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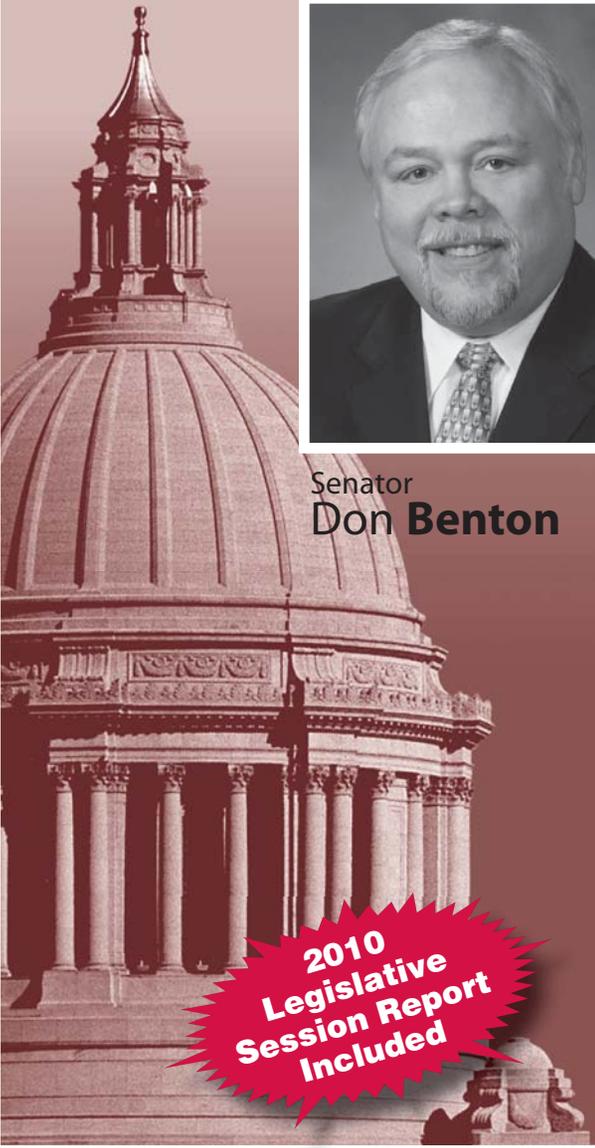
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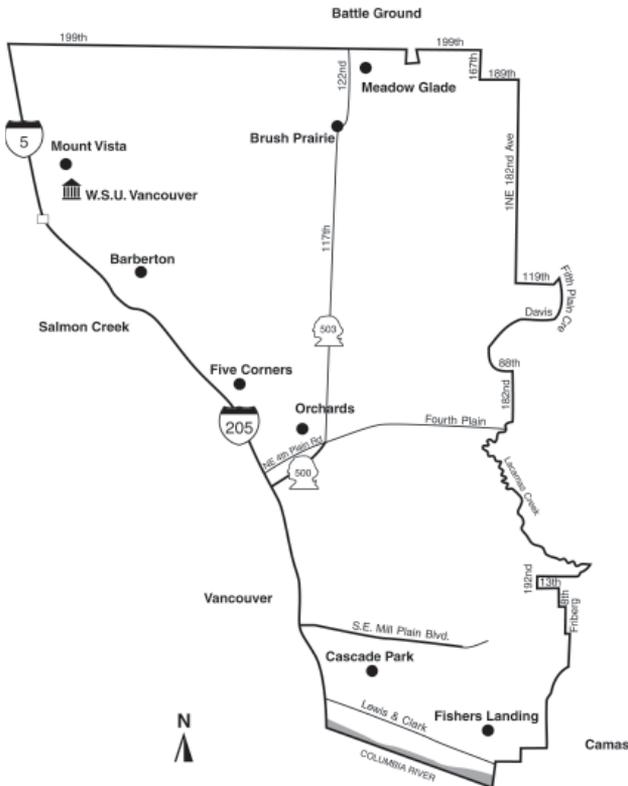
**2010  
Government  
Guide**

This guide to government provides information on how to contact federal, state and local government offices and services.



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**17th Legislative District**

**Ambulance Fire Police Emergencies**

At any time of the day or night, you may contact needed emergency services simply by dialing **911** and giving the following information:

1. Nature of the emergency.
2. Exact location—street address, etc.
3. Number of the phone from which you are calling.
4. WAIT—Additional information may be needed.
5. Always make sure the operator hangs up first.

**Voter Registration**

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington state
- At least 18 years old by election day
- You cannot have been convicted of a felony and not had your right to vote restored.

You may register to vote at any time, but you must be registered at least 30 days in advance of an election if you are registering online, using the mail-in form or are submitting a change of address. You may also register up to 8 days before an election at your county elections division if you are not already registered in Washington State.

**How to register:** You can register to vote online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) if you have a current Washington State drivers license or i.d. Mail-in registration forms are available from your county elections division as well as many public libraries, schools and other government offices.

Washington State is primarily a vote-by-mail state. Only one county, Pierce, maintains polls sites. A voter has the right to request a ballot til 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee ballots: You may request an absentee ballot as early as 45 days before an election. Absentee ballots may be requested either by phone or by mail from the county elections officer. You may also apply in writing to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election. Again, all but one county is vote by mail so most voters in Washington State receive their ballots about 2 weeks before an election. If the voter lives in Pierce County they can apply for permanent absentee ballots and they only need to do that once.

NOTE: Absentee ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the county election officer on or before election day.

**Voter information:**

County Records and Elections .....(360) 397-2345  
 Web ..... [www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/auditors.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/auditors.aspx)

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 Washington, D.C. 20500

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 The White House  
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Presidential Greetings..... [www.whitehouse.gov/greeting](http://www.whitehouse.gov/greeting)  
 The White House will send greetings from the President to anyone 80 or older, or to a couple celebrating a 50th (or higher) anniversary. Send a request at least one month in advance. The address is:

The White House  
 Attn: Greetings Office  
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
 Washington, D.C. 20502-0039

**United States Supreme Court**

One First Street N.E.  
 Washington, D.C. 20543.....(202) 479-3000  
 web: [www.supremecourtus.gov](http://www.supremecourtus.gov)

Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr.  
 Justice John Paul Stevens  
 Justice Clarence Thomas  
 Justice Antonin Scalia  
 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Justice Stephen Breyer  
 Justice Anthony Kennedy  
 Justice Samuel Alito, Jr.  
 Justice Sonia Sotomayor

## Congressional Officials

### United States Congress

Congressional Switchboard .....(202) 224-3121  
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Senate Web .....www.senate.gov  
House Web ..... www.house.gov

### United States House of Representatives

United States Representative, 3rd Congressional District

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2350 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
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750 Anderson St., Suite B  
Vancouver, WA 98661

### United States Senators

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Washington, D.C. 20510  
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Fax .....(360) 696-7844  
1313 Officers Row  
Vancouver, WA 98661

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Washington, D.C. 20510  
Vancouver Office .....(360) 696-7797  
Fax .....(360) 696-7798  
The Marshall House  
1323 Officer's Row  
Vancouver, WA 98661

## Information on the Legislature via the Internet

www.leg.wa.gov  
Senate Web - www.leg.wa.gov/senate/  
House Web - www.leg.wa.gov/house/

To contact relay operators for the deaf or hearing impaired, please dial 7-1-1  
State Information ..... 1-800-321-2808  
Voter Information Hotline ..... 1-800-448-4881  
Washington State Home Page .....www.access.wa.gov

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### State Legislators

During the legislative session you may leave messages for your legislators or obtain information on the status of legislation by calling the  
Toll-Free Hotline ..... 1-800-562-6000

## Washington State Officials

**Governor Christine Gregoire (D)** .....(360) 902-4110  
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PO Box 40002  
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

**Lt. Governor Brad Owen (D)** .....(360) 786-7700  
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**Secretary of State Sam Reed (R)** .....(360) 902-4151  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0220

## Washington State Officials cont.

**State Treasurer James McIntire (D)** .....(360) 902-9000  
TTY .....(360) 902-8963  
e-mail ..... watreas@tre.wa.gov  
Web ..... www.tre.wa.gov  
PO Box 40200  
Olympia, WA 98504-0200

**State Auditor Brian Sonntag (D)** .....(360) 902-0370  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0021

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PO Box 40100  
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

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Web ..... www.k12.wa.us  
e-mail ..... dorn@ospi.wednet.edu  
PO Box 47200  
Olympia, WA 98504-7200

**Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler (D)** .....(360) 725-7000  
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Web ..... www.insurance.wa.gov  
PO Box 40255  
Olympia, WA 98504-0255

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e-mail ..... information@dnr.wa.gov  
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1111 Washington St. S.E.  
Olympia, WA 98504-7001

## State Supreme Court

All State Supreme Court Judges can be contacted at .....(360) 357-2077  
and at the following address:

Temple of Justice  
415 12th St.W  
PO Box 40929  
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Chief Justice Barbara A. Madsen ..... January 2011  
Justice Gerry L. Alexander ..... January 2013  
Associate Chief Justice Charles W. Johnson ..... January 2015  
Justice Debra L. Stephens ..... January 2015  
Justice Tom Chambers ..... January 2013  
Justice Mary Fairhurst ..... January 2015  
Justice James M. Johnson ..... January 2011  
Justice Susan J. Owens ..... January 2013  
Justice Richard B. Sanders ..... January 2011  
Clerk ..... Ronald R. Carpenter  
Deputy Clerk ..... Susan L. Carlson  
Administrator for the Courts ..... Jeff Hall

## 17th Legislative District

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109-B Irv Newhouse Building  
PO Box 40417  
Olympia, WA 98504-0417

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e-mail ..... probst.tim@leg.wa.gov  
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PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

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PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

## Government Offices in Southwest Washington

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Work Source . . . . .	(360) 735-5000
Fish and Wildlife Department . . . . .	(360) 696-6211
Governor's Vancouver Office . . . . .	(360) 816-2216
Labor and Industries Department . . . . .	(360) 896-2300
Natural Resources Department (Castle Rock) . . . . .	(360) 577-2025
Revenue Department . . . . .	(360) 256-2060
School for the Blind . . . . .	(360) 696-6321
School for the Deaf . . . . .	(360) 696-6525
Services for the Blind . . . . .	(360) 696-6238
Child and Family Services . . . . .	(360) 993-7900
Child Protective Services . . . . .	(360) 993-7901
Day Care Licensing . . . . .	(360) 993-7945
Developmental Disabilities . . . . .	(360) 750-4250
Economic and Medical Field Service . . . . .	(360) 759-2800
Families in Conflict/Runaways . . . . .	(360) 993-7901
Support Enforcement . . . . .	(360) 636-6100
Vocational Rehabilitation . . . . .	(360) 619-7060
WA State Dept. of Licensing . . . . .	(360) 750-6950
Auto Licenses Main Office . . . . .	(360) 397-2288
Battle Ground Auto Licensing . . . . .	(360) 687-5115
Camas Auto Licensing Center . . . . .	(360) 835-2977
Department of Licensing . . . . .	(360) 260-6288
Washington State Patrol . . . . .	(360) 260-6333
Department of Transportation (WSDOT) . . . . .	(360) 705-7000

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All Clark County officials may be contacted at the following address:

Clark County Court House . . . . . (360) 397-2000  
 1200 Franklin Street  
 PO Box 5000  
 Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

e-mail . . . . . district@co.clark.wa.us  
 Web . . . . . www.co.clark.wa.us/

County commissioners meet every Wednesday.

Commissioners main number . . . . . (360) 397-2232  
 e-mail . . . . . boardcom@co.clark.wa.us

### County Commissioners

District #1 – Mielke, Tom(R) . . . . . (360) 397-2232  
 District #2 - Steve Stuart (D) . . . . . (360) 397-2232  
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Auditor Greg Kimsey (R) . . . . .	(360) 397-2241
Clerk JoAnne McBride (D) . . . . .	(360) 397-2292
Medical Examiner Dennis Wickham, M.D. (N) . . . . .	(360) 397-8405
Prosecuting Attorney Arthur Curtis (D) . . . . .	(360) 397-2261
Sheriff Garry Lucas (R) . . . . .	(360) 397-2366
Treasurer Doug Lasher (D) . . . . .	(360) 397-2255

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Rich Milnick . . . . .	(360) 397-2017
Barbara Johnson . . . . .	(360) 397-2005
John Wulle . . . . .	(360) 397-2248
John Nichols . . . . .	(360) 397-2260
Ed Poyfair . . . . .	(360) 397-2354
James Rulli . . . . .	(360) 397-6133
Diane Woolard . . . . .	(360) 397-2068
Scott Collier . . . . .	(360) 397-2170
Carin Schienberg . . . . .	(360) 397-2201
Robert Lewis . . . . .	(360) 397-2226

### District Court Judges

Kenneth Eiesland . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
Rich Melnick . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
James P. Swanger . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
Scott Anders . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
Darvin Zimmerman . . . . .	(360) 397-2424
Vernon Schreiber . . . . .	(360) 397-2424

## City of Battle Ground

City Manager Dennis Osborn . . . . . (360) 342-5005  
 All City of Battle Ground officials may be contacted at . . . . . (360) 342-5000  
 and at the following address:

Battle Ground City Hall  
 302 NE Main  
 PO Box 37  
 Battle Ground, WA 98604

Web . . . . . www.cityofbg.org  
 City council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### City Council

Mayor Mike Ciraulo . . . . .	(360) 901-7392
Phil Haberthur, Deputy Mayor . . . . .	(360) 905-1100
William Ganley . . . . .	(360) 687-7505
Lisa Walters . . . . .	(360)-909-4334
Alex Reinhol . . . . .	(360)-687-0672
Chris Regan . . . . .	(360)-666-3330
Paul Zandamela . . . . .	(360)-342-5180

## City of Camas

City Administrator Lloyd Halverson .....(360) 834-6864  
All city of Camas officials may be contacted at .....(360) 834-3451

Camas City Hall  
616 NE 4th Avenue  
PO Box 1055  
Camas, WA 98607

Web ..... www.swwcn.org/clark/camas  
City council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### City Council

Mayor Paul Dennis .....(360) 607-9816  
Scott Higgins.....(360) 834-0848  
Steve Hogan .....(360) 834-2046  
Scott Higgins.....(360) 834-0848  
Greg Anderson.....(360) 834-3426  
Liz Pike.....(360) 281-8720  
Melissa Smith .....(360) 834-6725  
Linda Dietzman .....(360) 834-3987

## City of Ridgefield

City Manager Justin Clary .....(360) 887-3557

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And at the following address:

City of Ridgefield  
230 Pioneer Street  
PO BOX 608  
Ridgefield, WA 98642

Web ..... www.ci.ridgefield.wa.us/  
City council meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

### City Council

Mayor Ron Onslow .....(360) 887-3557  
David Taylor.....(360) 887-3557  
Lee Wells.....(360) 887-3557  
Don Stone .....(360) 887-3557  
Darren Wertz.....(360) 887-3557

## 2010 SESSION REPORT

# The session that silenced the voice of the people

## A total solar eclipse

The assault on the Taxpayers Protection Act (Initiative 960) took place over several days in February. It was bungled and denied, and voted on in the dark of the night.

At every step, I spoke up for the people and transparency in government – and against this unbelievable disdain for the citizens of Washington State.

**Senate Bill 6130, the “kill I-960” bill, was signed by the governor on February 24.** Early that morning, I made one more attempt to stop the gutting of I-960. I hand-delivered a letter to the governor asking for a veto – if not a full veto, at least a veto of the section suspending the advisory vote.

**Now that SB 6130 is law for the next three years, here’s what it does to you:**

- **SB 6130** suspends the two-thirds vote requirement for the Legislature to increase your taxes;
- **SB 6130** suspends your right to express your opinion on tax increases at the ballot box by eliminating the advisory vote on tax increases;
- By suspending the advisory vote, **SB 6130** keeps the names of legislators that vote for the 2010 massive tax increase bill from being printed in this November’s voters’ pamphlet.
- **SB 6130** contained an emergency clause – which puts it into law immediately and takes away your ability to put SB 6130 to a vote of the people through your constitutional right of referendum.

**The people want sunshine on government. What the people got was a total solar eclipse.**

## First your voice, then your privacy

While your voice was being silenced in **SB 6130**, your name and address on an initiative or referendum was made a public record by Senate Democrats pushing through **Senate Bill 6754** on February 15. Maybe you won’t experience retribution at work, but maybe you will. Maybe you will be harassed, and maybe you won’t. Would these possibilities make you think twice about acting on your beliefs?

Passage of SB 6754 was soon followed by approval of **Senate Bill 6449** to make paid signature-gatherers go through a lengthy and complex registration process. This regulation, however, would not have applied to nonprofit organizations. If the goal is as stated, "to prevent fraud," then how can majority Democrats ignore any group that organizes to collect signatures - including nonprofits like ACORN, which has fraudulently registered ineligible people to vote?

**Both of these bills are appalling and would have a chilling effect on citizens participating in their government.** Washington citizens have the constitutional right to initiatives and referendums.

**I alerted the media across the state that these bills passed the Senate.** Fortunately, the news of what happened caused a public outcry. As a result, these bills were not considered in the House of Representatives.

### One last hurrah for I-960

Before the gutting of I-960 was signed into law, I challenged and defeated an effort by Senate Democrats to impose a three-dollar surcharge on county clerk filing fees to provide public funding for state Supreme Court campaigns. (SB 5912)

I challenged this new surcharge because there was no connection to the purpose for which the fees were designed - to cover filing costs. Therefore, the surcharge qualified as a new tax under I-960. Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen, who presides over the Senate, ruled in my favor.

Without the two-thirds vote, which the Democrat leaders couldn't muster, this new tax could not be imposed. However, the landscape changed after the governor signed SB 6130.

So, when the Senate Democrats' released their proposed spending plan after the demise of Initiative 960, they included an appropriation to fill Supreme Court campaign war chests with the fee increase in SB 5912.

The good news is that this fee increase was not included in the final operating budget.

### Public Safety

I am pleased to report we did take major steps toward increasing the safety of our police officers and the citizens they protect.

- A constitutional amendment will be on this November's ballot to give judges discretion to deny bail to a person charged with a crime punish-

able by life in prison if the judge finds that the person has a propensity for violence that creates a danger to the community.

- We imposed tougher penalties on child sex traffickers and customers of child prostitutes and directed resources to help victims rebuild their lives. The I-5 corridor between Portland and Vancouver, B.C., is one of the nation's most heavily trafficked areas for child prostitution.
- We made a number of changes to the state's domestic violence laws in the areas of law enforcement and arrest, no-contact and protection orders, firearms possession, sentencing reforms, and treatment and services for perpetrators and victims.

### Over-Spending and Raising Taxes: A good way to bankrupt the state and kills jobs

We are in the worst recession since the Great Depression, and yet the Democrat majority in the Legislature approved the biggest job-killer bill ever: **\$2.5 billion in new taxes over the next three years!**

The tax package includes a higher business and occupation tax on service businesses and eliminates tax incentives that were enacted specifically to create new jobs. The tax on beer (except microbreweries) is increased, and you will now pay a sales tax on candy, gum and bottled water.

When the session convened in January, Clark County was reporting the highest unemployment rate in Washington as local job creation failed to keep up with layoffs. **For December 2009, the county's jobless rate hit 14.3 percent, the highest for that month in 30 years!**

We should have done everything possible to preserve and create jobs, but instead unemployed workers and businesses already on life support got higher taxes.

The final 2010 supplemental operating budget depends not only on the tax increase package, but on \$618 million in new federal stimulus funds and \$461 million from dedicated funds like the school construction account and the toxic cleanup account. The balancing act also completely drains the rainy day account. If the federal dollars don't materialize, the budget's nebulous "ending fund balance" of \$484 million will disappear.

There was no real reform enacted last year or in 2010. Because of this, we will have to deal with an \$8 billion bow wave of costs in the 2011-13 biennium. Even when revenue growth returns to normal, the state budget will not be able to fund anywhere near the promises made by the majority Democrats

in 2009-10. For more information on the bow wave, go to: <http://senatepublicans.wa.gov/budgettidbits/2010/040110BudgetTidbit.pdf>

Please go online to see the cost-cutting measures offered by my Republican colleagues and I in the last five years.

<http://senaterepublicans.wa.gov/03011055solutions/55Solutions.pdf>

**Health Care Freedom Act**

Under the federal health care reform act, Washington citizens will be assessed a monetary penalty if they don't have health care insurance by 2014 – the amount goes up yearly as long as a person chooses not to buy health care insurance.

I introduced Senate Bill 6890 that would prevent any fine or penalty from being imposed on individuals and families in Washington that are unable or choose not to purchase a health care plan. It is just outrageous that Democrat members of the U.S. House and Senate would even concoct this money-grabbing scheme when they have repeatedly shot down good Republican ideas to make health care insurance affordable and available to all Americans.

A federal law that requires citizens to buy a product, in this case health care insurance, and then imposes a fine if they don't, violates the commerce clause in the U.S. Constitution and states' rights guaranteed in the Tenth Amendment.

**Taxpayer Choice Act**

During the special session, as the days dragged on with no agreement among the House and Senate Democrats on what taxes to raise, I introduced Senate Bill 6891, the "Taxpayer Choice Act," that would create a new account to receive donations from individuals and interest groups pushing for higher taxes. The money in the new account could be used for any general-fund or transportation purpose.

It is just plain wrong to impose more taxes on people already struggling to make ends meet. These are tough times and tough times call for leaders who are willing to admit that government cannot be all things to all people.

Instead of passing a tax package, the Legislature should have sent my bill to the governor. It's fine with me if someone wants to pay more, but don't make everyone pay more.

City Manager Pat McDonnell .....(360) 696-8121  
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210 E. 13th St.  
PO Box 1995  
Vancouver, WA 98668-1995

Web ..... www.ci.vancouver.wa.us  
City council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**City Council**

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- Larry Smith .....(360) 487-8629
- Jeanne Stewart .....(360) 487-8629
- Jeanne Harris .....(360) 487-8629
- Pat Campbell .....(360) 487-8629
- Jack Burkman .....(360) 487-8629
- Bart Hansen.....(360) 487-8629

**Neighborhood / Senior Services**

- Alcohol & Drug Abuse..... 1-800-478-0896
- Al-Anon .....(360) 693-5781
- Alcoholics Anonymous.....(360) 694-3870
- Battered Women's Services (YWCA).....(360) 696-0167
- Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center  
(It is against the law to file a false report) .....(360) 397-6002
- Clark Public Utilities .....(360) 992-3000
- Community Drug & Alcohol Center .....(360) 696-1631
- Nursing Home Complaints (24-hour). .... 1-800-562-6078
- Sexual Assault Program (YWCA) .....(360) 696-0167
- Domestic Violence Hotline ..... 1-800-562-6025
- Veterans Services: Medical Center.....(360) 696-4061

**Child Care**

- Child Care Resource and Referral .....(360) 750-9735
- Child Care and Early Learning .....(360) 993-7946

**Health Care Education/Support**

- Alzheimer's Disease Support System.....(360) 687-8843
- American Cancer Society.....(360) 283-1152
- American Diabetes Association..... 1-800-628-8808
- American Red Cross.....(360) 693-5821
- Arthritis Foundation ..... 1-800-542-0295

## Neighborhood / Senior Services cont.

### Housing

United Way Information & Referral .....(360) 694-8899  
Vancouver Housing Authority .....(360) 694-2501

### Hospitals

Southwest Washington Medical Center, Vancouver .....(360) 256-2000  
Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital .....(360) 487-1000

### In-Home Services

Human Services Council .....(360) 694-8144  
Home Care, SW Washington Medical Center .....(360) 759-1500

### Insurance Information

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors, RSVP .....(360) 696-8221  
Washington State Insurance Commissioner .....1-800-562-6900

### Legal Assistance

Clark County Volunteer Lawyer Program .....(360) 695-5313  
Columbia Legal Services .....(206) 464-5911

### Nursing Home Information

Long-Term Care Ombudsman .....1-800-562-6028  
Human Services Council .....(360) 694-6577

### Nutritional Assistance

Breakfast & Hot Lunch (includes seniors) .....(360) 313-1190  
Meals on Wheels .....(360) 694-8144

### Property Tax Exemption Information

Clark County Assessor .....(360) 397-2391  
Senior Services .....1-800-422-3263

### Senior Centers and Services

Adult Day Health Center .....(360) 750-7025  
Battle Ground Senior Citizens Center .....(360) 687-2378  
Camas Senior Citizens Center .....(360) 834-5307

### Southwest WA Agency on Aging .....(360) 694-6577

Long-term Care Ombudsmen .....(360) 694-6577  
Camas Community Parks & Recreation Center .....(360) 834-5307

### Social Services for People with Disabilities

ARC of Clark County .....(360) 254-1562  
Developmental Disabilities .....(360) 696-6350  
Easter Seal Society .....1-800-678-5708  
March of Dimes .....1-888-663-4637

### Southwest Washington Center of Deaf & Hard of Hearing

TTY .....(360) 695-9720  
Voice .....(360) 695-3364

### School for the Blind .....(360) 696-6321

Services for the Blind .....(360) 696-6238  
School for the Deaf .....(360) 696-6525  
Sunshine Physically Challenged Foundation .....(360) 693-8041  
Telecommunications Relay ..... TTY 1-800-833-6388  
Vocational Rehabilitation .....(360) 619-7060

### Transportation

C-Tran .....(360) 695-0123  
C-Van (Special Transportation) .....(360) 695-8918  
Medicaid Transportation Screener .....(360) 694-9997 or 1-800-752-9422

## Public School Districts

Battle Ground .....(360) 885-5300  
Camas .....(360) 833-5400  
Evergreen .....(360) 604-4000  
Vancouver .....(360) 313-1000  
Ridgefield .....(360) 619-1300  
Hockinson .....(360) 448-6400

## Victim/Witness

Victim/Witness Assistance .....(360) 397-2008

## Police Departments

Washington State Patrol .....(360) 260-6333  
Clark County Sheriff .....(360) 397-2366  
Vancouver Police Dept. ....(360) 696-8292  
Battle Ground Police Dept. ....(360) 342-5100  
Camas Police Dept. ....(360) 834-4151  
Ridgefield Police Dept. ....(360) 887-3556

## Toll Free Numbers

Abuse Hotline— (suspected abuse of child. & vulnerable adults) (DSHS)	1-866-363-4276
Address Confidentiality Program (SEC)	1-800-822-1065
Adoption (DSHS)	1-800-562-5682
Aging and Disability Administration (DSHS)	1-800-422-3263
AIDS/HIV Information (DOH)	1-800-272-2437
Air Quality Smoke Complaints	1-866-211-6284
Alcohol and Tobacco Complaints and Information (LCB)	1-888-838-3956
Attorney General (Consumer Protection) (AG)	1-800-551-4636
Aviation Division (DOT)	1-800-552-0666
Beach Closure Safety Hotline - Shellfish Toxins (DOH)	1-800-562-5632
Blind Hotline (DSB)	1-800-552-7103
Business Assistance Hotline (CTED)	1-800-237-1233
Charitable Solicitation Information (SEC)	1-800-332-4483
Child Support Answer Phone (DSHS)	1-877-980-9220
Children or Families at Risk (OFCO)	1-800-562-5624
Children's Support Enforcement (DSHS)	1-800-729-7580
Children's Services (DSHS)	1-800-562-5624
CLEAR 9:30am - 12:30pm (Low Income Legal Services)	1-888-201-1014
Client Relations Hotline (L&I)	1-800-547-8367
Crime Victim's Advocacy (C&T)	1-800-822-1067
Consumer Check on Contractors Specialty Compliance (L&I)	1-800-647-0982
Deaf, School for (WSD)	1-800-613-4228
Dept. of Transportation Main Headquarters (DOT)	1-800-368-2559
Disability Insurance Benefits (DSHS)	1-800-562-6074
Domestic Violence Hotline (DSHS)	1-800-562-6025
Do Not Call Registry (FTC)	1-888-382-1222
	TTY: 1-866-290-4236
Emergency Services, 24-hours (EMD)	1-800-258-5990
Emission Control (DOE)	1-800-272-3780
Family & Children's Ombudsman (GOV)	1-800-571-7321
Ferry Information (DOT)	1-888-808-7977
Fire Reports (DNR)	1-800-562-6010
Game Poaching (F&W)	1-800-477-6224
Gypsy Moth Information Line (AGR)	1-800-443-MOTH (6684)
Hazardous Substances (DOE)	1-800-633-7585
Hazardous Waste Spills Hotline (EMD)	1-800-258-5990
Health Consumer Assistance (DOH)	1-800-525-0127
Health Facilities & Services Complaints (DOH)	1-800-633-6828
Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA-HelpLine) (OIC)	1-800-562-6900
Health Plan, Basic (HCA)	1-800-826-2444
Hospital/Home Health Care Agency Complaints (DOH)	1-800-633-6828
Human Rights Commission (HRC)	1-800-233-3247

## Toll Free Numbers cont.

Independent Living Council (DSHS)	1-800-624-4105
Industrial Insurance General Information (L&I)	1-800-547-8367
Information, State (DIS)	1-800-321-2808
Insurance Commissioner (INS) (Consumer Inquiries)	1-800-562-6900
Legislative Hotline (LEG)	1-800-562-6000
Legislative Hotline Telecommunications	
Device for the Deaf (TTY)	1-800-635-9993
Long-Term Care Ombudsman (DSHS)	1-800-562-6028
Lottery Winning Numbers (LOT)	1-800-545-7510
Low Interest Home Loans (HFC)	1-800-767-4663
Medical Assistance Customer Service (DSHS)	1-800-562-3022
Missing Persons Unit (WSP)	1-800-543-5678
Natural Resources (DNR) General Information	1-800-527-3305
Residential Care Service Complaints (DSHS)	1-800-562-6078
Office of Community Health Systems	1-800-458-5281
Park Reservations, Washington (P&R)	1-888-CAMPOUT or 1-888-226-7688
Pass Reports/Travel Information (DOT)	1-800-695-7623
Provider Billing (DSHS)	1-800-562-3022
Public Disclosure Commission (PDC)	1-877-601-2828
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (DOE)	1-800-552-3565
Puget Sound Partnership (PSP)	1-800-547-6863
Recycling Hotline (DOE)	1-800-732-9253
Retirement Planning (DRS)	1-888-711-6676
Revenue (DOR)	1-800-647-7706
Shellfish Safety Hotline (DOH)	1-800-562-5632
Social Security (DSHS)	1-800-772-1213
Third Party Liability (DSHS) Medical Assistance	1-800-562-3022
Tourist Information Hotline (CTED)	1-800-544-1800
Toxic Chemical and Oil Spills (EMD) Emergency Management	1-800-258-5990
Unclaimed Property (DOR)	1-800-435-2429
Underground Storage Tanks (DOE)	1-800-826-7716
Utilities & Transportation Commission	
(UTC) Consumer Affairs Division	1-800-562-6150
Veterans Affairs (DVA)	1-800-562-2308
Voter Information (SEC)	1-800-448-4881
Water Works Certification Program (DOH)	1-800-525-2536
Welfare Fraud Hotline (DSHS)	1-800-562-6906
W.I.C. (Women/Infant/Child) (DOH)	1-800-841-1410
Wood Smoke Information (DOE)	1-866-211-6284
Workers' Compensation Claims (L&I)	1-800-547-8367

## An Invitation to Olympia

Washington's Capitol Building (Legislative Building) and its surrounding campus make Olympia one of the nation's most beautiful state capitals.

The Capitol Campus is a year-round tourist destination and the Legislative Building is its centerpiece. Originally completed in 1927, the Capitol was refurbished for the state's centennial in 1989.

Olympia visitors also can enjoy the Temple of Justice where the Supreme Court meets, the Governor's Mansion, the Old Capitol Building and several veterans' memorials situated on the 30-acre campus.

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