

Clallam County Republican Party County Convention

Passed Resolutions – 2010

The Resolutions passed at the Clallam County Republican Party Convention on April 10, 2010 are as follows:

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#1 - Resolution: Ways to Cut Government Waste

Whereas: Evergreen Freedom Foundation (EFF) is a nationally recognized research foundation dedicated to efficiently in government and the cause of American Freedom, and

Whereas: Bob Williams, its founder was a longtime Washington legislator before seeking election as Governor of the State of Washington and loss did not deter him from dedicating his career to cost cutting and righting unconstitutional practices, and

Whereas: Some of EFF finds have been upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court, it is fitting to recognize and recommend EFF's article in February, 2010, Living Liberty findings as stated "The Top Ten Ways to cut waste, balance the budget and stimulate the economy without raising taxes" as follows:

- 1. Get a Handle on State Employee Benefits:** The state should suspend STEP increases (some employees will get raises of up to 5 percent). State workers should pay more of their health premiums (taxpayers pick up 88 percent). Halt the pension system's fiscal hemorrhaging by replacing defined-benefit plans with defined-contribution plans.
- 2. Reform Workers' Compensation to Make It Work Better:** The average worker claiming compensation benefits misses 257 days of work—nearly three times the national average. Injured workers' claims have dropped by 55 percent since 1990, but L&I's cost to administer shrinking claims have increased 28 percent. Other states have much lower costs, due to major reforms like privatization. The governor should order a freeze on compensation rates and support privatizing the system.
- 3. Consult the Yellow Pages for Routine Government Services:** The state should use a simple "Yellow Pages test" when considering whether to open a government service to competition. If experienced companies that do the same work can be found in the phone book, they should be invited to make a competitive bid. Odds are good they can offer identical or improved service at a lower price. States that put services up for bid usually save 10 to 20 percent.
- 4. Let the Private Sector Do Some Government Jobs:** Government does certain things it doesn't need to do, like operating a taxpayer-funded liquor monopoly. The private sector sells and distributes liquor in the vast majority of states. In Washington, taxpayers are forced to subsidize the liquor monopoly with hundreds of millions of dollars. Our state-run ferry monopoly is a similar story. It's time to privatize liquor and ferries—and eliminate the fiscal headaches that accompany them.
- 5. Cut Red Tape and Bureaucracy to Save Money and Get Results:** Red tape often prevents state agencies from getting things done. Charter agencies, on the other hand, are freed from many bureaucratic regulations in order to achieve better outcomes for citizens, such as streamlining the permit process. They agree to be accountable for measurable results on a reduced budget. For example, Iowa's charter agency program has saved tens of millions of dollars. Why not here?
- 6. Get Money the State is Owed at No Cost:** Contingency-based recovery audits are a way for the state to collect money owed without costing taxpayers a dime. Once improper payments have been found and approved, the recovery audit firm helps collect the payments due. Only then is the recovery audit firm compensated with a percentage of actual collections. In Texas, recovery audits have so far discovered millions in savings, with a potential total of up to \$200 million.
- 7. Stop Allowing Prevailing Wage to Prevail Over Taxpayers' Wallets:** Our state has a law that costs taxpayers millions extra for public construction projects. The law requires that workers be paid "prevailing wages" when hired for public works projects or maintenance of public buildings. That means many projects have to pay workers big city prices regardless of where the construction occurs. The legislature should scrap this World War II-era law mandating excessive costs.
- 8. Save Money With More Efficient K-12 Funding:** Washington state spends \$13 billion on K-12 education. The state needs to use the power of competition to spend more wisely, by contracting out non-instructional

endeavors—such as food service, janitorial, IT and housing—to private sector providers. Also, if more certified teachers move from administrative positions to the classroom, the state won't need to spend as much money—\$908 million during the last biennium—reducing class size.

9. Increase Public Safety by Making Prisons More Efficient: A public-private partnership might be the way to go to address the increasing costs of incarceration. The legislature should allow private contractors to compete for prison construction and management. Sentencing and oversight would still be managed by the state, but costs would be reduced.

10. Spend Higher Education Tax Money More Wisely: Taxpayers should not foot the bill for students' ongoing careers in higher education. The state needs to connect money to required classes only, or give only as much money as is required to complete the requisite number of credits. In addition, the legislature should require institutions' budgets to be online. Also, lawmakers can ensure that credits are more easily transferrable between institutions, and that far fewer high school students accepted for admission have to take remedial courses before earning college credits.

Therefore, implore the Washington Republican State Convention to incorporate its entirety in our Republican Party Platform for adoption in 2010.

#2 - Climate Change Resolution

This resolution urged the United States Environmental Protection Agency to immediately cease its carbon dioxide reduction policies, programs and regulations and withdraw its “Endangerment Finding” and related regulations until a full and independent investigation of climate data and global warming science can be substantiated.

This resolution further urges the United States Congress to abandon proposed cap and trade legislation until the above referenced independent investigation has produced a conclusion.

Authorization and funding to enact the Cap and Trade Act should be rescinded until American atmospheric scientists independently assess the near and long term effects (if any) of man’s effect on climate change. This assessment will focus exclusively on how any such changes relate to the United States. Moreover, these scientists must be independent of any pro-change biases to include:

- a.) having served on or with the United Nations Independent Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) and,
 - b.) whether or not they directly or indirectly benefit from any climate change outcomes.
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#3 - State Sovereignty Resolution

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people;” and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United States and no more; and

WHEREAS, the scope of power defined by the Tenth Amendment means that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states; and

WHEREAS, today, in 2010, the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, many federal laws are directly in violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment assures that we, the people of the United States of America and each sovereign state in the Union of States, now have, and have always had, rights the federal government may not usurp; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 says, “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government,” and the Ninth Amendment states that “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people”; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has ruled in *New York v. United States*, 112 S. Ct. 2408 (1992), that Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states; and

WHEREAS, proposals now pending from the present administration and from Congress may further violate the Constitution of the United States,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clallam County Republican Party in convention assembled, that we assert the sovereignty of the State of Washington under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the federal government, as the agent of the State of Washington, to cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the prohibition or repeal of all compulsory federal legislation which directs states to comply under threat of civil or criminal penalties or sanctions or requires states to pass legislation or lose federal funding.

#4 - Read the Bills Act Resolution

WHEREAS both state and federal legislatures often pass bills which none of the members have read in their entirety, and

WHEREAS the legislators must often vote on these bills, despite the fact that they have not had opportunity to consider what the bill contains, what its effects will be, or what it will actually cost, and

WHEREAS unpopular measures are often combined with popular measures that few legislators would want to oppose in a process called "log-rolling," and

WHEREAS votes are held with little debate or public notice, and

WHEREAS legislation is needed to change this situation, the result of which will be to slow the growth of government, encourage fiscal responsibility, and promote transparency and public engagement,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Clallam County Republican Party, in convention assembled, encourages the adoption of the Read the Bills Act, which would require that every bill be read in its entirety before a quorum in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and published on the Internet for at least 7 days before a vote, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge our Washington lawmakers to introduce and/or sponsor such legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support similar legislation on the state level.

#5 - Resolution Against Bailouts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clallam County Republican Party, in convention assembled urges an immediate effort on the part of members of Congress representing the citizens of Clallam County to:

Cease all future bailouts of financial institutions and failing business by TARP, Treasury Department or other executive action, Congressional action and/or the Federal Reserve, and
Discontinue all bailouts already offered but not yet given in part or whole, and
Repeal TARP, or

If TARP cannot be immediately repealed, pass an amendment requiring complete transparency of the actions of the United States Secretary of the Treasury and his subordinates regarding the bailouts and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clallam County Republican Chair communicate the passage of this resolution to all members of Congress representing the citizens of Clallam County.

#6 - Resolution Opposing State Bailouts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clallam County Republican Party, in convention assembled, opposes any bailout of our state by the federal government and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that, if a state bailout is approved, the use of any money received by the State of Washington should be decided by the state legislature and not by officers or agents of the governor's office.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we encourage our state legislators to support a combination of deep spending cuts, decreased taxes, and lowered regulatory burdens on businesses to help meet the current financial crisis, create jobs and stimulate business activity in the State of Washington.

#7 - Republic vs. Democracy Resolution

WHEREAS a republic and a democracy are two distinct forms of government and

WHEREAS the United States Constitution, Article IV, Section 4 guarantees to every state "a republican form of government" and we pledge allegiance to our country's flag "and to the Republic for which it stands," and

WHEREAS John Adams stated "Democracy... while it lasts is more bloody than either aristocracy or monarchy. Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There is never a democracy that did not commit suicide," and

WHEREAS the Republican Party is the party of limited, Constitutional government and the Democratic Party promotes liberalism and socialism, and

WHEREAS every time the word "democracy" is used favorably it serves to promote the principles of the Democratic Party, which principles we ardently oppose,

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Clallam County, in convention assembled, acknowledges that our nation is intended to be a republic, not a democracy and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage Republicans to substitute the words "republic" and "republicanism" where previously they have used the word "democracy" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support legislation which preserves the republican nature of our government institutions and oppose legislation which makes our nation more "democratic" in nature, and that, while we favor and encourage liberty in all nations, we oppose all efforts to use American military might to spread "democracy" around the world.

#8 - Farm Subsidies Resolution

Be it resolved that all farm subsidies be eliminated across the board.

#9 - No Earmarks Resolution

Be it resolved, that legislation submitted to Senate or House of Representatives pertain to one subject or type of legislation at a time, and that any amendments offered to either house bill pertain to the subject matter presented. No amendment shall be offered that doesn't pertain to the offered legislation (no earmarks).

#10 - Care Net Resolution

Resolved, that legislation that would restrict the activities of Care Net Pregnancy Centers and similar organizations be strongly opposed (such as SB6452 and HB2837 introduced in 2010 to control "limited service pregnancy centers").

#11 - Resolution to Repeal the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Whereas: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was passed in 1969 and began to be applied in the 1970s and implemented throughout the 1970s, and

Whereas: It has grown to one of the most powerful socialist acts encroaching on every aspect of human endeavor, in and around industry, development, expansion and even existing facilities, and

Whereas: It has become a spying operation with full reporting information listing provided on the internet, and

Whereas: It is time to revisit this law that places government authority over all of the land and peoples, in violation of The United States Constitution, we

Hereby urge national repeal of NEPA.

#12 - Resolution Supporting an Audit of the Federal Reserve

Whereas, the Clallam County Republican Party, believes that fiscal responsibility is essential to uphold the basic principles established in the Constitution of the United States and is necessary to protect individual freedom and rights; and,

Whereas, the Clallam County Republican Party believes that a transparent government and monetary system is the government that governs best; and,

Whereas, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FED) is responsible for hundreds of billions of dollars of taxpayer monies appropriated as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008; and,

Whereas, the FED can enter into agreements with foreign central banks and foreign governments; and,

Whereas, the FED's deals with foreign central banks are not published in Congressional reports and many assets and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks are not published anywhere; and,

Whereas, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is prohibited from auditing or even seeing these agreements; and,

Whereas, allowing the FED to operate our nation's monetary system in almost complete secrecy leads to abuse, inflation and a lower quality of life for Americans; and,

Whereas, auditing means the complete books, and all monies given as "bailouts", to any party, corporation, international bank, and government needs to be public information" including who received money, how much was received, and on what it has been spent; and,

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States gives the Congress the authority to coin money and regulate the value thereof, and auditing the FED will allow Congress to assert its Constitutional authority over monetary policy and help to protect the value of the United States dollar; and,

Whereas, by promoting open and transparent government an audit of the FED will promote trust in our government and bring back accountability to the Federal Reserve System; and,

Whereas, HR 1207 has 317 bipartisan cosponsors, more than the majority needed to pass a bill through the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas, S 604, has 30 bipartisan cosponsors in the United States Senate;

Now therefore, on this the 10th of April in the year 2010, be it:

Resolved, that the Clallam County Republican Party calls upon the United States Congress to act immediately to pass, and upon President Barack Obama to sign into law H.R. 1207 or S. 604, without changes that weaken the intent of the bill to require a full and complete audit of the FED, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States, as the head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, to perform a complete audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and of the Federal Reserve banks; and, that upon completion of the audit" the results be immediately provided to the United States Congress and through the Congress to the People of the United States of America.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to the Members of Congress representing the State of Washington.

#13 - Resolution about Energy

Be it resolved:

It is a fact that the U. S. Energy Department was instituted in 1977. That its purpose was to lessen America's dependence on foreign energy sources, oil. That it has spent hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars over the past 32 years, and has a current budget of over \$25 billion. And that America is now more dependent on foreign energy sources than ever before.

So, be it resolved:

That the U.S. Energy Department be abolished by Congress. That Congress replaces it with a Board of Energy Independence. That this Board be chartered with the sole purpose of facilitating increased domestic oil and gas production, building nuclear power plants, adding new hydroelectric capacity, and expanding the use of domestic coal. And that this is accomplished by removing or mitigating environmental obstacles' with common sense and practical technological solutions.

#14 - Resolution about Education

Be it resolved:

It is a fact that the U. S. Department of Education has spent tens of billions of dollars every year for the last several decades. That the Nations SAT scores had peaked in 1964 and have been on a steady decline since. That Federal policies and mandates have been imposed on each States own education systems, with disastrous costs and results. And that 80% of U.S. Department of Education funding is spent on mandates, overhead and operations, and not for direct education of any student in any State.

So, be it resolved:

That the U.S. Department of Education be abolished by Congress. That Congress return responsibility of Education to the States, and that any future funds appropriated for education by the Federal Government be block granted directly to each State's Education Departments without conditions and mandates.

#15 - A Resolution endorsing U.S. Border enforcement & "Respect for Law" Initiative I-1056

WHEREAS, our Republican candidates, our Republican Party, and the Rule of Law itself are under threat from those who profit from rampant criminal violation of federal immigration law;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Auditor's Report No. 6534 of 2005 states:

"Department of Social and Health Services records showed, that from January 2003 through December 20A3,14,553 undocumented aliens received services through the Medicaid program for a total of \$90,590,401. For the same period in2004, the Department's records indicated that it provided services to 15,890 undocumented aliens. The Medicaid program paid \$101,698,442 for this care." (p. 50)

Whereas, the Washington State Auditor's Report No. 6585 of 2006 stated:

"The Department of Social and Health Services has no effective controls to ensure that unallowable expenditures related to undocumented aliens are not paid by Medicaid." (p. 37)

WHEREAS, in 2006 Governor Gregoire sued the Bush Administration for reimbursement of \$50 Million in state prison housing expense incurred by over 1000 illegal aliens.

WHEREAS, in October 2007 Governor Gregoire joined with now-disgraced NY Governor Elliot Spitzer to sue the Bush Administration to relax eligibility requirements of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP); long a strategy of liberals to incrementally nationalize medicine and private choice.

WHEREAS it is Democrat Party strategy to enslave citizens to government delivery of medicine and create a new Democrat Party majority by trading medical services to illegal aliens for political patronage;

WHEREAS, during the 2008 Washington Legislature session HB 2930 (Armstrong) and SB 6416 (Zarelli) -- requiring applicants for Washington State driver's license or identicaid provide citizenship or lawful presence documents -- were killed by Democrats without even so much as committee hearings;

WHEREAS, states such as Oklahoma, Georgia and Arizona have passed law removing perverse incentive of public subsidy to illegal aliens and compelling government employers honor federal law;

WHEREAS, the U.S. lawful presence of employees and contractors to the U.S. Gov't, City of Lakewood, City of Washougal, County of Pierce and County of Clark must now be verified through E-verify;

WHEREAS, the Border enforcement deadlock at the Federal Government level continues a deliberate policy of de fact amnesty, sovereign citizens must exercise their Constitutional law-making authority;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clallam County Republican Party endorses I-1056 "Respect for Law Act" toward the restoration of law and order, including:

1. Proof of legal presence prior to issuance of Washington State driver's license;
2. Proof of legal presence by applicants for public post-secondary in-state tuition;
3. Jailer verification of immigration status of prisoners;
4. Cooperative agreements between local law enforcement and U.S. Immigration (ICE);
5. Participation by employers and government contractors in the no-fee, on-line "E-Verify" employment eligibility assessment (an instant SSN check);
6. Verification of US legal presence of applicants for public benefits (emergency services excluded).

The above agreed-to resolution shall be supplied to all 2010 County and WSRP Platform Committee members. Full Text of "Respect for Law" resides at www.RespectWashington.us.

#16 - Elwha Dam Removal Resolution

The Elwha dam should remain functioning.

#17 - Elwha Dam Resolution

Funds for the deconstruction of the Elwha Dam should be immediately withdrawn until studies conclusively assess the:

- a). near and far term negative effect that the loss of this clean hydroelectric energy source has on America's quest for energy independence,
 - b). pollutant contribution that replacement energy sources would incur,
 - c). economic impact this loss would have on Washington State and the Olympic Peninsula,
 - d.) negative pollution and contamination effect that the re-introduction of Salmon to the Elwha will have in terms of post-spawning death, decay, disease, and any other potentially negative effects upon man's health.
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#18 - Resolution about Drug Testing

Require drug testing and being free of non-prescription recreational drugs for all WA State welfare recipients under 65.

#19 - Resolution about Clearly Written Laws

All laws should be clearly written and openly arrived at, and known before they are enforced.

#20 - Resolution about Pensions for Elected Officials

There should be no pensions for elected officials except 401K-type contribution plans.

#21 - Term Limits Resolution

There shall be a limit on the number of consecutive terms someone could serve in congress, legislature or county commission.

#22 - Resolution to Endorse and Promote I-1058

WHEREAS the Declaration of Independence gave birth to the United States of America with these bold words:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

WHEREAS the Preamble to the Washington State Constitution affirms that:

“We, the people of the State of Washington, grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for our liberties, do ordain this constitution.” Then Article I, section 1 states: “All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights.”

WHEREAS RCW 28A.230.170 declares:

“The study of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Washington shall be a condition prerequisite to graduation from the public and private high schools of this state.”

WHEREAS the courts defined the word “Study” in RCW 28A.230.170 to mean “Any study constitutes study.”

WHEREAS schools have taught the mechanics of government but have neglected to adequately teach our government’s founding principles.

WHEREAS most citizens can’t explain the source of human rights and the purpose of government.

WHEREAS elected officials must swear an oath to uphold the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution,

WHEREAS most citizens and elected officials have never seen the Washington State Constitution,

WHEREAS the state’s High School Proficiency Exam (former **WASL** test) contains no questions on civics or history.

WHEREAS I-1058 amends in RCW 28A.230.170 by replacing the word “study” with the words “Schools shall teach the Relationship of the Declaration of Independence to the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution.” I-1058 then defines “Teach” and requires that teaching and testing must come from the written words of our founding fathers. I-1058 also requires schools to conspicuously display copies of the founding documents.

WHEREAS the I-058 web site (www.WeThePeopleOfWA.org) shows several candidates for public office have endorsed I-1058 and many more are expected to endorse I-1058.

WHEREAS copies of the I-1058 petition can be obtained by taking the web site address (www.WeThePeopleOfWA.org) to any printer such as Staples, Office Depot,...

THEREFORE, WE the Clallam County Republican Party endorse I-1058. We also encourage Republicans to go door to door to seek signatures for I-1058 from registered voters. If eligible citizens are not registered, to use this opportunity to register them before they sign the I-1058 petition. Finally to use this opportunity to ask the voter, who signs the petition, if they would like a sign placed in their yard for a candidate who has endorsed I-1058.