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11th LD Democrats Newsletter

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tu, Sep 18th, 7—9:00 PM, 11th LD Democrats, Renton Carpenters Hall
Th, Sep 20th, 6:30-8:30 PM, Social Security Works training.



Auburn Good Old Days Parade
Saturday Aug 12th

[Jay Inslee](#)—Gubernatorial Candidate



[Karen Porterfield](#)— 8th CD Rep Candidate

Primary Election Results*

<u>US Senator*</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Maria Cantwell	772058	55.66%
Michael Baumgarther	417141	30.07%
<u>US Representative, 8th Congressional District:</u>		
Karen Porterfield	37083	28.35%
Dave Reichert	66220	50.62%
<u>Governor</u>		
Jay Inslee	664,534	47.13%
Rob McKenna	604,872	42.9%
<u>Secretary of State</u>		
Kathleen Drew	289,052	21.73%
Kim Wyman	528,754	39.75%
<u>State Treasurer</u>		
Jim McIntire	925,850	100%
<u>State Auditor</u> (Check this out. There were 3 Democratic candidates!)		
Troy Kelley	291,335	22.98%
James Watkins	584,444	46.09%
<u>Attorney General</u>		
Bob Ferguson	685,346	51.68%
Reagan Dunn	506,524	38.2%

*Check the links, <ctrl>Click, to the complete list of results for each office. These data only indicate the top two General Election candidates.

Primary Election Results (Continued)

Commissioner of Public Lands

Peter J Goldmark	683,448	51.88%
Clint Didier	540,907	41.06%

Insurance Commissioner

Mike Kreidler	712,095	54.91%
John R. Adams	279,052	21.52%

State Senator—11th Legislative District

Bob Hasegawa	14,729	67.38%
Kristin Thompson	7,126	32.62%

State Representative Pos. 1 —11th Legislative District

Zack Hudgins	12,653	71.14%
Jim Flynn	5,134	28.86%

State Representative Pos. 2 —11th Legislative District

Steve Bergquist	6,074	28.04%
Sarah Sanoy-Wright	5,451	25.16%

King County Precinct Committee Officers

There are too many Precincts to list. Go to the link and download the complete results.

Social Security Speaker Training

Sep 20th 6:30—8:30 pm

Labor Council 2800 1st AVE, Seattle

Social Security has become a political issue. There are proposals to modify the program. Some proposals would extend the life of the current program. Some would reduce access to Social Security benefits.

Social Security Works WA, a coalition committed to protecting and strengthening Social Security is creating a Speakers Bureau of people who can speak publically on how we can preserve and improve Social Security. (For more information on Social Security Works WA, go to ssworkswa.org.)

They will train interested individuals to speak to groups (from small to large) about Social Security's history, status, and future security. The 2 hour training will equip people who want to go out and speak about Social Security and provide a strong coherent presentation. They will also have various tools that speakers can use to make their presentations more effective.

People who want to be trained should be willing to seek opportunities to speak to their union, church, community/neighborhood organization, or workplace .

The first two hour training will be Sept. 20, Thursday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. promptly, in Hall 7 at the Labor Temple, 2800 1st AVE, Seattle.

There is a limit of 10 participants for the first speaker training session. They will sign up participants on a first come first serve basis. If there are more people who wish to be trained than they can accommodate, they will conduct additional classes.

To sign up, email Robby Stern at President@psara.org or call (206) 448-9646 and leave a message.

**11th LD Democrats General Membership
Tuesday September 18, 2012**

Seattle Times Sep. 1, 2012

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[The Times recommends: Thompson, Hudgins and Bergquist in the 11th District](#)

“For state Senate in the 11th District The Seattle Times editorial board endorses Kristin Thompson, the Republican opponent of Rep. Bob Hasegawa, who opposed needed state reforms.”

The conservative Seattle Times will be upset when Bob Hasegawa wins dramatically.

Obama vs Romney

Much is being argued these days about who will be your worst enemy in the White House; complete with implications, inferences, half-truths, and outright lies as part of the "political speech". In an effort to gain a better understanding, I did some research; actually reading most of Paul Ryan's budget numbers, then checking out the non-partisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Here is a summary of my research on Medicare and the Budget, with a summary of comparative policies drawn from my research.

Hope this helps, as we "spread the word".

Paula Joneli
33rd District Democrats

Obama/Biden Medicare Cuts	Romney/Ryan's Medicare Cuts
Reduces reimbursements paid to Medicare Advantage plans to minimize subsidies to insurance companies, private providers, & Big Pharma	Allows insurance companies, private providers, and Big Pharma to continue collecting excessive reimbursements regardless of care provided
Closes "donut hole" in Prescription Drug Coverage & allows Medicare to negotiate drug costs for bulk discounts (like the VA)	Leaves "donut hole" in place and continues to require Medicare to pay full retail prices for all pharmaceuticals
Rewards doctors and hospitals for efficiencies that result in better patient outcomes costing less money	Leaves in place a system that rewards quantity over quality; ie, excessive and duplicate tests and procedures
Reduces critical care costs by increasing preventive care coverage; i.e., no co-pays for annual physical exams, preventive care & tests; resulting in improved health & less costly critical care	Leaves in place ever-increasing co-pays for annual physical exams, preventive care and tests, necessitating more critical care for those with less financial ability
Redirects savings into increased Medicare and Medicaid coverages for annual physical exams and other preventive care	Provides an annual voucher of \$8,000 to all recipients to use for medical care or to purchase private insurance. Costs over the voucher amount are out-of-pocket.
Savings (cuts) = \$716 billion reinvested in Medicare, Medicaid, and Obamacare; resulting in healthier Americans	Savings (cuts) = \$716 billion re-directed to tax cuts, primarily for the top 2% of Americans; resulting in a wealthier top 2%

Obama/Biden Budget**Romney/Ryan Budget**

Decreases defense spending by eliminating unwanted and unneeded equipment. Caps military spending.

Increases defense spending to support "American Exceptionalism" around the world. Removes cap on military spending.

Increases top income tax rate (over \$250,000/yr) by 3.6%, Increases capital gains tax by 5%, taxes dividend income as ordinary (wage) income

Reduces top income tax rates by 16%, lowers tax rate on capital gains and dividend income to zero, repeals the Alternative Minimum Tax

Eliminates perpetual tax breaks and loopholes to Big Oil, Big Pharma, and other corporate entities

Maintains perpetual corporate tax breaks and loopholes for Big Oil, Big Pharma, and other corporate "persons"

Limits home mortgage interest deduction to mortgage balances \$500,000. or less

Eliminates individual tax breaks for employer-provided health coverage, home mortgage interest, 401K contributions, charitable giving, and property taxes

Fully funds Medicaid support to the States

De-funds Medicaid; places full burden on the States

Balanced budget in 2022

Balanced budget in 2050 (maybe)

"Paygo"; Pay as you go; Increase revenue to pay for additional expenditures

"Cutgo"; Cut as you go; Cut programs to pay for additional expenditures

Obama/Biden Policies**Romney/Ryan Policies**

A government that provides stewardship of all national resources; natural, human, intellectual, & economic.

A government that is an economic steward for individual and corporate earners.

Impose common sense regulations to protect citizens and nature from corporate abuse.

Deregulate corporations to enhance earnings potential & stockholder return on investment.

Foreign relations that respect all nations, beliefs, customs, & sovereignty

Foreign relations that put America first; supported by the threat of US military intervention

Domestic policies that favor individual choice and freedom; respectful of differences

Domestic policies that seek to impose individual restrictions based on specific religious or "moral" codes

State Measures

Initiative 1185 -2/3 Majority to raise taxes—This measure would restate existing statutory requirements that legislative actions raising taxes must be approved by two-thirds legislative majorities or receive voter approval, and that new or increased fees require majority legislative approval.
Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

Initiative 1240– Charter Schools- This measure would authorize up to forty publicly-funded charter schools open to all students, operated through approved, nonreligious, nonprofit organizations, with government oversight; and modify certain laws applicable to them as public schools.
Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

Referendum Measure 74– Marriage Equality The legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 concerning marriage for same-sex couples, modified domestic-partnership law, and religious freedom, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill.

This bill would allow same-sex couples to marry, preserve domestic partnerships only for seniors, and preserve the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony.

Should this bill be: Approved Rejected

Initiative 502—Marijuana Legalization— This measure would license and regulate marijuana production, distribution, and possession for persons over twenty-one; remove state-law criminal and civil penalties for activities that it authorizes; tax marijuana sales; and earmark marijuana-related revenues.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes No

Senate Joint Resolution 8221—Washington Debt Limit

The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on implementing the Commission on State Debt recommendations regarding Washington's debt limit.

This amendment would, starting July 1, 2014, phase-down the debt limit percentage in three steps from nine to eight percent and modify the calculation date, calculation period, and the term general state revenues.

Should this constitutional amendment be: Approved Rejected

Senate Joint Resolution 8223– State University investment rules

The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on investments by the University of Washington and Washington State University.

This amendment would create an exception to constitutional restrictions on investing public funds by allowing these universities to invest specified public funds as authorized by the legislature, including in private companies or stock.

Should this constitutional amendment be: Approved Rejected

Official Call
11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
September 18, 2012
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave N

Proposed Agenda
September 18, 2012 7:00 PM—Renton Machinists Hall

Call to Order
Financial Report
Old Business
Endorsements
New Business
DNC Report

LD Canvassing—GOTV Efforts

WSDCC
Yakima Meeting
Maggie Awards Banquet 10/6/12

KCDCC Report
Legislative Action Committee

Membership / PCO

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Adjourn

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