July 13, 2019 – WSRP Training in Sequim from 10-2. Don't miss it!

Thursday, July 25, 2019—RWCC meets at 6 p.m. at the Ireland Farm.

August 15,-18 2019—Clallam County Fair.

Watch for upcoming meetings with issues of interest on our website -

From the Chair...

*By Matthew Rainwater, Chairman,
Clallam Co. Republican Party*



Greetings to you all! I want to start out by letting you all know how much I appreciate you receiving our newsletters! I hope they inform you and encourage you to be active participants in our community as we continue to struggle with the liberals who are trying to enact horrible regulations and laws that would decimate our very way of life.

We see it every day, at all levels of our government. Between Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer doing all they can to bring about socialism, destroy our borders, and refuse to work with the President, to Olympia Liberals passing \$27,000,000,000 (that's BILLION!) in more taxes, in the dead of night (WHILE we have a record SURPLUS coming in to our budget!), to even our City Councils (Doc Robbins, who is running for the city council is the Clallam County Democrats D-3 Trustee, and sits on their E-Board!).

Now, more than ever, we need to be able to rise up and fight against the liberal agenda that is destroying our nation. The Clallam County Republican Party is here to do that, but we NEED YOUR HELP!

Every day, we get people asking us what we are doing to fight against their agenda, and the answer is simple: ALL WE CAN!

However, what we can do is limited, because we have limited resources. Resources that come in the form of volunteers to become PCOs, volunteers to walk neighborhoods and reach out to people. Resources that come in the form of manning booths at our Fair, and resources that come in the form of money.

Your CCRP has a dedicated group of volunteers who work without pay to man our offices, and help keep the party running, but it takes money to do things that will help get the word out, and fight the liberal agenda that is working overtime to spread socialism, fight against the Second Amendment, raise our taxes to give to organizations like Planned Parenthood, and more.

So, I ask you to please take stock of whatever resource you have, and to reach out to us. Let us know what you are willing to do. If you don't have time to donate, please consider a donation to the CCRP. We are fighting for you!

Until next time—

Matthew Rainwater, Chair

You can contact us through our website at <https://clallamrepublicans.org/donate-volunteer/>
Please sign up to volunteer and get involved. Thank you!

Independence Day— Come Join Us!

The RWCC (Republican Women of Clallam County) will be decorating our GOP haywagon this year for the parade with a "U.S. Flags Through the Years" theme. Decorating starts at 4 p.m. at the parade route. If you'd like to come and help us, contact Sarah Kincaid (sarah@clallamrepublicans.org).

Please come and join us on the Parade route as we hand out flags and a bookmark history of the US flags along the route. It's a great way to help educate, and a lot of fun! There will be limited seating on the haywagon for adults and kids, as well.

The Forks parade will feature historical figures (George Washington and others). If you'd like to participate in that parade, contact Karen White (karen@clallamrepublicans.org).

Look forward to seeing you there!

Help Needed: Clallam County Fair

The Clallam County Republican Party hosts a booth at the Clallam County Fair each year, as an outreach to those who would like to know more about the GOP and the issues in a neutral setting.

This year's Fair will be from August 15-18th. We need volunteers to cover the booth, and if you'd like to volunteer for this job, it's in 4 hour time slots.

Please consider serving - it's a great opportunity to meet new people and share our good ideas! Contact becky@clallamrepublicans.org for more information.

RWCC Shoebox Project Underway

The Republican Women of Clallam County are working on their "Shoebox Project" - where they collect items for deployed troops and send them over in a shoebox size shipping box.

A list of suggested items can be found on the Republican Women's website at www.rwclallamcounty.org.

In Sequim, you can drop off items at The Master Locksmith, 445 W. Washington, and in Port Angeles, drop off is at GOP headquarters., 509 S. Lincoln St. (Hours are 11-2, M-F)

They are also accepting money donations to help with shipping, or if you don't want to purchase items, you can donate for that purpose. Thank you for helping to support our troops.

CHECK IT OUT!

CCRP on Facebook: www.facebook.com/
CCRP on Twitter: www.twitter.com/clallamgop

Membership Drive Announced

By Debra Pitts, Vice Chair

Membership drive announced 2020 is just around the corner we need to fund it with 2019 membership dues.

Membership is Critical

We encourage you to become an official member of the Clallam County Republican Party by paying dues annually. Your dues and donations enable the Party to sponsor our office, support candidates and much more. We want to keep Clallam County Republicans engaged, educated and supported! Please complete the membership form on the last page of this newsletter, and send your money to the address noted there.



Precinct Committee Officers are needed

A great way to get involved with the Party and your community is by becoming a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO). PCOs are the heart of the Party. PCOs, or precinct committee officers, are the building block of the Republican Party. They create a neighborhood organization that can be utilized for all activities. If you are interested, please contact me.

We can succeed if we all work together.

Vice Chairman
Debra Pitts
925 330 1466

Republicans Sign Up to Run for Office

Brandon Janisse tossed his hat in the ring to run against the incumbent for County Commissioner District 1. The election will be held in District 1 only, due to a change in the last Home Rule Charter. We'll be covering more about Brandon's campaign in future issues.

In nonpartisan races, Gary DeKorte and Dave Lotzgesell are running for the Home Rule Charter Commission in District 1; and Greg Bellamy is running for Fire District 5.

Be sure to help these candidates get elected—volunteer, donate and support them. Watch the clallamrepublicans.org website for upcoming announcements about how you can participate.

Going for the Guns

By Dick Pilling



Well, 'tis election season and, once again, democrats are ramping up their attacks on guns and gun owners. Kamila Harris threatens to eviscerate our gun rights by executive action, Joe Biden would resurrect the assault weapons ban and institute a federal gun licensing system and Cory Booker pushes an all-encompassing 14-part gun control scheme to take place on "Day One." Not to overlook fellow "me too-ers" Eric Swalwell, Beto O'Rourke, and Elizabeth Warren who have all voiced their disdain for the second amendment.

Gun owners are a perennial target for the self-righteous chest-pounding democrat fringe who rail about gun crime in America and contend that, by drastically restricting and/or outlawing gun ownership, gun violence can be virtually eliminated.

But do we have a gun problem? And, if so, who is really responsible? Yes, the United States has more guns per capita than any other country – about 120 for every 100 people – but the murder rate is 4.7 deaths per 100,000 people which places it at 111 of 216 countries surveyed and nearly infinitesimal when compared to the 90.4 in Honduras.

Moreover, these statistics are heavily skewed by disproportionate murder rates in certain cities. For instance, in 2017, St Louis had 69.6 murders per 100,000 citizens, Baltimore had 55.9 and Birmingham had 45.1. In fact, there were 32 cities in the U.S. that exceeded 13 murders per 100,000 citizens and, oddly enough, all but three are administered by Democrats. Who would have guessed?

So maybe the problem isn't too many guns. Maybe it's too many Democrats.

(Dick is former chair of the Clallam County Republican Party and is currently the elected State Committeeman.)

Recommended websites

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| www.shiftwa.org | www.nwri.org |
| www.behindmyback.org | www.cgw.org |
| www.myfreedomfoundation.com | www.capr.us |
| www.dailysignal.com | www.dailywire.com |
| www.constitutionreader.com | |
| www.24thhotshots.wordpress.com | |

Don't forget to check out "News & Views" on the GOP website

To stay current with news, issues and happenings.

www.clallamrepublicans.org—

click on News & Views Blog on the top bar.

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Thoughts on the Occasion of Voting for Charter Review Commissioners

By Jim McEntire



As you may know, the County Home Rule Charter is up for review next year, and so this fall, we will have an opportunity to vote in the November General Election for our choice of Commissioners to sit on the Charter Review Commission. Five Commissioners will be elected from each County Commissioner District (roughly: from McDonnell Creek to the east County Line; from Valley Creek in west Port Angeles to McDonnell Creek; and from Valley Creek in Port Angeles, west to the Pacific Ocean. The top five vote getters will be elected from each of the three Commissioner Districts. I'm sure the CCRP will provide recommendations as to who should get your vote, and who should not, later in the fall. Think about only voting for those you know will approach their task with humility and with a willing ear. Consider not voting for those who do not earn your confidence – you may only vote for five candidates who live in your district, but you can vote for fewer than five. Remember that the top five vote getters are the ones elected.

A word about the home rule charter itself: it simply puts decisions about the structure of County government into the hands of County citizens, and not simply the Legislature, through the Constitutionally-mandated system of general laws. Further, some things are possible with a home rule charter that are not provided for in legislation – the right to propose local initiatives and referenda. What the home rule charter cannot and does not do is provide for direct democracy. If a home rule charter does not assign statutory or constitutional duties to other elected or appointed department heads called for in a charter, the Board of County Commissioners assumes all of that authority and all of those tasks. Not very good for a system of checks and balances.

On the other hand, state laws deter-

mine how things are done. So the charter contains a structure that lays out who does what, and state statutes and County ordinances guide and direct how those tasks are done.

So, as you think about who to vote for, my advice is to listen carefully for those who will search for ways the structure of our County government might be improved. Avoid voting for those who want to bring their policy “pet rocks” into our local Constitution.

Here is the language of our state constitution on home rule charters (leaving out the technical parts about how it is voted into existence):

ARTICLE XI
COUNTY, CITY, AND TOWNSHIP
ORGANIZATION

SECTION 4 COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION. The legislature shall establish a system of county government, which shall be uniform throughout the state except as hereinafter provided, ...

Any county may frame a "Home Rule" charter for its own government subject to the Constitution and laws of this state, ... it shall become the charter of said county and shall become the organic law thereof, and supersede any ... existing form of county government, and all special laws inconsistent with such charter. ...

Such charter may be amended by proposals therefor submitted by the legislative authority of said county to the electors thereof at any general election In submitting any such charter or amendment thereto, any alternate article or proposition may be presented for the choice of the voters and may be voted on separately without prejudice to others.

Any home rule charter proposed as herein provided, may provide for such county officers as may be deemed necessary to carry out and perform all county functions as provided by charter or by general law, and for their compensation, but shall not affect the election of the prosecuting attorney, the county superintendent of schools, the judges of the superior court, and

the justices of the peace [now: district court judges], or the jurisdiction of the courts.

After the adoption of such charter, such county shall continue to have all the rights, powers, privileges and benefits then possessed or thereafter conferred by general law. All the powers, authority and duties granted to and imposed on county officers by general law, except the prosecuting attorney, the county superintendent of schools, the judges of the superior court and the justices of the peace, shall be vested in the legislative authority of the county unless expressly vested in specific officers by the charter. The legislative authority may by resolution delegate any of its executive or administrative powers, authority or duties not expressly vested in specific officers by the charter, to any county officer or officers or county employee or employees.

Jim McEntire is former elected County Commissioner, District 1, and former elected Port Commissioner. He recently ran for the State Legislature, and is active in the GOP. He is a PCO for the CCRP.

Read the Home Rule Charter for yourself here—
www.clallamrepublicans.org/our-government/

READ OUR PLATFORMS!

The Platform for a political party tells what it believes and stands for. Please take a little time to read the county platform, the State Platform, and the National Platform. If you believe in what it says, then get actively involved to promote the ideas of liberty, individualism and limited government. Read them here:
<https://clallamrepublicans.org/gop-platforms>

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Sequim Initiatives in National News

By Susan Shoththafer

Some readers may remember 2014's summer volunteer effort towards initiatives for transparency union contract negotiation and public employees right-to-work. I organized and led that effort inside Sequim's city limits to collect 647 signatures for each initiative, knocking on doors and asking for residents' signatures. Volunteers in two other cities followed the same process. I believe Washington law allowed 30 days to collect signatures.

After the county auditor's office verified that volunteers fulfilled state requirements, Washington State law required Sequim city council to adopt the initiatives as ordinances or place the initiatives on the next ballot for the voters' decision.

Instead, the city council stalled. The deadline for ballot issues approached. Freedom Foundation sued. Court dates were delayed.

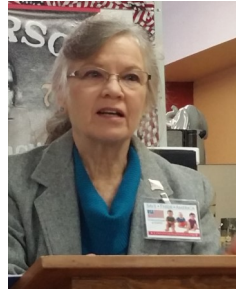
In October, before Judge Rohrer, Sean Newman, Freedom Foundation's Attorney Newman, stated the city council violated the initiative process by not following either of only two options.

Newman argued a ruling against the initiatives, before giving voters a chance to vote, would violate the separation of powers, repeated Washington Constitution's clause, "all powers are vested in the people," and emphasized the initiative right becomes useless if city councils ignore the initiative process. Newman provided a list of issues appropriate for the initiative process.

The union's attorney repeated opposing interpretations of the RCW concerning proper purview of the initiative process that Newman had emphasized. Focusing on transparency, the union's counsel disingenuously contended transparent negotiations would publicly expose employee problems such as tardiness because of alcohol use, ad infinitum—much tedious foolishness, challenging our patience. After walking streets and knocking on doors for weeks, the hearing became intense and riveting.

The result: Three city councils and judges ignored citizens' First Amendment right to petition and Washington residents' right of citizen initiative. In all three initiative efforts, city governments'

and judicial delays defeated transparency and public employee right-to-work efforts—temporarily.



Sometime later, the Washington Attorney General's Office alleged Freedom Foundation failed to report legal assistance costs to the initiative campaigns. Freedom Foundation finds this claim absurd. The initiatives never appeared on a ballot. Campaigns never existed. The attorney general didn't object to unreported union payments to attorneys arguing against the initiatives. (<https://www.freedomfoundation.com/press-release/freedom-foundation-appeals-campaign-finance-ruling-to-u-s-supreme-court/>)

Following several favorable and unfavorable state rulings, Freedom Foundation has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court which will decide about accepting this case by the end of June. The Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Institute for Free speech, Cato Institute, and a coalition of eight additional national legal foundations have filed briefs supporting Freedom Foundation. (<https://www.freedomfoundation.com/litigation/legal-powerhouses-urge-scotus-to-consider-freedom-foundation-appeal/>)

In 2018, our U.S. Supreme Court's Janus decision freeing public employees from union control confirmed the natural human right-to-work nationwide. For example, 25 percent of workers have acquired freedom by dropping membership in Washington Federation of State Employees, Oregon School Employees Association, and SEIU 503.

How about transparent Clallam County and school board union contact negotiations?

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know." (<https://www.atg.wa.gov/public-records-and-open-public-meetings>)

(Susan Shoththafer is former elected Port Angeles School Board Member, and is a PCO for the CCRP.)

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Follow County Government

You can review minutes of meetings here and watch videos of the county commissioner meetings: <http://clallam.net/calendar/index.asp>

Better yet, show up at the meetings of the county commissioners or planning commission, take notes and let us know what you learned. Speak out on issues that are important to you. This is the opportunity to participate in our own government!

Federal

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 1600 Penn. Ave., N.W.
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Help for those interested in learning more

By Donnie Hall

There are approximately 100 elected offices in Clallam County, of which only 4 are designated as partisan. Partisan offices require that a candidate voice a party preference when filing for election to the office. While a candidate may choose to run as an "Independent" for a partisan office, most choose either Republican or Democrat. Choosing a party provides a means of self-identification with party principles and access to the endorsement and resources of the party.

What about the other 96 or so offices? In particular, what does an independent conservative candidate do for support? It is no secret that the thresholds to running for office in terms of specialized expertise are daunting to the novice. As stated by Mr. Dick Pilling, former chair of the Clallam County Republican Party: "It seems that a fresh candidate must run twice, first to find out what it means to be a candidate and the second time to actually compete for the office." We believe that this barrier prevents many conservative civic minded citizens from running for elected office.

We are the Independent Advisory Society. It was founded by Mr. Jim McEntire and Mr. Donnie Hall as a means to fill this void. Our mission is to "Encourage, recruit and support civic mind minded independent conservative citizens in candidature for public office in and around Clallam County." We are a growing association of former candidates and campaign advisors who seek to serve new nonpartisan candidates running for elected office. We are a volunteer coalition. We work for the candidates we choose to support on a strictly volunteer basis. Our services are available at no cost or obligation. While we are populist/conservative in our personal alignment, we impose no line-by-line ideological litmus test on the candidates we support. We support the independence of conservative candidates who choose to work with us.

At the core of our support is our *New Candidate Orientation* seminar. While this tutorial condenses our years of campaign experience, it is not primarily a teaching tool. Rather, it is a decision tool. There are homework assignments. Completing these, a potential candidate can make the decision as to whether or not he or she is a good fit for running for office and upon deciding to run, how to orient his or her campaign.

Our service to the candidate is not limited to providing a seminar and walking away. We walk with a candidate, especially in the early days of the campaign (and before there is even a campaign), providing guidance and support as to which things are critical to winning and which are merely important. As the candidate gets his or her feet on the ground or builds a campaign team, we are happy to fade into the background or continue to support as needed.

We exist for one purpose: to improve the quality of local government by facilitating the candidacies of qualified conservative independent civic minded voters who otherwise might not consider running.

For more information contact Donnie Hall at halld98382@gmail.com.

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Prager University videos, which reach out to younger folks in particular (but are excellent for all ages!) are being removed from social media like Facebook and Youtube. We've seen this happening to other conservative voices as well. You can sign a petition at <https://www.prageru.com/petition/>

CHECK IT OUT...

Citizens Against Government Waste – (<https://www.cagw.org/>). The 2019 Pig Book is available, the annual compilation of pork-barrel projects in the federal budget. You'll be amazed – or maybe not!

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Referendum 88 needs your signature

DID YOU KNOW... that our State Legislature, in the last session, **OVER-TURNED THE PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS? (I-200).**

They did!

The State Legislature passed, without the people's vote, Initiative 1000, which grants "special rights" to certain classes of people.

This Referendum (88) would allow the PEOPLE to VOTE on this change made by the legislature without the people's permission.

Referendum 88 – The intent of the people in enacting this act is to guarantee EVERY RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON STATE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS to public education, public employment, and public contracting without discrimination based on their race, sex, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or honorably discharged veteran or military status.

This is accomplished by: RESTORING affirmative action into state law (as originally passed by the PEOPLE) WITHOUT the use of quotas or preferential treatment; defining the meaning of preferential treatment and its exceptions; and establishing a governor's commission on diversity, equity and inclusion.

Please sign this Referendum. The deadline is July 15th to obtain enough signatures. You can find them in Sequim at The Master Locksmith, 445 W. Washington, and on Port Angeles at GOP headquarters. If you'd like to gather signatures, contact sueforde@clallamrepublicans.org.

WSRP announces the Fredi Simpson Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Fredi Simpson, WA State National State Committeewoman, the State Party has set up a \$5,000 scholarship fund for students preparing to go into college. The deadline for 2019 submissions is July 31, 2019. For more information or an application, please contact

Preparing for 2020

Next year will be a big year in the way of elections, with lots of work to be done to re-elect President Donald Trump, as well as changing the guard at the national, state and local levels.

In addition, next year will be the time for caucuses and convention. We'll need PCOs for every precinct to run the caucuses and serve as delegates to the county convention, where we debate and pass our county platform and elect delegates to the State Convention.

Would you like to help? Contact us at volunteer@clallamrepublicans.org.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." — *Edmund Burke*.

GOVTRACK an easy way to keep tabs on federal legislators

The website www.govtrack.us brings together the status of U.S. federal legislation, voting records, congressional district maps, and more. 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

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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Legislative Hotline - 1-800-562-6000

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<http://www.leg.wa.gov/pages/home.aspx>

WA State GOP Senate caucus:

<http://src.wastateleg.org/>

WA State GOP House caucus:

<http://houserepublicans.wa.gov/>

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State Rep. Mike Chapman (D)-

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Watch what your elected representatives are doing at the State Legislature

WashingtonVotes.org is tracking all bills that are being presented in this year's legislature. You can see how they voted—type each name into the search engine on the website. Steve Tharinger (D); Mike Chapman (D); Kevin Van De Wege (D).

Review bills that are of interest to you, and participate by contacting your elected representatives to let them know your thoughts. Write letters to the editor.

Next year is election for the two House positions. Be sure to sign up with us now to work toward electing Republicans—let's turn the House!

PARTICIPATE!

Stay up with the issues, and be

sure to weigh in with

your elected representatives.

Letters and Commentary from our Subscribers

What Can You Believe About Climate Change?

Commentary by Gene Farr

Responding to the disinformation and gross inaccuracies of those promoting the idea that the earth is facing a climate change catastrophe, Gene Farr writes:

The UN has not claimed that the "Earth has 10 years to avert climate change catastrophe". It is politicians who are making this absurd claim. Stating that, "This period is now the warmest in the history of modern civilization" ignores the Medieval, Roman and Minoan warm periods. NCA reports state that there is no convincing alternative explanation of temperature rise (other than our use of fossil fuels). However, they ignore the 60year Atlantic Multi-decadal Oscillation and solar activity variations.

Sea level rise and glacier melting data shows each has changed with little variation in the rate since the little ice age ended in the mid 1800s. Global sea level has risen 7 to 8 inches since 1900. It is incorrect to state that "almost half of that rise occurring since 1993" (It was only 1.3 inches) The world's most noted expert on sea level rise predicts a maximum of 3 or 4 inches by 2100.

The writer exaggerates ocean acidification, as the oceans are not turning acid, just getting less caustic. In recent history pH has varied totally uncorrelated with CO2 levels and nothing catastrophic happened.

Since cold weather causes more deaths than hot weather, a warmer climate will have fewer deaths.

The forest fire statement is deceptive. National wildfire data shows the number of fires has not increased over the 40 year period mentioned. Acreage burned has increased most likely due to poor management of our forests and brush lands.

Temperature prediction models, using CO2 levels as a driver, have been shown to grossly exaggerate future temperatures.

The only climate change concern is politicians and bureaucrats trying to get more control using this manufactured crisis.

Submit an opinion or commentary for consideration to print in the newsletter. Send it to us at editor@clallamrepublicans.org.

NEWS BRIEF:

With such a huge surplus, why more taxes?

An updated forecast shows Washington state is expected to see a net increase in revenues of nearly \$432 million over the next two years. The numbers released at a Tuesday meeting of the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council showed total revenues are now projected at nearly \$51 billion for the next two-year state budget cycle, which begins next Monday. Most of the increase is due to legislation passed during the 105-day legislative session that ended April 28. Those included changes to tax exemptions and other measures like increases to some business and occupation taxes. The state is now projected to have nearly \$2.7 billion in reserves in the next budget cycle. Gov. Jay Inslee signed the budget last month. *(from KOZI Community Radio)*

History is fun at the Northwest Colonial Festival

It's 1775 again! For a lesson in history and a fun time, don't miss the annual colonial festival (August 8-11, 2018) with a colonial village and daily reenactments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord at the George Washington Inn and Washington Lavender Farm, located between Sequim and Port Angeles, Washington. <https://colonialfestival.wordpress.com/>

Government by the People...

Article I, Section I of the Washington State Constitution says:
 "All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers **from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights.**"

The entire Washington State Constitution can be seen here:
<http://leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/Documents/12-2010-WASStateConstitution.pdf>

Read the GOP Party Platforms here:
<https://clallamrepublicans.org/gop-platforms/>

What's in YOUR Wallet?

By Kristine Lowder



Washington's 2019 legislative session ended on April 28. Dominated by Democrats, the 105-day session included the passage of the first state operating budget to [top \\$50 billion](#). Not

surprisingly, it came with a truck load of new tax hikes to fund it. All were happily embraced by 24th legislative district incumbents Sen. Kevin Van de Wege and Reps. Steve Tharinger and Mike Chapman.

Some of these tax hikes include:

- ◆ [a 20% B&O tax increase for certain services](#);
- ◆ [a progressive real estate excise tax \(REET\)](#);
- ◆ [an increased B&O tax on banks](#), which is on top of the B&O tax increase listed above;
- ◆ [an increase in the hazardous substance tax](#); and
- ◆ [A tax increase on travel agents](#).

Passed on party lines over Republican opposition, the new state operating budget increases spending to over \$52 billion.

Notes the [Spokesman Review](#), "That's almost \$2.1 billion per month for the two-year budget cycle. Or \$481 million per week; \$68.4 million per day; \$2.85 million per hour; \$47,500 per minute."

Even a cursory glance at a few key votes show that Democrats from the 24th legislative district were *all in* on increasing taxes and growing government. For example:

State [Senator Kevin Van de Wege](#) and Representatives [Steve Tharinger](#) and [Mike Chapman](#) (D-24th) all [voted in favor](#) of the operating budget noted above. This budget represents an 18% increase over current levels. It also relies on [\\$5.5 billion](#) in tax

increases over the next four years.

Tax and spend Democrats all, Van de Wege, Tharinger and Chapman also [voted for](#):

- ◆ House Initiated Legislation 1000, which effectively [brings back](#) state affirmative action policies.
- ◆ A "graduated" [real estate excise tax](#)
- ◆ Nearly doubly the [existing tax rate for banks](#), making Washington's tax among the highest in the country.

Second Amendment Issues

A quick look at votes on 2A issues shows that Representatives Tharinger and Chapman voted for [House Bill 1465](#), which requires CPL holders to undergo a state background check on handgun purchases instead of the instant NICS check that is currently being conducted as a courtesy by the FBI. ([Beginning July 1st](#), the FBI will no longer be conducting these courtesy NICS checks for CPL holders.)

Supporting Inslee's "Climate Change" Agenda

In a move that surprised no one, Senator Van de Wege [voted lock-step](#) with Gov. Inslee's expensive, economy-crippling "climate change" agenda. Two examples include:

[House Bill 1112](#), which is part of Governor Inslee's "climate change" legislative agenda. This legislation aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by phasing out hydrofluorocarbons used in refrigerators and other equipment. (*So... are we supposed to regress to salting our meat or chipping off ice blocks to prevent food spoilage?*)

[House Bill 1257](#): imposes new energy limits and restrictions on commercial buildings by November 1, 2020. As passed by the Senate, the bill requires the state Commerce Department to develop new energy efficiency standards to maximize reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Building owners would also have to comply with state-mandated energy management plans, operations and maintenance programs, energy audits, and other energy limitation measures

imposed by department rules. (*None of this will be cheap. Expect these new "efficiency standards" to be reflected in your monthly bill.*)

Not to be outdone, Reps. Tharinger and Chapman also marched lock-step with Gov. Inslee's "clean energy economy" agenda, like [voting for Senate Bill 5116](#). **This legislation forces Washington's power companies to eliminate all coal-fired energy sources by 2025 and meet 100 percent of the retail electric load using non-emitting and renewable resources by January 1, 2045** – long after these guys have left office.

The list goes on and on. Here's [another wrap-up](#) of what failed and what didn't in the 2019 legislative session.

In summary, the 2019 legislative was a sorry one for tax payers and fiscal responsibility. But for legislators like Chapman, Tharinger and Van de Wege, it was like kids in a candy store. They got just about everything they want: Bigger government, more government programs, and higher taxes to pay for it all.

But are Democrats through?

Of course not. When it comes to more spending and raising taxes, Democrats are *never* through, not even when the gavel falls.

They'll tell us that 50 billion smackers will barely cover present programs, let alone keep up with inflation. *After all*, they'll say, *we need to do more*. On homelessness. Drug addiction. Mental health. Education. The environment.

They'll need a bigger bite out of your paycheck to pay for it. You don't mind, do you? In other words, *what's in your wallet* once Democrats like Van de Wege, Chapman and Tharinger are done picking it? Doesn't the 24th L.D. deserve better?

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Quotable...

"A free people ought to be armed"
~George Washington

Your Rights

Do you know what the U.S. and Washington State Constitutions say? Do your children and/or grandchildren?

Take time to study each one of them, and understand your rights as a citizen. And most importantly, share this information with the next generation!

One of the best resources is Hillsdale College, which offers many free online courses. A course on the U.S. Constitution (and other great courses) can be found here: <https://online.hillsdale.edu/dashboard/courses>

Read it here: http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_transcript.html

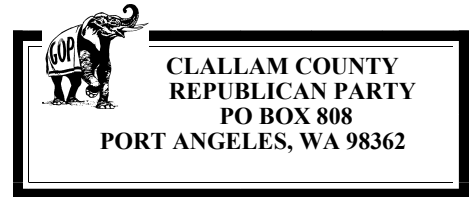
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CONSIDER SERVING...

There are quite a few open precincts where individuals didn't file to run for the office. Matthew Rainwater, Chair, can appoint PCOs (Precinct Committee Officers) to fill the empty spots. The term runs from now until the end of 2020.

A PCO represents Republicans in his or her precinct, and brings their issues to the county party for possible action. The PCO will be involved in the county convention in 2020 as a delegate. He or she is actively involved with county and state political issues, and is someone who wants to make a difference.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming an appointed PCO or Precinct Captain, contact us at volunteer@clallamrepublicans.org



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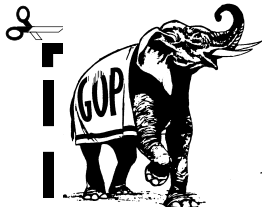
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