

31st District Democrats News

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March 5, 2011

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NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO RENEW FOR 2011.

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We are still searching for an alternative meeting location for future meetings. We are weighing costs and location availability. If you know of a great location, let us know.

**After Citizens United: What now?
Reclaiming democracy for the People**

One year ago, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a landmark ruling in "Citizens United v Federal Election Commission," holding that corporate funding of independent political

broadcasts in candidate elections cannot be limited under the First Amendment.

The result has been a deluge of corporate special-interest money in political campaigns - and a growing public backlash against the concept of "corporate citizenship." National polls show 80% of Americans are concerned about the "Citizens United" ruling and the impact that it is already having on our democratic process.

Join us for a panel discussion about the discussion and the next steps that need to be made to reclaim our democracy.

**Thursday, March 10, 2011
University of Washington
Kane Hall, Room 220**

Panel moderator:

· Enrique Cerna - Executive Producer, KCTS-9 Public Television

Panelists:

· John Bonifaz - Director, Free Speech For People

· Jeffrey Clements - General Counsel, Free Speech For People

· Lynne Dodson - Secretary-Treasurer, Washington State Labor Council

· Dorry Elias-Garcia - Executive Director, Minority Executive Directors Coalition of King County

· Steve Breaux - Public Policy Advocate for WashPIRG and international elections observer

The event is sponsored by Washington Public Campaigns

Co-Sponsors/Endorsers include: Free Speech For People, League of Women Voters of GreaterSeattle, Minority Executive Directors Coalition, MoveOn.Org/Seattle Council, 65th Street Change Gang, UW Department of Communications, UW Law School, Washington Public Interest Research Group (WashPIRG).

THANK YOU!

I hope to see you soon! Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Ron Weigelt

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