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VOTE! AND GET OUT THE VOTE!

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It seems that this might be the most consequential election in a long time. With five Washington State Supreme Court justice positions open, the restoration of parental rights over their school age children, the repeal of an unconstitutional income tax, and the safety and privacy of our women athletes all on the ballot, it is so important that every Conservative-minded person vote.

In addition, there is the alarming increase of Democratic Socialists of America candidates on the November ballot nation-wide. An examination of their platform reveals that they are not moving toward a Sweden-like socialism. They have radical changes in mind.

We need to alert every person we know that all of us need to vote. When it comes to the Washington State Supreme Court justices, we can contact people we know across the state. If we all voted, we could flip the Supreme Court.

People seem to think their vote won't count. We have to take the chance that it will count. The surest way for your vote not to count is not voting.

**Twisp Valley Grange
344 W 2nd Ave**

CANDIDATE FORUM

**Tuesday October 13
6:30 to 8pm**

Doors open 6 pm for Meet and Greet

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
Jon Neal & Trinity Stucker**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF
Jodie Barcus & Gisberth Gonzalez**

**FORUMS FOR ALL CANDIDATES ON OCTOBER BALLOT
WILL BE HELD IN OMAK SEPT. 29 & 30**

**FOR MORE INFO & Links to recordings
twispvalleygrange.org**

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Did You Know... Every two years, midterm elections determine who represents you in Congress and in most of our local county offices - influencing decisions on taxes, spending, public safety, and more. These elections can reshape the direction of our country—without a presidential race on the ballot!

Join your Okanogan County Republican party leadership at the Central Committee Meeting and bring a conservative friend or neighbor.

October 22th, Thursday

Potluck starts at 5:30 PM

Central Committee Meeting starts at 6:00 PM

Location: Cascade Bible Church, 1119 Hwy 20 S., Twisp



OKANOGAN COUNTY REPUBLICANS
FAITH ★ FAMILY ★ FREEDOM

Strong Conservative Leadership Matters

NOVEMBER ELECTION

WASHINGTON STATE SUPREME COURT
Our Recommendations

On your November ballot, you will vote for **5** Washington State Supreme Court Judges.
There are 9 Judges total on the Washington State Supreme Court.
This election is crucial.

POSITION 1	POSITION 3	POSITION 4	POSITION 5	POSITION 7
 SCOTT EDWARDS	 DAVID STEVENS	 SEAN O'DONNELL	 DAVE LARSON	 TODD A. BLOOM

It seems weird to vote yes, but...

VOTE YES
ON ALL THREE INITIATIVES.

- ☒ **YES**
STOP THE STATE INCOME TAX
(IP26-645)
- ☒ **YES**
PROTECT GIRLS SPORTS
(IL26-638)
- ☒ **YES**
PARENTS RIGHTS
(IL26-001)

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OKANOGAN COUNTY REPUBLICANS



OCR 2026 GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

★ FEDERAL

- ★ U.S. Representative –
Congressional District 4
Amanda McKinney

★ STATE

- ★ State Senator –
Legislative District 7
Shelly Short
- ★ State Representative
Position 1 – Legislative District 7
Andrew Engell
- ★ State Representative
Position 2 – Legislative District 7
Hunter Abell

★ PUD COMMISSIONER

- ★ Okanogan County PUD
Commissioner – District #1
Scott Vejraska

★ OKANOGAN COUNTY

- ★ Assessor – **Larry D Gilman**
- ★ Auditor – **Cari L Hall**
- ★ Clerk – **Susan Speiker**
- ★ County Commissioner District 3 –
Trinity Hightower Stucker
- ★ Coroner – **Gene Davis**
- ★ Prosecuting Attorney – **Albert Lin**
- ★ Sheriff (Short and Full Term) –
Jodie Barcus
- ★ Treasurer – **Pam Johnson**

★ RECOMMENDED JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

- ★ Justice Position #1 – Supreme Court
Scott Edwards
- ★ Justice Position #3 – Supreme Court
David Stevens
- ★ Justice Position #4 – Supreme Court
Sean O'Donnell
- ★ Justice Position #5 – Supreme Court
Dave Larson
- ★ Justice Position #7 – Supreme Court
Todd Bloom
- ★ Okanogan County District Court –
Position #1
Robert Grim
- ★ Okanogan County District Court –
Position #2
Charles Short

★ INITIATIVE MEASURES



IL26-001
Parental Rights in
Public Schools
– YES



IL26-638
Participation in
Female K-12 Athletics
– YES



IP26-645
State and Local
Income Taxes
– YES

Effective Door Knocking

~by Marcia Butchart

At the State Committee Meeting in June, Matt Brown, who helped flip all of Yakima County Red and became mayor of Yakima, gave a short presentation on how to do effective door knocking. Based on their successes, he had some observations to make.

There is no “good time” to knock on doors. Make a commitment to go at a certain time, such as every Sunday afternoon and evening.

Drive the neighborhood first to see if there are signs already out that give clues as to where the people stand.

Don’t knock on every door. That could lead to talking to voters who won’t ever vote or ever vote for conservative candidates.

About one-third of the people will answer the door.

“No Trespassing” means no trespassing. Don’t knock on those doors.

Don’t push; let them talk.

Use the visit as an opportunity to build relationships in the community, to discover the people’s concerns, track data, and share proper messaging.

When you find a cooperative person who is in agreement with our concerns and interests, ask if they would like a yard sign. Maybe they would want to volunteer. It is possible they might even want to become a PCO. You won’t know if you don’t ask.

Ask for a commitment: can I count on you for support? That does not mean financial support; the candidate has to do the fund-raising.

Emphasize our slate of endorsements, especially the initiatives (Yes, Yes, Yes) , and the five Washington State Supreme Court justices: Position 1: Scott Edwards; Position 3 David Stevens; Position 4 Sean O’Donnell; Position 5 Dave Larson; and Position 7 Todd Bloom.

In Okanogan County, we encourage people to go in pairs. You know the parts of your precinct to avoid where people would be hostile to strangers on their property. We don’t want door knocking to be the last thing you do!

There is so much at stake in this election; we need to do all we can to “Get Out the Vote!”

OCRIP Civic Education Series

~by Tina Holan

Over the past couple of years, the Okanogan County Republicans have made civic education an important part of our mission. We believe an informed community is better equipped to participate in government, hold elected officials accountable, and make thoughtful decisions at the ballot box. Through our social media and newsletters, we’ve worked to make local government a little easier to understand—because it’s difficult to engage with a system when you don’t know how it works.

We began at the grassroots level by explaining the role of the Precinct Committee Officer (PCO), then expanded our educational series to explore the elected offices and departments that serve Okanogan County. We’ve highlighted the responsibilities of the auditor, assessor, treasurer, sheriff, commissioners, judges and other elected officials, as well as the role of the judicial branch and how the different pieces of government fit together.

We’ve also taken a closer look at issues that directly affect local residents, including the county budget, and invited the public to weigh in through a community poll. Our goal has not simply been to tell people what to think, but to give them information, encourage them to ask questions, and help them understand how decisions are made and how they can have a voice in those decisions.

Good government depends on citizens who are willing to pay attention and participate—not just during an election year, but throughout the year. As we continue this work, we hope to encourage more people in Okanogan County to learn about their government, know who represents them, attend meetings, ask questions, communicate with their elected officials, and get involved. Faith, family, freedom are worth protecting, and informed, engaged citizens are an important part of doing just that.

The Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) are making news and raising concerns because seven of their candidates defeated incumbent or establishment Democrat candidates in the August primary. These wins shine a light on the fact that DSA candidates have been gaining more and more elected positions across the country at all different levels of government. Prominent ones that have gained nation-wide notoriety are Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Cori Bush, and Jamal Bowman. More recently, Zoran Madman was elected mayor of New York. We have watched them actively oppose President Trump's conservative agenda.

With the growing influence of the DSA in American politics, it is important to know what their objectives are. Their recent platform entitled, *Workers Deserve Better*, presents the four pillars of the changes they would like to make: Government and Democratic Reform; Economic Policy; Social and Community Welfare; Foreign Policy and Immigration.

In their own words, "It is a comprehensive policy program focused on shifting structural political and economic power away from corporations and into the hands of the working class."

Government and Democratic Reform

Abolish Institutions: Eliminating the U.S. Senate, the Electoral College, and the Supreme Court's power of judicial review, moving toward a parliamentary-style system.

Voting Rights: Extending universal voting rights to all permanent residents and individuals with criminal convictions, alongside District of Columbia statehood.

Electoral Overhaul: Banning lobbying and dark money while establishing mandatory public financing for all elections with ranked-choice voting.

Legislative Expansion: Expanding the size of the House of Representatives and implementing proportional representation.

Economic Policy

Public Ownership: Nationalizing large corporations, essential industries, major energy infrastructure, and transportation systems.

Labor Rights: Strengthening union organizing protections, expanding strike rights, and establishing a federally mandated 32-hour workweek with no reduction in pay.

Taxation: Imposing aggressive wealth taxes and significantly raising corporate tax rates.

Social and Community Welfare

Healthcare and Education: Enacting single-payer Medicare for All (including reproductive and gender-affirming care), canceling student debt, and making public higher education tuition-free.

Housing and Families: Constructing social housing, implementing nationwide rent control, and providing universal childcare with paid family leave.

Criminal Justice: Moving toward the abolition of mass incarceration, ending cash bail, and demilitarizing or defunding traditional police forces.

Foreign Policy and Immigration

Defense Spending: Substantially reducing the U.S. military budget, closing foreign military bases, and ending overseas interventions.

Global Standing: Advocating for Palestinian rights, including ending U.S. aid to Israel, and lifting international economic sanctions.

Immigration: Dismantling Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), demilitarizing borders, and establishing pathways to legal amnesty for migrants.

Above platform summary prepared by Google AI.

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These are radical changes. Dr. Jordan Peterson, Doctor of Clinical Psychology and public intellectual, was a member of the New Democrat Party in Canada when he was a teen. He pulled away from them when he discovered how power-hungry the people leading the movement were and how little they cared about the actual needs of the poor. They just hated the rich. He researched intensively the regimes of the 20th century which started from these kinds of ideas and resulted in authoritarian control and shared poverty, plus the deaths of millions of people when the people who created jobs and produced food were killed.

In many public addresses, Dr. Peterson has cautioned young people who are embracing radical change against thinking they can change the nation when they can't even organize their own lives in an orderly way. He observed that it is much easier to tear down than to build.

The Democrats have been siding with some of the far-left policies. The Biden administrations' actions and our own Washington State laws have shown us what happens when some of these ideas are introduced. Open border, defund the police, and no cash bail resulted in increased lawlessness. It also caused an exodus of law enforcement officers. Washington State has fewer law enforcement officers per capita than any other state. The residents of Twisp felt the sting of that when they were without a police force for two years, after their police chief, Paul Burrow, was elected sheriff.

One of the initiatives on this year's ballot (IL 26-001) deals with the fact that in Washington State the Superintendent of Public Instruction believes that parents do not have the right to know what is going on with their children at school. They believe the State knows better if a child should pursue gender transition from as early as 13 years of age without the parents even being notified. That is a Marxist agenda: replacing family with government.

We just celebrated the 250th Anniversary of our United States of America. The Soviet Union lasted 67 years. There is a reason we have lasted so long. Our founding fathers understood human nature. They understood that laws are necessary to set boundaries for human nature, but laws can only go so far. John Adams wrote: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

On the other hand, the Soviet Union and its various components attacked religion. In Albania under Communism, all the clergy were rounded up and forced to recant their faith or die. Those who refused to deny their God were pushed off the cliffs overlooking the Adriatic Sea. In Romania, Lutheran Pastor Richard Wurmbrand was beaten nightly in prison because he would not deny his faith. Religious persecution was a hallmark of the USSR. In this time, Christians in China are controlled and persecuted. That is a Marxist agenda: replacing God with government.

If the DSA ultimately gains power, history tells us that it is likely that we will lose the things we value the most: Faith, Family, and Freedom.

But our Constitution give us a right that could help preserve the freedoms we enjoy. It is the right to vote. Please Vote!

PLEASE VOTE!

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote."

— George Jean Nathan

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