



## Chairman's Chat

P. Brian Noble,  
SCRCC Chair/CEO

### *This Issue:*

*Equal Justice- All people have a right to equal treatment under the law. We support the enforcement of the original Bill of Rights as written and intended by the Founders.*

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

As I celebrate Independence Day (4th of July), I contemplate on what liberty or freedom means. I think about human rights. And where do those rights come from? How do those rights interact with freedom (liberty)?

*"All might be free if they valued freedom and defended it as they ought", Samuel Adams. Article in the Boston Gazette, October 14, 1771.*

Let's look at the first amendment to discover five freedoms our founding fathers believed are entrusted to us by God.

**Amendment I.** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of [freedom of] **religion**, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the **freedom of speech**, or of the [freedom of] **press**, or the right of the people [freedom to] peaceably to **assemble**, and to **petition** the Government for a redress of grievances.

How many of these five freedoms have been under attack? Be honest with yourself. How many of these were under attack during the COVID response? Do we value freedom? Are we defending freedom as we ought? Do we inspire others to love freedom? Liberty did not originate in the conservative movement. Liberty originated with our creator. Our Maker created us for freedom, to live in freedom, and to ensure freedom for others. Who should defend freedom? The US Constitution is clear who will secure the Blessings of Liberty. **We the People of the United States**, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and **secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity**, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. We the people must take our stand against government overreach to ensure freedoms for all citizens of the United States of America. Let's stand together to restore freedom.



Will you help me move the Spokane County Republican Party forward? Our **MISSION:** Get Republicans Elected who will move the Republican platform forward; our **VISION:** Fill Every Seat in Spokane County with a REPUBLICAN; our **STRATEGY:** Empower PCOs and their neighbors to be grassroots leaders in their communities to win over people's hearts to conservative values.

*Please continue your donations. We need monthly donations for an effective and influential party to accomplish our mission, vision and strategy. Your monthly contributions will cover the SCRCC overhead and allow us to ensure freedom in our county. Thank you!*

God Bless and God Bless the United States of America

## “...IN THEIR WAY”

By Juli Skinner

It's all over the news and depending on which network you listen to, it's either praise of prosecution of a former American president or complete repugnance of its hypocrisy and bias. It should be the latter.

It is shameful for any of us; Republican, Democrat, Independent, apolitical or American citizen not to see the inequity unfolding in front of our eyes and on a national stage. The Left loves the word “inequity” as long as it benefits Their radical ideas. But it sets a dangerous precedence in this country to use executive powers to persecute political opponents. Optics aside, fundamentally it is the constituents, not bureaucrats who decide our country's leadership. In many ways, President Trump is right. He is indeed, in “Their” way. The same thing can be said of all Republican presidential candidates who represent the freedoms we all covet. It's just that Trump seems to be the biggest thorn in Their side at the moment. Love, hate or fear him; it's not about Donald Trump, it's about a fellow Republican under prejudicial attack.

In sum, we have all witnessed how the Democrat Party sticks together to coalesce around even the most despicable, confirmed criminal politician if it means he is useful in furthering Their cause. If we use President Clinton or Inaugurated Biden as barometers of morality, the current Republican target is a pristine angel. Yet some prominent Republican political figures team up with fellow anti-Trumpers and [Democrat] Trump haters to rid American people of him. Oh yes, that makes complete sense; let's rid the country of a man that almost three quarters of Republicans still favor post-[politically motivated] indictments. It has little to do with

Democrat vs. Republican anymore and more to do with Trump ally vs. Trump hater. And instead of hate, it's fear. It does not start or stop with President Trump. But if he goes down; who will be next in their path of inequity? Ron DeSantis? Vivek Ramaswamy? Another provocative Republican? You betcha.

Dismantlement of a centralized ideological government, full of power-hungry elected officials who also seemingly support a two-tier system of justice should be the objective. Instead, we fail to stick together and fight the corruption we have all allowed to perpetuate and grow within our government and which has given birth to an unprecedented system of partiality. And we Republicans quickly find ourselves in front of the metaphorical circular firing squad with once fiercely respected ex-officials leading the cadence. Blind passionate hatred of one polarizing figure distracts from exposing the real cancer in our United States Government; whether it be the Deep State, Socialism or misguided Democrats. No one is asking Republicans to compromise their ethics- but we must refocus as a party and pick our battles. Find the true objective. It is not Donald Trump. It is restoring the Peoples' House. If we do not shake our own hang-ups and get in “Their” way; we will have gotten in our own.

It's JULY and another great month to invite **GOD** back into your life! He's waiting.

Hope your Independence Day was memorable.





# The Constitutional Corner

## EQUAL JUSTICE:

By Lori Burns

What does it mean to be societal equal? Does it mean sameness? Does it mean equal outcomes? Is it the same as fairness? As defined by the Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence, we believe that all men are created equal and with the divinely protected rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Clearly that does not make us the same, it does not guarantee outcomes nor does it mean that life will be fair. Any parent that didn't teach you that life is unfair did you a grave disservice. It is not the role of government to even attempt to provide "equality" or "fairness" of outcomes. Yet sadly, for too many years, our country trampled the opportunity of our black citizens to pursue life, liberty and happiness as they wished. Slavery will remain a black mark on our nation's history. Oppression brought about by the segregation

the Democrat party so loved, was only a slight step up from slavery. At long last, when the Republican Party through Abraham Lincoln and a Republican majority in congress forced the ugly racist, Lyndon B. Johnson, to embrace de-segregation did we began to live up to our Constitutional mandate of equality. Reformation of the laws that prevented women and minorities from voting were the final blow to the foolish, short-sighted, archaic notions of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

By no means are we a perfect nation. Clearly our government is riddled with corrupt and self-serving politicians and bureaucrats. But that does not negate the progress we have made. It has been said in America that justice is blind. That has been true...sometimes. There was no justice for

slaves. Therefore, we strive to do better and learn from the past. The solution lies in Constitutional principles. Every citizen has the right to a speedy trial, a jury and a defense. It is imperative that every citizen, from the President on down, is treated the same under the law. The law should be applied evenly based on the law—not feelings. We are teetering on the brink of becoming a banana republic with separate systems of justice for the elites and the rest of us. We will not survive as a republic if this continues. We must vote for those who will commit to equal justice under the law and adhere strictly to the Constitutional principles that provide us with the opportunities for greatness.

## WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY

### **PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)**

Terms began -  
December 1, 2022.

If you do not know  
your Precinct  
number, you can  
find it at:

<https://voter.votew.a.gov/>

Submit your name  
and birthday & click  
registration link to  
get your precinct  
number.

PCOs are such  
important  
connections  
between the people  
and the candidates.  
Please let us know if  
you do not have a  
PCO in your  
precinct.

<https://wsrp.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/2022-PCO-Manual.pdf>

### **Would you consider volunteering**

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Excerpt from a column published in September 2016, reporting on a judicial candidate forum for the Washington Supreme Court. **Did you vote? Will you help close the undervote gap in 2024?**

[https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2016/sep/30/sue-lani-madsen-supreme-court-races-are-under-the-/](https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2016/sep/30/sue-lani-madsen-supreme-court-races-are-under-the/)

Washington voters are faced with competitive races for not one but three seats on the Washington Supreme Court. Last Wednesday night, all six candidates appeared on the Gonzaga campus at a forum organized by the League of Women Voters.

The McCleary decision on school funding and the ruling to block charter schools inspired a small bipartisan group of legislators, including former U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, to recruit challengers.

With limited information, judicial elections see a pattern of under-voting compared to the top of the ticket. According to records provided by Secretary of State Kim Wyman, 96.8% of those casting a ballot in the 2012 general election voted in the gubernatorial race, while only 77.3% voted in the single contested Supreme Court race on the same ballot. The 20% gap has held steady for the last four primary and general elections.

When asked about reconciling personal beliefs with the law, all agreed it is the highest duty of a judge to overcome personal opinion and focus on the law. While differences in personal experience and perspective can inform questions, in the end it's about the state constitution. Judge Dave Larson called it "liberating" to set personal opinions aside to focus on the law. Justice Mary Yu pointed out the other judges around the table hold you to the standard.

Not discussed was how the current court lacks diversity of perspective around that table. Of the nine current judges, only Justice Debra Stephens can claim eastern Washington as a significant part of her personal and professional life. David DeWolf and Greg Zempel hope to add geographic diversity to the court. Both are from eastern Washington. Zempel would be the only member of the court to have experience as a prosecuting attorney.

Elections are how judges are held accountable to the people, but it only works if we the people make informed decisions. Washington voters need to step up this year and close the 20% under-voting gap.

Postscript: All three 2016 challengers lost. Additional information at [www.votingforjudges.org](http://www.votingforjudges.org)

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## 2024 Washington Gubernatorial Election

We have not had a Republican Governor elected since 1980. It is time to change – no – stop the destruction of this beautiful state and its inhabitants. Democrats had their chance – they blew it. Our state is a trend-setter for all the wrong policies and laws. Let's give conservative Republicans a chance to stop the harm done to our citizens by progressive policies.

Remember that we have a "top-two" primary voting system. With hard work and collaboration, it is possible to have Republicans as our top two! Primaries are held on August 6, 2024. General election is on November 5, 2024. Make 2025 a referendum on Democrats who have turned this state into a blue territory of damaging policies.

*A complete list of Spokane GOP endorsements and recommendations will begin to take shape over the next few months. Our objective is to get Republicans elected in this state. Continue to check our web site for vetted candidates. Thus far our endorsements can be found here: <https://www.spokanegop.com/>*

**Turn WASHINGTON RED again.**

### BETSY WILKERSON

The influences on Betsy Wilkerson, Spokane Council member: Accepting money from the Democrat side of our state – *The West side of Washington.*

[https://www.ontheball509.com/news/moneybomb?mibextid=Zxz2cZ&fbclid=IwAR3QZG3xZ2FQm6xRTfpw6Mtl6NN1-8xr\\_MvvhLqFI2yB4QILygFknSFFSBU](https://www.ontheball509.com/news/moneybomb?mibextid=Zxz2cZ&fbclid=IwAR3QZG3xZ2FQm6xRTfpw6Mtl6NN1-8xr_MvvhLqFI2yB4QILygFknSFFSBU)

## 2019-20 HB 1087

*Brief Description: Concerning long-term services and supports.*

*Sponsors: House Committee on Appropriations - ALL Democrats*

*Passed by the House April 23, 2019 Yeas 55 Nays 41*

*Passed by the Senate April 16, 2019 Yeas 26 Nays 22*

\$.58 cents out of every \$100 you earn at your job goes into a state controlled "personal account" for your long-term medical care. Opting out became impossible due to people overwhelming private insurance companies by tricking the system; policies stopped being offered. The real kicker is you may not even "qualify" to use YOUR money if you need it. There are no real answers to what happens if you die, move from the state, quit work...

Washington Policy Center is following any new developments. Links below for your review detailing the law.

<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/centers/detail/center-for-health-care> or <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/centers/detail/center-for-worker-rights>.

<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/new-state-run-program-will-not-fix-long-term-care-crisis-nor-should-it-offer-peace-of-mind-to-workers-forced-to-fund-it>.

## Referendum-101. Protect Parents' Rights and Kids' Safety

**(2023) SB 5599** (Allows runaway and homeless youth to stay in select state licensed shelters **without parental notification**. The bill also strips parental consent when a minor seeks certain medical procedures like the deceptively termed, "gender-affirming" treatment).

Even with a July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to sign and submit petitions on the referendum for November's ballot, there may be time to continue gathering petitions. Please contact **Spokane Valley City Council Candidate Rob Chase, 509-954-3829** with any questions. Thank you for all your help. Stay tuned for updates.

## SAVE THE DATES

Saturday  
August 12, 2023

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

10 am  
Spokane Riverfront Park

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## LEGISLATIVE WATCH

Keep track of "Good", "Bad" and the "Ugly" bills in the legislature: **WSRP Olympia Watch**, <https://wsrp.org/olympia-watch/>. Watch the progress of the bills. Contact your legislators to voice your support or opposition. Your input is critical. Find bills at <http://leg.wa.gov>. Add the bill number to get the text, summary, when a public hearing will occur and videos of hearings. When a bill has passed out of one chamber, you can also see who voted "yea" and "nay" by clicking on View Roll Call.

Ponderosa Republican Women, PRW

<http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

House Republicans

<https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/2021/02/01/how-you-can-be-involved-in-the-legislative-process/>

Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time? Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position. If interested in helping with the Communications Committee or submitting work, you **MUST** meet the submission deadline. Contact Terri for more information at [terrizlevits@gmail.com](mailto:terrizlevits@gmail.com).