

WPC - 2010 Elections Season Advocacy Program

In 2010 there will be elections at every level - federal, state, judicial, and some local races.

This year is an opportunity for WPC and grassroots supporters to push support for Fair Elections (public financing of campaigns) - the Fair Elections Now Act (FENA) in Congress; the proposed judicial bill (Supreme Court Fair Elections) in WA state; and pledged support from candidates and office-holders, to work for real reforms - public campaign financing, transparency and full disclosure of campaign contributions, and appropriate limits in campaign contributions (federal, state, local).

Campaigns / Elections include:

- federal: U.S. Senate seat (*incumbent: Patty Murray*)
- state legislature: all 98 House seats; one-half (25) Senate seats
- state judicial: state Supreme Court (three seats); Appellate Court seats; local seats.

2010 Elections Season Advocacy Program (ESAP) - includes these activities:

- 1. Send information to every candidate running for office** - with info about CE/PFC, and WPC's policy-advocacy work. ("*CE/PFC*" = *Clean Elections / Public Financing of Campaigns*)
- 2. Invite candidates to endorse and pledge support for these reforms**, specifically the FENA bill (federal candidates), the judicial bill (state legislative candidates and judicial candidates), and proposals to extend public campaign financing to statewide and legislative races as well as to local jurisdictions (cities/counties/ports/PUDs).
- 3. Place endorsers' names on WPC's list of supporters of public campaign financing** (Fair Elections Now Act / Clean Elections / Voter-Owned Elections) - when candidates and incumbents pledge to endorse, support and work for these reforms. This list of endorsers is kept (and updated) on WPC's website (Fair Elections Endorsers page), and will be prominently announced at our June 19th Awards Banquet - and succeeding events, as appropriate.
- 4. Encourage WPC supporters and CE/PFC advocates to attend candidate forums, town meetings, and other events and appearances by candidates** - and to publicly ask candidates where they stand, and to urge their support for reforms enacting public campaign financing at every level. WPC has message points, to prepare and guide advocates for events and outreach work.
- 5. Encourage candidates and elected office-holders to attend the Awards Banquet - June 19th** - perhaps as banquet sponsors. (A "Candidate's Package" - for \$150 - includes two banquet tickets plus a quarter-page ad in the Banquet Program Ad Book. ("unpackaged" would be \$190.)
- 6. Bring attention to our website Endorsers Page** - (www.washclean.org/endorsements.htm) - **and to other linked sites** that provide information about where candidates stand on the issue of public campaign financing - the Fair Elections Now Act (FENA), and Voter-Owned Elections.
- 7. Meet with candidates** (if requested) to provide additional information on CE/PFC and WPC's proposals, to answer their questions. This is best done at the local (chapter) level - wherever local WPC chapters or councils exist and are up to the task.

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Assisted by local chapters and volunteer coordinators in selected regions of the state.

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