

Chairman's Chat

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This Issue: Jobs, Economy and Currency - We support balanced budgets, reduced regulations, limited taxation and Free Market, allowing growth to the individual and to the economy as a whole.

Next Issue: Education - We are dedicated to reaffirming the importance of safety for students and staff. We support a rigorous "back to basics" curriculum as determined by parents and local school districts.



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The Power of Endorsement: What It Truly Means for the Spokane County Republican Party

When we speak of "endorsement," we're not merely talking about a nod of approval or a casual thumbs-up. For the Spokane County Republican Party, an endorsement is a solemn declaration of support, a strategic move that reflects our core values and principles. Here's why our endorsement process is not just significant but transformative:

- **A Refined Process:** Over the last two years, we've overhauled our endorsement process to empower our Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs), the very backbone of our party. This isn't just about giving a voice; it's about ensuring that voice is heard loud and clear through a structured, democratic process.
- **Vetting and Accountability:** Our endorsement isn't handed out lightly. Candidates undergo rigorous vetting, where their history and voting records are scrutinized. This isn't just about choosing candidates; it's about ensuring they embody our platform and values. Once endorsed, elected officials are held accountable through continuous evaluation, ensuring they fulfill the promises made.
- **Strategic Leverage:** Our endorsement isn't just a stamp; it's a tool for leverage. It gives us, the PCOs, and our organization the power to influence policy, demand accountability, and ensure that our elected officials serve the interests of our community, not just their own.
- **A Stand Against Mediocrity:** We refuse to be an organization that endorses anyone with an 'R' next to their name. That's not what our PCOs demanded when they elected us to lead. They wanted change, a departure from the status quo, and a commitment to quality over quantity in our endorsements.
- **A Call to Action:** This isn't just about changing how we endorse; it's about changing the political landscape of Spokane County, our state and our nation. We're not here to rubber-stamp candidates; we're here to ensure that our endorsements mean something, that they reflect our values, and that they lead to real change.
- **A Challenge to the Status Quo:** Changing how things have always been done is hard. It's uncomfortable. But it's necessary. The majority of our PCOs have asked for this change, and we're delivering. Not everyone will agree, but that's the nature of true leadership.
- **A Commitment to Excellence:** We're not perfect, but we're committed. We're two years into this new era, and we're just getting started. Your feedback is crucial, not just for improvement, but for excellence.

Remember, our endorsements are not just about supporting candidates; they're about shaping the future of our community, our state, and our country. If we're merely going to endorse anyone with an 'R' by their name, then we're no different from any other group. But if we aim to be a beacon of principled politics, using our endorsements as a tool for meaningful change, then we must stand firm, advocate fiercely, and ensure our elected officials do the same. This is our pledge, our mission, and the true meaning of our endorsement.

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For news from WSRP Jim Walsh, GOP Chair: <https://wsrp.org/news/>. Also visit <https://www.facebook.com/WAGOP> for information including the following article published by Jason Rantz.

GOOD NEWS! In spite of challenges by some liberals to try to remove four Republican supported initiatives from the November ballot, the WA State Supreme Court ruled that the initiatives will remain. **Vote YES! Pay less!**

"If the challenges had been successful, the citizen initiatives that would have come off the ballot included repealing the state's capital gains tax (I-2109), ending its cap-and-trade program and repealing sections of the Climate Commitment Act (I-2117), making participation in a long-term care program run by the state optional (I-2124) and eliminating natural-gas restrictions in new construction projects (I-2066)."

Because Jim Walsh, sponsor of the initiatives, and Brian Heywood and Let's Go Washington, the main marketing, supporting signature gathering organization were not named in the lawsuit, there was no legal requirement that they be notified. However, as Chairman Walsh said: "The real shady part of this is that the state attorney general's office, **who normally would notify parties of interest in this kind of lawsuit**, never said a word. So it's very disturbing. Some would say it is unconstitutional, unprofessional, not kosher, whatever you want to say, it's a very strange situation."

Visit [Lets Go Washington](https://www.letsgowashington.com), [CAPR](https://www.capr.org) (Citizens Alliance for Property Rights), [WSRP Chair, Jim Walsh](https://www.wsrp.org).

"DISTRESSED CITIZENS FOR TRUMP"

By Juli Skinner

Longing to get back to MAGA days: Safety from an overreaching government, fuel under \$3 per gallon, energy independent, creative freedom and working because we want, not have to? Those days are gone if we continue to elect people who refuse to empathize with the plight of most American citizens. Whom they put up for Democrat nominee doesn't matter. [She] will continue doing the bidding of King Obama, Socialist-Democrat. Understand this: The Left is not inept. They have us exactly where they want us: Broke and dependent.

Whatever the type, inflation need not be explained. We're in it, and the Green New Deal and Bidenomics do nothing but exacerbate it into a recession. Goods and services are unattainable and despite the lie that "wages are up [for everyone]", we're not earning enough to keep up within a mile of the Joneses. Why are they dragging us over the cliff? Why aren't we digging in our heels? Small family business IRS audits, high taxes, interest and regulation, sucking up resources by illegal aliens, control of commerce, perpetuation of race and gender discord and impending World War III is our future if we do not **VOTE TRUMP/VANCE**. But don't stop there. **VOTE REPUBLICAN**.

We are beyond simple ideologies of the Party of Government. Traditional Democrats have been knowingly or unknowingly swept up in a world of false supremacy. Regardless, they are willing participants of the Socialist movement in America. Remember when we had a two-party system of government, each expressing their differences but sharing one commonality – love for this country? The main difference between us was whether government should be big or government should be small. Now, one party is reinstating our country's Constitution and the other is stumbling over each other to see who's most woke. From aliens illegally crossing our borders to mandated common core uniformity in our schools, America is being fundamentally changed as promised by Obama. Who better to usher it in than Ms. Harris and Mr. Walz?

Brilliant... Not really.

A new face won't change the ideology. She is left of Bernie, ready to perpetuate the [new] old ideology. Are you as surprised as I am that people are fooled by the smoke and as horrified that any Republican could endorse her? By the way, happen to catch the one-sided whiney women talk show host Caryn "Whoopi" Goldberg when she said she would vote for Biden even if he pooped his pants but then quickly moved to Harris once Biden was cast aside? Oh, how deeply profound lady. I'll take the guy with "34 felonies". At least he isn't beholden to our enemies and can function quite well on his own.

Caryn and her comrades represent the core of Leftist ignorance. They are so distracted by the "D" word, that they disregard how middle America has suffered the last four years. We have lost our children to fentanyl, been persecuted for our Conservatism, laid awake at night worried about which maxed-out credit card has enough room left to buy milk and how much interest we will pay for it. We live paycheck to paycheck. We buy off-brand food; the same price as name brand food four years ago! We can't afford sports or extracurricular activities for our kids and we cannot afford gas to put into the mode of transportation we need to go to work! We CANNOT afford Cackling Kamala. Pathetic celebs like Jeff Bridges and Jack Black apparently didn't get the memo that being a "black" woman doesn't necessarily transcend qualified human beings in order to lead our country. But celebs don't need to worry. They are self-centered and untouchable.

WE ARE GOING TO WIN and we will take Kamala's crown. But we MUST FIGHT for this country. Don't let our citizens' sacrifices be in vain. Dull Joe may be out but Harris is being elevated, kept on script and they lie, lie, lie, lie, lie. We do not need to compromise our values but we can no longer be the "nice guy". Talk to everyone. Reveal her true self. It's not difficult to beat bad. If you long to make America great again: **Pray To God.**

Vote For Trump.

GOD deliver us through your chosen.

FLAG BURNING-PAINT HATING

CASE LAW: Though objectionable, Supreme Court affirmed the 1989 *Texas vs. Johnson* ruling in 1990 *United States vs. Eichman*; flag burning is freedom of speech.

2024: Spokane Government threatens young men with fines, jail time and hate crime charges for defacing/damaging a painted rainbow flag on PUBLIC streets downtown. **PATHETIC!** At most, the act is vandalism.

https://www.kxly.com/news/downtown-spokane-pride-mural-struck-again-by-vandalism/article_809d0a5c-2826-11ef-bd3d-9b78eb4a822e.html

One may argue, the majority of "hate crimes" do not rise to the level of actual hate against a specific group of people. As human beings, we auto-utter offensive words not necessarily in an effort to target a group. How do you prove intent by words alone? You can't.

Why do advocates for the gay community always say that you can **love whomever you wish?**

Because if that's true, you can also hate whomever you wish. And you can say whatever you wish. It's called **FREEDOM OF SPEECH**. It encompasses ALL forms of freedom – PERIOD!

Are there consequences? Sure, states enhance laws to fit the needs of their communities and the federal government upholds our Constitutional rights [in theory]. These young men should NOT apologize for exercising free speech. Property damage; yeah, that was wrong.

Q: What if it was a painted KKK flag? It's a slippery slope ladies and gentlemen. Just stop it! It is unprecedented what the grouchies in Spokane city government are doing. If you voted for these nincompoops, you deserve the government you get. IMO

Disclaimer: Except for matters of self defense, defense of another and property, no one has the right to physically harm another individual.



The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

The State of our Union is on Life Support It was never intended that the Executive Branch have an unbalanced degree of power under the Constitution— particularly where it comes to the economy. The power of the purse was given to the House of Representatives. But as the power in the Executive has grown exponentially and the Congress has generally abdicated their responsibilities on spending and budgets, we find ourselves increasingly subjected to horrors of one-party rule.

Regardless of which party is in power, the whiplash effect created by governance through executive order is creating chaos in our country. Easy and obvious examples are the massive changes we have experienced in the shift from Trump to Biden. Trump had the border under control; Biden reversed every single Trump policy to disastrous affect. We were energy independent under Trump, obviously, we are now not. Biden has unconstitutionally and repeatedly forgiven student loan debt in an obvious vote-buying scheme, flouting the law and Supreme Court rulings to the point of breaking.

These extreme Biden policies have had disastrous affect on the economy. Although both parties are guilty of out-of-control spending, Biden’s policies have taken us to new economic lows. The influx, nay invasion, across the southern border is cratering our already fragile economy. Crippling inflation created by a government that never stops spending and then kneecapped our oil, coal and natural gas industries under the

farcical and fallacious “green agenda” has dragged economic growth to a near halt. As Biden gives illegal handouts to repay student loan debt, he has deepened our national debt and wrested Constitutional authority he does not have. The nauseating results, which were as predictable as sunrise, are completely lost on a Democrat Party that does not have the foresight to see past the ends of their own noses. Just some of their “unintended consequences” are: job losses for citizens, job creation for illegals, overburdening and bankrupting our medical system, taxation losses to those who do not pay them, a never-ending stream of government dependents, unnecessarily restricting our natural resources, creating a strangulating inflation, never-ending growth in government jobs while forcing the closure and bankruptcies of productive businesses, Saudi Arabia moving away from US currency as the petro-dollar to preserve their own economy, horrible interest rates, housing stagnation and unaffordability, etc., etc., etc.

Everything in our economy is upside down. We already know that Trump can fix all of it. We have already lived through it. We cannot survive economically for four more years under any Democrat. But as a side note, we must commit to reigning in government spending, waste, fraud and slashing the size of government agencies. The Congress must step up and reassume their responsibility to authorize spending and create an actual budget. We as voters must then hold them accountable for the suffering they have created for us “on our behalf.

WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY

PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)

PCOs elected in the Primary Election on August 6, 2024 will be two-year terms and begin on December 1. Does your precinct have a contested Republican race?

Questions: [Spokane County Republicans](#)
509-838-6162 ext. 802.

Find your Precinct number: Submit your name and birthday – click registration link.
Start here:
<https://voter.votewa.gov/>

PCOs are important connections between voter and candidate. Find PCO Manual here:
<https://wsrp.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/2022-PCO-Manual.pdf>

Do you have a PCO? Follow the link <https://spokanegop.com/leadership> then click on your district and find your precinct to find out. No PCO? Consider volunteering today for a term lasting through November 30.

Do you have a talent to share? What motivates you? Join us and make a difference. Consider volunteering.
<https://spokanegop.com/become-a-volunteer>
Our volunteers are appreciated.

REPUBLICANS/PCOs OF THE MONTH

Nominate your PCO or Republican here:
[Nominate a PCO or Republican of the Month](#)

General Election – November 5 2024
2024 Washington Gubernatorial Election
TOO BIG TO RIG.

WHY **VOTE? BECAUSE THEY DO!**

4,867,913 registered voters in Washington. *Stunning Voting Statistics for (March 2024) Presidential Primary:*

Democrat (Biden) received 914,967 votes

Republican (Trump) received 791,351 votes

That's 200k votes people. And take a look at the Washington Primary map results. [August 6, 2024 Primary Results - Governor County Breakdown \(wa.gov\)](#). Are you perplexed? How is our beautiful, conservative part of the state voting DEMOCRAT????

A personal note to [Democrat] transplants from other parts of the United States. If you leave your Democrat run communities because you don't like the policies or the destruction of family values – DO NOT COME HERE and VOTE DEMOCRAT. To our fellow Republicans: What's it going to take to motivate you to vote REPUBLICAN? A drain on your employment, medical care and security due to Illegal immigration? Your bank account that never seems to replenish? WHAT is it for you and your family?

VOTE FOR OUR REPUBLIC 2024: *Vote on November 5th 2024 and make it **TOO BIG TO RIG.***

County Elections results: <https://www.spokanecounty.org/2995/Current-Election-Results>

Just a note: How extraordinary that our American Government (run by Democrats who have been accused of being part of stealing the 2020 Presidential election) is weighing in on the Venezuelan elections! **THEY** want proof of votes??? They are completely insane.

Agriculture more important to Washington than high-tech

"Agriculture drives the state economy and construction drives state revenue."

That assertion came from former chief economist for the state of Washington, Arun Raha, speaking to architects gathered for an annual meeting in 2008. It rang true then, but is it still true with the rise of the tech sector?

[In 2016 Washington's new] chief economist, Steve Lerch . . . agreed construction drives revenue through sales taxes and gross receipts taxes (the B&O tax) paid at every level of the construction process. But construction only happens when individuals, businesses and government have money to spend. Where does the wealth come from? What drives the economy is harder to pin. The WSU IMPACT Center of the School of Economic Sciences published a [readily accessible report](#) in 2011, based on 2008 data. Agriculture is a broad sector term, including crop and livestock production, food processing and manufacturing, and related support industries. Agriculture created 131,000 jobs and had a total \$34.8 billion in economic impact.

To better understand the multiplier effect, think about hops, barley and breweries. Ale aficionados spend money at the breweries. Brewers spend money on equipment, bottles and ingredients. Food processors turn the raw grains and hops into useable ingredients. Farmers grow the grains and hops. No farms, no breweries.

A study by the UW on the [economic impact of Microsoft](#) claims \$43.8 billion in direct and indirect activity with 39,300 employees. Seattlepi.com quotes Theo Eicher, of the UW Economic Policy Research Center, as saying "[Microsoft] drives the information sector which then drives the Washington state business sector."

His statement makes sense if the Washington state business sector is defined as everything you can see from the top of the Space Needle. . . [but] Microsoft employment [is] growing at a faster pace worldwide than in Washington. If Microsoft is driving our economy, it's clearly taken its foot off the gas pedal. Microsoft could choose to move operations out of the country tomorrow. In contrast, agriculture is rooted here.

The WSU IMPACT study [asserts] "Agriculture is the economic driver for most communities, both small and large, east of the Cascade Mountains." Agriculture creates three times as many jobs as Microsoft, spread throughout all 39 counties. Seems fair to conclude agriculture drives the state's economy. It certainly drives the Inland Northwest.

An excerpt from a news-opinion column first published April 15, 2016 in The Spokesman-Review. Multiply dollar values by a factor of 1.3 to 1.4 to convert to 2024 values (or so says Chat GPT). Read the full column at <https://bit.ly/3yoSh8V> Excerpted here by permission of the author, Sue Lani Madsen. Follow at <https://suelanimadsen.substack.com/>



Spokane GOP has 3 Merch Stores: Spokane GOP, VOTE and Trumpy. Scroll down on the [Home](#) page and you'll see that the VOTE store is ONLY OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT August 20. Hurry to get your orders in for our unique "VOTE" t-shirts. Design is exclusive to the Spokane GOP and perfect for the 2024 election season. Sales close at midnight on August 20. Watch for the reopening of the TRUMPY Merch store. New products and colors will be available. This other exclusive design --fun and gey for the 2024 election.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



HELPING CAPTIVES

Monday-Saturday

10-6pm

East 14415 Sprague Ave.

Did you know that the Spokane GOP has an Outreach Team? The team encourages PCOs, precinct constituents and all members of the community to consider donating gently used items to the **Helping Captives Thrift Store**, <https://helpingcaptives.org/thrift-store>. All proceeds are used to fund their mission. Helping Captives "is a Christian anti-trafficking and support organization serving the areas of Spokane Washington and Northern Idaho. We exist to honor God by providing opportunities for freedom and safety to those exploited by sex trafficking through prevention, intervention and recovery services."

GOP calendar

<https://www.spokanegop.com/calendar>

** Unity in the
Community 8/17

** Pig Out in the
Park 8/28-9/2

Ponderosa Republican Women: Our August meeting was well attended, and we were privileged to have Al French, County Commissioner, present to give us an update on the election results and the importance of his re-election in November. The City of Spokane is currently underwater \$50M. Spokane County currently has a surplus due to sensible spending, budgeting and County taxes are not being raised. If Al is not re-elected, there will be a 3:2 Democratic majority; he is concerned that the Democrats would divert funds to bail out the City of Spokane.

Our keynote speaker, Eileen Sobjack, immediate past president of the National Federation of Republican Women, shared highlights of her experience over the past two years, living in Washington DC, her travels throughout the United States and so many interesting people she met along the way. Among the photos she shared was a picture of her with President Trump. She emphasized what an authentic and kind person he is and it's so sad that our media paints a picture that is absolutely the opposite.

Ponderosa is having an advance premier showing of the movie, **Reagan, on Thursday, August 27 at Wandermere Village Center Theater at 2 PM. Tickets are available for \$10 each.**

The next regular meeting/luncheon of PRW will be Tuesday, 9/10. Check [PRW website](#) in a couple of weeks for more details. In addition, Ponderosa is hosting a "pizza and movie night" at the Ruby River Hotel on Thursday, 9/12 at 5 PM. We will be showing the movie, "Hillbilly Elegy". This is a membership recruitment event for 2025, so interested persons are invited to attend!

Jan Grayhek, PRW President <http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: NO UPDATE on I-2081 challenges <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/parts-of-washington-state-parental-rights-law-criticized-as-a-forced-outing-placed-on-hold/ar-BB1oG9ro?ocid=BingNewsSerp>.

TO FLORIDE or not to FLORIDE OUR CHILDREN". NO DECISION AS OF YET.

<https://fluoridealert.org/key-topics/tsca-fluoride-lawsuit/#judgement>. Network, fluoridealert.org and <https://fluoridealert.org/news/opinion-as-fluoride-trial-wraps-up-epa-defends-its-inaction/> or visit www.safewaterspokane.org. Information on Facebook Spokane Against Fluoride. Gina McKenzie, Safe Water Spokane Advisor

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