

Chairman's Chat

Lyle Dach,
SCRCC Vice Chair
Caucus & Convention Chair

This Issue: Property Rights - It is the right of all citizens to legally acquire, own, use and dispose of private property. It is your right to protect your property with reasonable force against another person who is threatening to infringe upon your property.

Next Issue: Infrastructure (Energy/Utilities, Transportation and Technology) - We understand that government must continue to invest wisely in infrastructure and transportation projects, especially those critical to growth and safety and strive to be a leader in energy and information technologies through our free market system rather than with government intervention.

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Hello everyone!

Now that the Spokane County Convention is past us, it is time for a brief moment of reflection and outcomes.

Our planning process started last July with 16 people at the first meeting and then in October, we immediately got to work with the help of my Vice-Chair Committee Leader Debbie Smith and Events Coordinator Kellie Rizzi. Debbie, Kellie and I would work through many meetings, and obstacles together. They both are the best team leaders you could ask for! We all quickly assembled multiple teams and volunteers to complete this massive task. During the planning phase we had to shift our convention location because of too high-ticket prices and lower than expected attendance at the Caucuses. We quickly pivoted and were able to achieve all of our goals, saving attendees money, and providing better hospitality to our guests. This also allowed us to control costs much more efficiently. It proved to be a win all the way around!! The CONVENTION was a HUGE success!! Many of the political veterans said it was the best convention they have ever attended!! We had many candidates running for office in attendance, several vendor booths, food all day, and even a straw poll for attendees to engage in. Some of my favorite highlights were the singing of our National Anthem by Elaine Olp, the presentation of colors by the Royal Rangers from Valley Assembly Church and our elected Sergeant at Arms Sheriff John Nowels.

When running an event of this magnitude, there are so many people that should be recognized and thanked, but that would take more words than afforded here. In total we had 3 committees, all SCRCC District Leaders, and well over 100 volunteers, all umbrellaed under the Caucus and Convention Committee/Team. I would like to give a special thanks to John Christina for all of his valuable advice throughout the entire process, John Scherling our Platform and Resolutions Chair, and MJ Bolt our Rules Committee and overall Chair. Also, I would like to thank Valley Assembly Church for allowing us the opportunity to host the event at their facility.

After all is said and done, we have elected 211 Delegates and 40 Alternates to the State Convention on April 18-20th. This event will be hosted in our own backyard by the WSRP at the Convention Center downtown Spokane. The Spokane GOP is looking forward to having a large presence and involvement there. We also look forward to representing Spokane Republicans well!

Blessings & In Liberty!
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Must Be Nice; Living in a Vacuum..

By Juli Skinner

It's evident that the current ruling Party of our era devalues property rights and American lives (*unless of course, it serves a political purpose*). Atrocities flourish through negation and bad policy, leaving average Americans feeling unsafe in their own home and country. Despite variables and countless omissions by the Left (*i.e., 2024 crime rates can be lower BUT still higher than in 2019*), any uptick in violent crime naturally correlates with increased immigration and/or deterioration of social norms; two striking examples at odds with the concept of our protection rights. Both failures fall at the feet of the Radical Left Democrat Party and Establishment politicians who want power **AT ALL COST, AT OUR COST**. Being soft on crime is only one vehicle in which to achieve this goal. Rolling out the red carpet for illegals taking full advantage of the hospitality is another.

We cannot hear stories of crime against people and property on the Texas border and not be affected. Farmers and ranchers lose property by the hands of illegals. "Stragglers" and garbage left behind add to fear and filth and families face violent encounters as illegal aliens attempt to force entry into their homes. The same is true for hundreds of property owners in close proximity to points of illegal entry.

<https://texasfarmbureau.org/immigration-crisis-harms-texas-farmers-and-ranchers-too/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tx8m9RQNEfo>

Leftists minimize alien-on-citizen assaults, arguing that citizens are killed by fellow citizens every day. Well, thank you for your empathy. Millions of illegals come unvetted, virtually invisible to law enforcement until a major crime is committed. How many petty crimes preceded the arrest? No one knows. There's no prior paper trail, arrest record and no ability to apply the same search techniques as with an established citizen. Furthermore, if a suspected offender actually gets arrested in a sanctuary city, they are quickly released, proving that if one fits a certain profile, amnesty will be granted. Americans feel angry, frustrated and the partiality leaves them feeling abandoned by their own government.

When we buy, invest or inherit something of value, be it livelihood, sentimental, personal security or other, it becomes ours to protect. Equally, under the umbrella of "property", we have the right to protect our loved ones. If someone burns down our home or business, robs, rapes or kills our loved ones, we seek justice. It is a basic human response to basic



human savagery. *HOW* gets eclipsed by *WHY*. When *WHY* proves fruitless, we ask, "could it have been prevented?". Yes, with insight and discipline to put our selfish needs last; not if we live in a vacuum, grasping onto what we want to hear from our peer group. Immigrant crime can be prevented; BLM (*not Bureau of Land Management*) riots could have been too if the Left truly loved this country and chose to turn down the temperature for the good of the country, not themselves. Some want "Jan 6" events included in this context of mayhem and prevention. Although it doesn't quite rise to the level of disorder that the Left owning media would like us to believe, we can indulge if it means contradicting their narrative.

It is absolutely despicable when (*Morning Joe*) Mika and Beaker (*Muppet character*) and their equally pathetic pathological transparent cohorts try to gaslight and project their antagonistic agendas onto us and no one in the media dares to challenge their narrative. Dare they liken Jan 6 participants to "insurrectionists" while excusing the wave of terror by BLM riots? Yes, they dare.

<https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/morning-joe-rips-fox-news-150631219.html>

Any village joker can follow the script. It takes high moral clarity to get down to brass tacks and line up facts to reality no matter the outcome. *Beaker, there was 1 homicide at the Capitol steps; at least 25 during BLM riots. About \$2 Million in damage at the Capitol; \$1-2 Billion insured damage during BLM riots. Stop extrapolating on a false premise. We shouldn't call them liars; we can lie too, but it is our moral clarity keeping us honest. Why do you think Republicans jump ship when one of us does something wrong? MORAL CLARITY. It is both a gift and a curse!*

When did the hatred of our country actually begin? FDR Socialism? 60's subculture hippies who spat on returning Vietnam Soldiers? BLM? We can debate all we want. It is here because we let it. The big picture: Tear it down and rebuild in the Leftists' image even if it means dismantling our rights one by one; pushing false narratives until it cements; sacrificing our innocent citizens. The destruction of America is by design and it will continue until we shut the vacuum off and empty the bag.

GOD knows your heart.

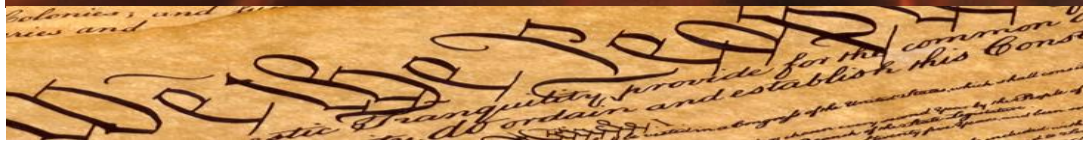
OUR WSRP CHAIR

JIM WALSH: "The main measure of success here is simple:

At the precinct caucuses, get good people elected as delegates to the county conventions. But there are other goals, too. Attract new people to WAGOP. Give them a forum. Encourage new and existing activists about WAGOP policies and candidates. Energize them to stay engaged through November. And beyond."

211 delegates were elected on March 2 at the Spokane County Convention. Delegates are being elected to the **WAGOP State Convention to be held in Spokane April 18-20.**

As Jim Walsh said: "This will be a State Convention unlike any other in years. The delegates (2,500 are planned) will nominate and endorse Republican candidates for the nine statewide executive positions (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Atty. General, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Insurance Commissioner), the 10 U.S. Congress positions and the one U.S. Senate position on the ballot in 2024." It is important that we all get involved and nominate excellent candidates that support our GOP principles; candidates that will have our support and can raise the funds to get elected.



The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

Property Rights?

We operate under the assumption that in a democratic republic we have the right to hold property. The Constitution does not specifically address citizen's property rights, but it seems we could safely assume that the ninth and tenth amendments protect that right as the Constitution does not prohibit it. I am not a constitutional law expert, so I may be missing something, but perhaps it is time we enumerated those rights before they are completely gone.

Far too often in this modern era, the government at every level places all kinds of restrictions on property that seem to fly in the face of freedom. Can anyone tell me where in the Constitution the government has the authority to do the following: prohibit the use of fossil fuels? force citizens to buy battery powered vehicles? place severe restrictions on the type of A/C that may be used? limit the kinds of appliances we are allowed to buy? allow non-property owners to place heavy, crippling property taxes on property owners? empower the federal government to grab land in state after state (particularly in the West), locking up the lands we own and keeping the citizens out? This list could go on for days, sadly. Where are our rights to manage our own property? How did we get to a place where HOA's may determine

whether private citizens can fly the American flag on their own property?

An even more glaring offense is the invasion happening at our southern border that is now spreading to the Canadian border. The United States is not owned by the government—it belongs to its citizens. The government is meant to protect and defend our rights! Instead, they are being trampled by this administration and crazed liberal policies in general while our land is being overrun. Where are the property rights of the border citizens who live in fear and must be armed constantly? Where are the rights of both adults and children to our most sacred property, our bodies, (citizen and non-citizen alike) who are trafficked, raped, abused and enslaved? Where are the rights of business owners in cities like Spokane, Seattle, Portland, etc. that have been robbed, vandalized, and eventually forced to close? Where are the rights of taxpayers who fund everything in this country and then have their services reduced or eliminated in order to prioritize the demands of non-citizens and lawbreakers?

It begs the question: Do we actually have property rights? If you have ever had the misfortune of building a home in Washington, you would know that we have few to none. This, on a microscopic scale, represents the attitude across government entities that our rights are few, our restrictions are many and our dollars are our own until they come and take them.

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.votewa.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?

A BIG "THANK YOU" to the new-this-year Spokane GOP Legislative Action Committee and Chair Stephanie Brenden, and, all who signed up to receive emails, then contacted legislators in support or opposition to the hundreds of bills being proposed. **In spite of our Democrat controlled state, you made a big difference in what happened in the legislature this year!**

Please sign up to receive future emails with information about proposed bills that we support or oppose.

<https://www.spokanegop.com/legislative-action-team-sign-up>

Background: Spokane City Parks decided on a site for a regional dog park and notification to neighboring private property owners both inside and outside the city was absent or inadequate. Property owners spoke up:

The controversial Upriver site is on the border between city and county, affecting residents in both jurisdictions. City Council members Jonathan Bingle and Michael Cathcart attended Tuesday's meeting. About 50 people filled the school cafeteria tables at Cooper Elementary. County Commissioner Amber Waldref was noticeably absent and did not respond to a request for comment. In their defense, Parks department staff were focused on carrying out the Park Board resolution, which directed them to consider alternative designs and not alternative sites. They were using a standard public design meeting agenda and a list of 15 amenities to be ranked. But the audience was clearly not going to play along and had their own agenda. They came prepared with photos and presentations of site characteristics incompatible with a dog park. As one longtime Upriver Drive resident pointed out, when the police academy is training with flash-bangs a big dog can easily clear a 6 foot fence. They wanted to vote.

It was getting a little heated when Bingle stepped up. "Our ears are open," he said. He started counting heads in the room and proposed a vote. "If you hate the idea, raise your hand." Thirty-one hands shot up. Norman asked if she could add the 375 signatures she and her neighbors had collected on petitions against the Upriver site, and Bingle said yes.

It was bureaucracy meets democracy. This neighborhood wants to see investment in recreation facilities and amenities but just not here. As a Minnehaha neighbor said: "Maybe this isn't the right thing but maybe we can find something better in the future." The question is, will the Park Board have their ears open when they meet on Thursday, or will the failure to communicate continue?

The rest of the story: The Park Board listened and the site was dropped. Stay informed and be ready to speak up. Reprinted with permission of the author, Sue Lani Madsen, freelance columnist. Subscribe at <https://suelanimadsen.substack.com/> Excerpt from a column first published June 8, 2023 in The Spokesman-Review. For the complete column see <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2023/jun/08/sue-lani-madsen-neighborhood-wants-to-be-heard-on/>

***Primary - August 6, 2024 2024 Washington Gubernatorial Election *General - November 5, 2024.**

This is what a Democrat [mayor] does in Spokane

Did she just apologize for our police department doing their job?! GET HER OUT OF HERE before our beautiful city turns into a dirty, lawless, dangerous, uncivilized sanctuary city.

https://www.khq.com/news/spokane-mayor-releases-statement-on-recent-shootings/article_9be0a52c-ca15-11ee-b765-b3a9b53970d6.html

Dear Ms. Brown, with all due "respect", you have no idea what it is like to wear a uniform and provide safety and protection to the community. You have no idea what goes through a law officer's mind and what decisions an officer must make while contacting someone as their Pitbull charges you, interviewing a sweet old man accused of molesting his grandchild(ren), investigating the surroundings of a suicide – while he still hangs in the room you are in, trying to control and cuff a very combative teenage runaway, covering your partner as he secures weapons (guns) in a car you just pulled over, clearing a very large dark warehouse as an alarm sounds and being called a "pig" AND WORSE. Put on a uniform and walk in the shoes of the officer, just one week, downtown, then, you can try to apologize for their actions! Instead, try apologizing for yourself.

What is she going to do? Hire de-escalation counselors? Then the police will have to respond to a call to rescue the counselor too. Get real. Get out! My GOD we do not need that type of "leader" in this conservative city.

VOTE THE DEMS OUT!!! Gubernatorial Primary on August 6th 2024.

Republican Candidates for Governor

Semi Bird (endorsed by the Spokane County GOP) AND **Dave Reichert**

At the WSRP Convention in Spokane in April, a planned 2,500 delegates will endorse Republican candidates for all state offices. If you are a Delegate or Alternate, register at <https://wsrp.org/convention/> and find information on the State Convention. Delegates must register by March 18 and Promoted Alternates, by March 25. An Alternate will be promoted to replace any Delegate that has not registered. Other Alternates have until March 29 to register. You do not have to be a Delegate to attend the State Conventions but only Delegates may vote. Guests may also register on the convention website.

WHY VOTE? BECAUSE THEY DO!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GOP calendar

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

April 18 - 20
2024

WA State
Republican
Convention
Spokane

July 15 - 18
2024

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National
Convention

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES IN WASHINGTON as 2024 REGULAR SESSION ENDS:

THE HIGHLIGHT: Passage of THREE out of SIX initiatives will soon take effect. *I-2113*, restores reasonable police pursuit; *I-2081*, establishes parental notification rights; and *I-2111* codifies Washington's longstanding tradition of no personal income tax. **Democrat lawmakers declined to hold public hearings on I-2117, officially known as the Climate Commitment Act (a repeal of the egregious cap-and trade scheme); I-2109, a repeal of the capital gains tax; and I-2124, an opt-out of Washington's disastrous long-term care retirement program. They will appear on the November ballot for voters to decide whether or not they become law.** One of the worst bills to pass at Governor Inslee's insistence during the final hours of the legislature is ESHB 1589. The new law will allow Puget Sound Energy to move away from natural gas. Read further details at <https://wsrp.org/legislative-session-signals-turning-point-for-wagop-and-all-washingtonians/>

For more policy issues and petitions, go to <https://letsgowashington.com/>

"TO FLORIDE or not to FLORIDE OUR CHILDREN".

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/fluoride-trial-week-1-takeaways-neurotoxic-effects/>
Read the latest in the landmark fluoride trial, *putting Fluoride Action Network against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*. The trial concluded in San Francisco federal court on February 20, <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/landmark-fluoride-trial-final-day-us-water-fluoridation-future/>. We wait for a decision by U.S District Court Judge Edward Chen. That decision could affect more than 200 million Americans who drink fluoridated water **AND** Spokane residents who are continually pushed to add fluoride to our water.

Time to Take Action. https://www.spokanegop.com/legislative_action_team_sign_up

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

WA Legislature regular session ended March 8. Bills that have passed both the House and Senate were sent to Gov. Inslee to sign, veto all or parts. If he does nothing, the bill becomes law after a number of days. Keep track at <https://governor.wa.gov/office-governor/office/official-actions/bill-actions>.

If you have some time, familiarize yourself with the loads of information you as a voter have at your fingertips. With a Bill number and year, you can access a great deal of information. Visit <http://leg.wa.gov>. You can also visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>.

Watch the progress of BILLS, get the text, summary, public hearing information and videos and when a Bill has passed out of one chamber, you can see who voted "yea" and "nay" by clicking on View Roll Call.

Keep track of "Good", "Bad" and the "Ugly" bills in the legislature: **WSRP Olympia Watch**, <https://wsrp.org/olympia-watch/>. Other resources: <https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/our-priorities/>.

Contact your legislators to voice your support or opposition. Your input is critical.

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/>

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