

Web News Update

Please note that there will be no pre-meeting Issues discussion group this month. The [room is available](#) from 6 pm to 7 pm for committee meetings, as always, should anyone desire and of course assistance with room set-up is always appreciated.

A Message from the Chair

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Last night I was privileged to attend a fund raiser for Darcy featuring Stephen Stills. (You bloggers can Google him. Download his songs to your Ipods. You may not know who Stephen Stills is, but you'll know his music.)

Darcy, as usual, was at her best. She spoke only briefly to introduce Stills. The event was well attended and generally upbeat. Stills related that, at a recent concert, some corporate lawyers walked out on the protest songs. He told them, "Thanks for the money."

I was bummed out by our state Supreme Court's ability to parse how "equality" can be divided: I may have been the only grump there. (For full letter click [here](#))

General Meeting Aug. 2

There are several important issues that will be on the agenda at this month's [general meeting](#). We will be discussing initiative [I 933](#) and there will be a guest speaker to discuss [I 937](#), the renewable energy initiative.

Main topics will include the report from the endorsement committee and endorsements of candidates and of positions on ballot initiatives

Initiative 937

A broad-based coalition of businesses, environmental organizations, labor and concerned citizens in Washington State is starting a campaign to place an initiative on the November 2006 ballot that will benefit the state's economy, environment and rural communities. The Washington Energy Security initiative will guarantee that by 2020, 15% of the electricity from Washington's largest utilities comes from plentiful and home-grown renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar, and help homeowners and businesses save on energy bills by assuring that we get all the cost-saving energy efficiency available in this state. Supporters include:

- U.S. Congressman Jay Inslee
- Bullitt Foundation President Denis Hayes
- Audubon Washington

- Climate Solutions
- Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington
- NW Energy Coalition
- NW Energy Efficiency Council
- NW SEED
- Renewable Northwest Project
- Sierra Club (Cascade Chapter)
- United Steelworkers
- WashPIRG

For a complete copy of I937 [click here](#). For information on the yes on I 937 [click here](#).

Initiative 933

I-933 creates a “pay or waive” system that will force taxpayers to pay millions of dollars to stop irresponsible development or exempt certain people from the law. I-933 is a poorly written law that will place additional unfair burdens on Washington taxpayers for years to come.

For a copy of the complete initiative click [here](#). For more information on the No on I 933 campaign click [here](#).

Parades

The parades were on the whole successful this year but as always the turnout could have been greater. If you have never participated in one of the parades or volunteered at our information booth you can browse the [photo gallery](#) and get an idea of what you have missed. Hopefully you will join us next year.

Could we get your feedback? Let us know how we can do better next year by contacting [Lynn Norwood](#). Please put parades in the subject line. Thanks!

Letters to the Editor

Watch for a revival of this important committee as the November elections near.

See you at the meeting
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