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 for the most up to date calendar.

## Upcoming Member Education

- Olympia**  
 Sat., Oct. 27, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Davis Williams Bldg., Suite 330  
 906 Columbia St. SW  
 See [www.opeiu8.org](http://www.opeiu8.org) for details

## Upcoming Chapter Meeting

- Shoreline**  
 Tues., Nov. 13, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
 Shoreline Conference Center  
 18560 1st Ave. NE

## Next Assembly

- Sat., January 26, 2013**  
 Longview/Kelso



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# Labor Decides 2012 - This Election Matters!

Mail ballots have arrived and your vote is critical to our future as a labor movement. We want to share information with you about the candidates and issues to help you decide. The right to vote is sacred, and we encourage all Local 8 members to vote your conscience. We hope the enclosed information will be helpful to union members.

The Governor's race will be close, and we will make the difference in who leads Washington in the next four years. **We need to stand with the person who has stood up for us – and that is Jay Inslee.** As a member of Congress, Jay Inslee has fought for issues that help working people and their families. He has voted to strengthen protections for workers, for the right of collective bargaining and he has a proven track record of defending good Washington jobs.

His opponent, Rob McKenna, is focused on privatizing government services and our worker comp system. McKenna went against the wishes of the majority of Washingtonians, and joined the Tea Party lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act, and took it all the way to the Supreme Court. The ACA keeps children on their parents' policy until they are 26 and makes prescription drugs more affordable for seniors. McKenna also supported the lawsuit to stop a 12-cent increase in the minimum wage, does not want the state to pay prevailing wages, has called unions "dangerous" and vowed to change bargaining laws. We can't support a candidate that would put Washington workers at such a disadvantage.



Member Richard Cox and Executive Board Member Anthony Forte at Labor Neighbor Phone Bank Night



Local 8 Members Support Jay Inslee for Governor

We hope you can take some time to think about the importance of this election, examine the issues and **most importantly vote.** Send in your ballot before November 6th; it is the best way to participate in your family's future. You can also check the Local 8 website at [www.opeiu8.org](http://www.opeiu8.org) for information about Labor Neighbor activities to help get out the vote.

# Local 8's 6th Assembly in Yakima – A Full Day (and Night) of Action

## Executive Board

**Kellie McGuire**  
President

**Kathi Scott**  
Vice President

**Cindy Schu**  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Shaunie Saelee**  
Recording Secretary

**Valancy Blackwell,**  
Central

**Karen White,**  
Central

**Ruthie Cuthrell,**  
Central

**Anthony Forte,**  
Central

**Jan Hays,** Central

**David Olivera,**  
Central

**Pam Hansen,** North

**Janice Herrera,**  
North

**Audrey Gunderson,**  
North

**John O'Keefe,** North

**Jan Abberger,**  
South /West

**Bill Messenger,**  
South/West

**Michelle Ruiz,**  
South/West

**Barb Brennan,** East

**Robin Sullivan,** East

**Joan Weiss**  
Trustee

**Lois Jamieson**  
Trustee

**Jim O'Connor**  
Trustee

**Carol Rozumalski**  
Trustee

The twice a year Assemblies allow members to decide policies, work on various committee projects, elect leaders, meet other members and impact the direction of our Union. The location of the Assembly rotates among our four regions, in September it was held in Yakima. You can find photos of the event on the website and minutes will be posted soon.

## Here are a few highlights:

- Welcomed to East Region by **Barb Brennan** and **Robin Sullivan** who raffled local apples and wine baskets
- Raised nearly \$1,500 for our Hardship Fund at the Bowl-a-Thon and 50/50 Raffle conducted by **Audrey Gunderson**
- Raised nearly \$1,500 for our PAC at the Auction with help from auctioneer, **Alan Wolfson**
- Participated in Labor Decides 2012 interview videos produced by **Kathy Cummings**
- Elected two new Trustees: **Jim O'Connor** and **Carol Rozumalski**, thanked outgoing Trustee **Heather Hanson**
- Presentation of UFW flag to guest **Jorge Carrasco** by **David Olivera**
- Awarded Local 8 gift boxes by **Daphne Becker** to members who completed the Word Search and won the drawing
- Planned future actions and had lively discussions in our Steward, Diversity, Hardship Fundraising, Political Action Committees and thanked chairs and presenters **Elaine Carlson, Terry Hall, Rosalinda Aguirre, Barb Brennan, Jim O'Connor, Valancy Blackwell, Shaunie Saelee, and Mike Maloney**
- Elected new delegates to Central Labor Councils: **Richard Cox, Pam Hansen, Adam Thornton, Betty Pacheco, Lynne Johnson, Rhonda Stanfield and Maria Schnell**
- Reviewed and approved our year to date financial status presented by **Cindy Schu**
- Recognized member **Charlie Best** for winning Mother Jones Award
- Presentation on joining Local 8 from outgoing President of the Washington Federation of State Employees Staff Union, **Phedra Quincey**
- Recognized Vice President **Kathi Scott** for her 30 years of membership
- Heard workplace reports from **Rodrigo Ramirez Herrera, Joan Weiss, Elaine Carlson, Shannon Salinas, and Analiza Torres**
- Watched a video of Local 8 Members in Action from 2012
- Heard "State of the Union" presentation from Business Manager **Suzanne Mode**
- Thanked President **Kellie McGuire** for presiding over our Assembly and keeping us on time



## Raise Your Union Voice at the next Assembly!

Saturday, January 26, 2013 • Kelso/Longview, Washington

10:00 am to 4:00 pm (registration at 9:30 am)

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Social Hour

Red Lion Inn - Kelso/Longview

510 Kelso Drive, Kelso Washington

Box Lunch Provided

Register with Lori at [lori@opeiu8.org](mailto:lori@opeiu8.org) or 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 123) as soon as possible.

Travel stipends may be available. Let us know if you need childcare or help with transportation.



# Clear choices.



Jay  
**INSLEE**  
DEMOCRAT for GOVERNOR



Inslee believes in **investing in a better future for our children** by focusing his jobs plan on higher education, workforce training, and improving transportation infrastructure.<sup>1</sup>

At the state<sup>3</sup> and federal<sup>4</sup> levels, Inslee always **supports prevailing wage standards and minimum wage increases.**

Inslee has voted repeatedly to protect and **strengthen the freedom to join unions** when workers decide that they need a voice to stand up for what's right.<sup>6</sup>

1. JayInslee.com 2. RobMcKenna.org  
3. HB 1471 (1991) and others  
4. HR 3846 (2000) and others  
5. AGO #7 (9-15-10) 6. HR 800 (2009) and others  
7. Seattle Times (3-24-11, 6-10-12) 8. TheStand.org (6-11-12)

Rob  
**McKENNA**  
REPUBLICAN for GOVERNOR



McKenna wants to **privatize workers' compensation** for his insurance company cronies, even though Washington voters said "no" to this loud and clear in 2010.<sup>2</sup>

Siding with corporate lobbying groups against working families, McKenna tried to **block a 12-cent minimum wage increase** in 2011.<sup>5</sup>

McKenna publicly says that collective bargaining is a right,<sup>7</sup> but privately told his right-wing friends that public-sector **unions are "dangerous"** and vowed to change bargaining laws.<sup>8</sup>



Bob  
**FERGUSON**  
DEMOCRAT for ATTORNEY GEN.



Ferguson **stands up for the middle class against powerful special interests.** As a council member he passed legislation holding unscrupulous businesses accountable for cheating workers.<sup>1</sup> As Attorney General, he will hold Wall Street and insurance companies accountable, and go after special interests that take advantage of seniors, veterans and hard-working people.

Ferguson voted to **protect workers' ability to form unions** to stand up for what's right, urging Congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act.<sup>2</sup>

1. King Co. Ordinance 2001-0493  
2. KC Motion 2006-0388  
3. kingcounty.gov/council/news/2007/October/mentaldrug.aspx  
4. Seattle Times (11-16-10)

Reagan  
**DUNN**

REPUBLICAN for ATTORNEY GEN.



Dunn **does not value a secure middle class.** He voted instead to cut critical funding for seniors, families and children<sup>3</sup> and tried to cut funding for public health services.<sup>4</sup> He even proposed a property tax cut that would have benefitted million-dollar homeowners (like him) while trying to increase the sales tax, which hits working families, senior and the poor the hardest.

Dunn **doesn't show up for working people.** He was absent for the vote on the freedom to form unions (the only vote he missed that day).<sup>2</sup>

That's why Your Union supports

**Jay Inslee** for GOVERNOR  
**Bob Ferguson** for ATTORNEY GENERAL



**You decide.** Mail in your ballot by  
Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 6.

A message from the Office and Professional Employees International Union.  
Learn more at [www.wslc.org](http://www.wslc.org).



# 2012 WSLC Endorsements



These are the 2012 General Election endorsements of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Delegates representing the WSLC's affiliated unions voted upon and approved the following endorsements at conventions in February, May and August. It includes post-primary endorsements made at the WSLC 2012 Convention.

## U.S. SENATE

**Maria Cantwell**

## U.S. HOUSE

1st – **Suzan DelBene**

2nd – **Rick Larsen**

3rd – OPPOSE Jaime Herrera Beutler

4th – **Mary Baechler**

5th – **Rich Cowan**

6th – **Derek Kilmer**

7th – **Jim McDermott**

8th – **Karen Porterfield**

9th – **Adam Smith**

10th – **Denny Heck**

## STATEWIDE

GOVERNOR – **Jay Inslee**

LT. GOVERNOR – **Brad Owen**

SEC. OF STATE – **Kathleen Drew**

ATTORNEY GENERAL – **Bob Ferguson**

PUBLIC LANDS COMMISSIONER –  
**Peter Goldmark**

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC  
INSTRUCTION – **Randy Dorn**

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER –  
**Mike Kreidler**

## JUDICIAL

STATE SUPREME COURT

Pos. 2 – **Susan Owens**

Pos. 8 – **Steven Gonzalez**

Pos. 9 – **Sheryl Gordon McCloud**

Learn more at [www.wslc.org](http://www.wslc.org)  
and [www.TheStand.org](http://www.TheStand.org)

## BALLOT MEASURES

### APPROVE Referendum 74

Marriage Equality Act allowing  
same-sex couples to marry.

### YES on Initiative 502

Marijuana reform that decriminalizes  
possession of small amounts of  
regulated marijuana and taxes it.

### NO on Initiative 1185

Tim Eyman "minority-rule" measure that  
requires 2/3rds super-majority to repeal  
special interest tax breaks or raise taxes.

### NO on Initiative 1240

Legalizing taxpayer-funded private  
for-profit charter schools, which would  
divert funds from public schools.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

LD 1 – Senate:

**Rosemary McAuliffe**  
House 1: **Derek Stanford**  
House 2: **Luis Moscoso**

LD 2 – Senate: **Bruce Lachney**

LD 3 – Senate: **Andy Billig**  
House 1: **Marcus Riccelli**  
House 2: **Timm Ormsby**

LD 4 – House 2: **Amy Biviano**

LD 5 – Senate: **Mark Mullet**  
House 2: **David Spring**

LD 6 – House 2: **Dennis Dellwo**

LD 8 – House 1: **Jay Clough**

LD 10 – House 2: **Tom Riggs**  
Senate: (no action)

LD 11 – Senate: **Bob Hasegawa**  
House 1: **Zack Hudgins**  
House 2: **Steve Bergquist**

LD 16 – Senate: **Scott Nettles**

LD 17 – Senate: **Tim Probst**  
House 1: **Monica Stonier**  
House 2: **Jim Gizzi**

LD 18 – Senate:  
OPPOSE Joe Zarelli

LD 19 – House 2: **Brian Blake**

LD 20 – Senate: **Dan Swecker\***

LD 21 – House 1:  
**Mary Helen Roberts**  
House 2: **Marko Liias**

LD 22 – Senate: **Karen Fraser**  
House 1: **Chris Reykdal**  
House 2: **Sam Hunt**

LD 23 – Senate:  
**Christine Rolfes**  
House 1: **Sherry Appleton**  
House 2: **Drew Hansen**

LD 24 – House 1:  
**Kevin Van de Wege**  
House 2: **Steve Tharinger**

LD 25 – Senate: **Eric Herde**  
House 1: **Dawn Morrell**  
House 2: **Bill Hilton**

LD 26 – House 1:  
**Karin Ashabraner**  
House 2: **Larry Seaquist**

LD 27 – Senate:  
**Jeannie Darneille**  
House 1: **Laurie Jinkins**  
House 2: **Jake Fey**

LD 28 – Senate: **Yoshi Wong**  
House 1: **Eric Choiniere**  
House 2: **Tami Green**

LD 29 – House 1:  
**David Sawyer**  
House 2: **Steve Kirby**

LD 30 – House 1:  
**Roger Flygare**

LD 32 – House 1: **Cindy Ryu**

LD 33 – House 1: **Tina Orwall**  
House 2: **Dave Upthegrove**

LD 34 – House 1: **Eileen Cody**  
House 2: **Joe Fitzgibbon**

LD 35 – House 1: **Kathy Haigh**

LD 36 – House 2: **Noel Frame**

LD 38 – House 1: **John McCoy**  
House 2: **Mike Sells**

LD 39 – Senate: **Scott Olson**  
House 1: **Linda Wright**  
House 2: **Eleanor Walters**

LD 40 – Senate: **Kevin Ranker**  
House 1: **Kristine Lytton**

LD 41 – Senate:  
**Maureen Judge**

LD 42 – House 1:  
**Natalie McClendon**  
House 2: **Matthew Krogh**

LD 43 – House 2: **Frank Chopp**

LD 44 – House 1:  
**Hans Dunshee**  
House 2: **Mary McNaughton**

LD 45 – House 1:  
**Roger Goodman**

LD 46 – House 1: (dual) **Gerry Pollet** and **Sylvester Cann**  
House 2: **Jessyn Farrell**  
Senate: **David Frockt**

LD 47 – House 1:  
**Bud Sizemore**  
House 2: **Pat Sullivan**

LD 48 – House 2: **Cyrus Habib**

LD 49 – Senate:  
**Annette Cleveland**  
House 1: **Sharon Wylie**  
House 2: **Jim Moeller**



# Members in Action

Executive Board Member, **Anthony Forte** and Shop Steward at Providence Medical Center Everett, **Sue O'Connor** attended the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association Conference last spring. Here's what they had to say:

Before attending the PNLHA Conference, I only knew a little bit about the Bread & Roses Strike—basically that it's considered a "successful" strike and affected textile mills on the East Coast in the early 20th century. At the conference I learned quickly that Bread & Roses took place in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1912 and suddenly realized something; in the midst of my maternal grandmother's numerous stories about the Depression and growing up very poor, she also told me as a little girl (born 1919) her father (who only spoke Italian) moved the family from New York City to Lawrence, Massachusetts and got a job sweeping floors in a clothing factory. I'd love to think that perhaps my grandmother's childhood was just a little "less poor," thanks to the sacrifices made by the tenacious men and women during the Bread & Roses Strike a few years earlier. For that, this great grandson of a textile mill worker is grateful. —**Anthony Forte**

I didn't know when I went off to the Labor History Conference in Tacoma what a Wobbly was, in fact, I'd never heard of one. So, what's a Wobbly? Industrial Workers of the World—the IWW. They believed every worker should belong to the same union, strength in numbers you know. They were often the front line of workers on the picket line when management sent in the strike breakers.

People died in Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Spokane, just for the right to say we need a livable wage; we need days off, we need healthcare and a safe workplace, things taken for granted now. Unions gave us that, but now we need to struggle to keep our unions and our rights. The 1% doesn't want us to keep them; it cuts into what they collect from our labors. Can you imagine the walk-out if we were all the same union? —**Sue O'Connor**

## It Pays to Have a Union Contract

**Serge Djang** was promoted to a resident manager position at Low Income Housing Institute. He was promised a significant pay raise. Two weeks after beginning his new position he was informed by LIHI's Human Resources that they had made a mistake and he would not be paid the promised wage. In fact, he was told he would make less than he was paid as security staff. Serge contacted HR repeatedly to clear up the pay dispute but got nowhere. He then contacted his Union Rep, **Diane Arnold**, for assistance. Together they filed a grievance to force management to resolve this pay dispute. The outcome: Serge won the grievance and received all his back pay which totaled almost \$5800. He's now getting paid what he was promised.



## Welcome to Our 75 New Members from the Staff of the Washington Federation of State Employees



New Local 8 Members from WFSE with Business Manager, Suzanne Mode

### Staff

**Suzanne Mode**  
Business Manager

**Cindy Schu**  
Organizing Director

**Shelby Mooney**  
Organizer

**Mary Maloy**  
Union Representative

**Benita Hyder**  
Union Representative

**Amanda Saylor**  
Union Representative

**Valarie Peaphon**  
Union Representative

**Mike Gimlin**  
Union Representative

**Diane Arnold**  
Union Representative

**Corinne Cosentino**  
Membership Support Representative

**Colleen Shelton**  
Office Manager

**Libby Alejandro**  
Administrative Secretary

**Betty Devereaux**  
Secretary/Receptionist

**Lori Risteyn**  
Bookkeeper

**Mary Silver**  
Billing Clerk

Welcome to our  
University of Washington  
Social Work Intern  
Nella Porter

# Everett Unity Barbeque

Members from Providence Hospital, Sea Mar, Visiting Nurse Service, Carpenter's Trust and other work places enjoyed a sunny day of family fun last month. Check out more photos of the Local 8 Unity Barbeque on line at [www.opeiu8.org](http://www.opeiu8.org).



Providence Hospital Bargaining Team



Three Legged Race



Providence Hospital Housekeeping Staff



A Day for the Whole Family



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