

Lincoln Day Dinner Recap!



More photos will be available soon

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend! We will see you and many more at our Liberty Dinner and Auction happening in **late October**.

Help Turn King County RED!



Are we ready to create a public outcry over the Legislature's hastily passed 2 billion dollars in new and increased taxes?

What happened in March of 2018 after a week of public outcry over a controversial public-records bill hurriedly approved by the State Legislature? The Governor took account of the public burning up the phone lines to make their voices heard and he vetoed the bill!

Let's show the Governor the power of the people, again, by calling his office and asking him to veto these hurriedly approved tax increases!

Call 360-902-4111 and ask Governor Inslee to use his veto power on behalf of the people!

Consider: Is the best fiscal policy for our state one that is created in the middle of the night with last-minute bills, no amendments, no debate, no public engagement, no explanation of how much state residents and businesses will be negatively impacted?

What is the rationale for raising taxes when the legislative session started out with a \$2.8 billion budget surplus?

Could reasonable people have found a way to fund all of the budget priorities such as mental health, K-12 education, salmon habitat preservation, and solutions to the homelessness issues without raising taxes? With a \$2.8 billion surplus, would even the \$2 million for added security costs related to Governor Inslee's presidential campaign, been funded without an increase in our taxes?

The majority Democrats passed record-high spending levels, with zero accountability. This \$52.4 billion budget, and an 18% increase over current spending, is the first state budget to exceed \$50 billion. How will such a budget be sustained during a financial downturn without raising taxes again and again and again?

List of taxes to veto from this flawed legislative process:

- HB 2158 ("off-budget") – B&O increase on select professional services: \$380 million
- SB 5998 – Graduated Real Estate Excise tax: \$245 million
- HB 2167 – B&O increase on banks: \$133 million
- SB 6016 – B&O changes for international investment management companies: \$59 million
- SB 5997 – Changes to non-resident sales tax exemption: \$54 million
- SB 6004 – B&O tax increase for travel agents: \$5 million
- SB 5993 – Increased oil barrel tax: \$173 million
- HB 1087 – Payroll tax for long-term care, with a tax increase on wage earner: \$1.3 billion in 2021-2023

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A letter from the Chair

Dear Friend-

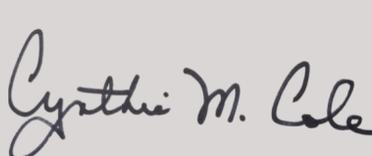
The big event in April was the KCGOP Lincoln Day Dinner. Our speaker, Steve Russell, former US Army officer, and former member of Congress from Oklahoma, had the audience spellbound with the story of how he led his team to capture Saddam Hussein. Former State Representative Paul Graves was our most excellent master of ceremonies.

The Legislative session is finally over. Some good news - of the bad bills we posted about on our KCGOP Facebook site and asked Republicans to call the Legislative hotline, 65% of those bills died and will not be reaching the Governor's desk for a signature. Of the 35% that ended up on the Governor's desk, all but one were passed in the last two days of the session after the Legislative hotline was closed. These bills were mostly tax increases on people and businesses. Business tax increases of course eventually trickle down to we, the people.

The legislative session started out with \$2.8 billion budget surplus, yet what was the rationale of the majority party Democrats for \$2 billion in new and increased taxes, other than "because we have the votes to do so?" See the above political Update for what actions you can take.

Lastly, there are a lot of volunteer opportunities. Talk to your District Chairs or call the KCGOP office. Election Observer Training and doorbelling with candidates are two ways to volunteer.

Cynthia Cole
Chair, King County Republican Party



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Letters to the Editor

One way for Republicans to get our voices heard in King County in a time like this is by writing letters to the editor. Each week the KCGOP will develop talking points on two current topics. You will receive these from your Legislative District Chair and they will also be posted on the [PCO Portal](#). Happy writing!



PCOs in the News

Hossein Khorram -PCO and Finance Committee Chairman was invited by the U.S. Department of State to discuss Iranian issues.

Lt. Col. Richard Cole -Not a KCGOP PCO, but a brave man that some of our PCOs thought should be recognized. Thank you for your service to this Country, Lt. Col. Cole (not related to KCGOP Chair Cole).

Have any news worthy information on any of your fellow PCOs? Let us know at jon@kcgop.org.



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