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Spokane City Council members Stuckart, Beggs, and Kinnear are allied with the radical activists of CELDF. Beggs is a radical activist who was fighting against pipelines in Washington State years ago, and then became an attorney for CELDF in their campaigns against coal in the Whatcom County/Bellingham area, (before being selected to fill an open seat on Spokane's City Council between elections after his failed bid to be elected as Spokane County Prosecutor). Beggs is backed by Spokane millionaire Jim Sheehan, who founded Center for Justice and appointed Beggs as Director of the organization. Sheehan sits on CELDF's Board of Advisors and has donated more than \$100,000 towards CELDF under any one of the many aliases that CELDF uses, such as "Spokane Moves to Amend", "Envision Spokane", "Direct Action Spokane", "Spokane Riverkeepers", "Spokane Workers Bill of Rights" etc... Other allies include Kai Huschke (head of City of Spokane's Latah Hangman Neighborhood Council and head of CELDF's Northwest and Hawaii Region), radical activist and Spokane interim Fire Chief Schaeffer, Spokane Valley Mayor Higgins, the highly activist radical pastor Tod Eklof and the political activists "Social Justice Coordinating Council" of his Unitarian Universalist congregation in Spokane. Under his "Center for Justice", Sheehan has formed a number of other radical activist groups, many of which share the same building at 25W Main Av, Spokane. James "Jim" Sheehan is also a real estate investor and developer in the East downtown area, and millions of dollars of taxpayer city money have been spent on improvements in his area of downtown through the actions of Beggs and Stuckart on the City Council, including but not limited to redevelopment and improvements to Main Avenue in front of Sheehan's buildings. Sheehan's "Center for Justice" was mentioned in this weeks City budget as having received \$1000 for "services rendered", and "Center for Justice" attorney Rick Eichstaedt (who replaced Beggs as Director) is a growing influence on City Government. Prof. Eichstaedt is also head of Spokane's "Riverkeepers" activist group and serves as the director of Gonzaga University Legal Assistance's environmental law clinic. Yesterday, it was announced that the City government plans to give 2 million dollars in loans towards the redevelopment of the Ridpath Hotel downtown, but its not yet known if Sheehan is a stakeholder directly in the project or if he will benefit again from Stuckart/Beggs just indirectly as a large real estate owner in downtown properties. According to the book "Be the change" by Linzey; Beggs and Sheehan originally invited Thomas Linzey, (the radical Marxist founder of CELDF) to Spokane to teach his "Democracy School" and start up CELDF community organizing here in 2008. Linzey has active CELDF groups in more than 200 US cities under hundreds of aliases it has formed in order to appear local, and has seized control over a number of those cities. Linzey plans the overthrow of the US government from the municipal level on up in what he calls "The Second American Revolution", and has recently filed a Federal Lawsuit against the US Government in order to create a Constitutional right to a "livable climate" (Holmquist et. al. vs United States).

All of these facts and MUCH MORE are available in the public domain and backed up by sources, weblinks, and documentation. I have been researching this for more than a year by simply doing internet google searches.

ABOUT CELDF

The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) is building a movement for Community Rights and the Rights of Nature to advance democratic, economic, social, and environmental rights – building upward from the grassroots to the state, federal, and international level.

Our mission is to build sustainable communities by assisting people to assert their right to local self-government and the rights of nature.

Begun as a traditional public interest law firm seeking to protect the environment, CELDF sought to protect communities from projects such as incinerators and waste dumps which cause environmental harm. Along the way, we encountered barriers put in place by both government and corporations. Such barriers included corporate constitutional “rights” and the preemptive authority of state government – both of which are used to override community decision making.

CELDF learned that no matter how hard we tried to stop projects that cause known environmental harm, our own government had worked with corporations to make sure such projects were sited.

In fact, together they had developed a structure of law which – rather than focused on protecting people, workers, communities, and the environment – was instead focused on endless growth, extraction, and development.

It is a structure that is inherently unsustainable, and has in fact, made *sustainability illegal*.

Thus, we recognized that whether communities were facing fracking, injection wells, factory farms, pipelines, GMOs, water extraction, or a wide range of other threats, the barriers they faced to stopping these projects – and in their place establishing sustainable energy, water, agriculture, and other systems – were the same.

OUR WORK TODAY

Today, through grassroots organizing, public education and outreach, and legal assistance, nearly 200 municipalities across the U.S. have enacted CELDF-drafted Community Rights laws which ban practices – including fracking, factory farming, sewage sludging of farmland, and water privatization – that violate the rights of people, communities and nature.

To protect those rights, the laws address the key barriers to local self-governance and sustainability – such as corporate constitutional “rights” – and has assisted the first communities in the U.S. to eliminate corporate “rights” when they interfere with Community Rights.

Further, CELDF has worked with the first U.S. communities and the first country to establish the rights of nature in law – recognizing the rights of ecosystems and natural communities to exist and thrive, and empowering people and their governments to defend and enforce these rights.

CELDF is now bringing communities and groups together to form statewide Community Rights Networks and the National Community Rights Network to drive change from the grassroots upward to the state and federal level.

This is the start of the Community Rights Movement. **Join us!** (<https://celdf.org/join-the-movement/>)