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SEPTEMBER 4th DINNER

Judicial Candidates Forum

Lady Justice is supposed to be blind - but not the voters who put the justices on the bench. In its continuing effort to ensure that its members are well informed citizens, CITY CLUB gives you the opportunity to meet some of the barristers running for court positions.

Three candidates for Washington State Supreme Court and one candidate for Pierce County Supreme Court will be joining us on the evening of September 4 High Mary Fairhurst, Charles Johnson, Pamela Loginsky, and Steven Merrival. They'll be sharing their qualifications, their motivations, and their ideals. And we hope you'll ask some tough questions.

Mary Fairhurst is running for her first term as Washington State Supreme Court Justice. Currently working as an Assistant Attorney General in criminal justice, transportation, taxation, and labor, her credentials are impressive. She's been President of the Washington State Bar Association and is now



serving on the Supreme Court's Gender and Justice Commission. Mary sees herself as a Steward of Justice.

Charles Johnson has two terms as Supreme Court Justice to his record and is seeking a third. A native of Tacoma, he sees himself as a scholar, a law educator, and a role model for his contemporaries. He is particularly proud of his extraordinary outreach to the people of Washington State.

Pam Loginsky, a Navy veteran and graduate of University of Washington's Law School, is running for Position 4 on the Supreme Court. Pam is a recognized leader in the battle against domestic violence. In addition to conducting awareness training for police officers, advocates, and prosecutors, Pam has worked to obtain new laws that increase victim safety.

Also joining us the evening of September 4th is Steven Merrival, candidate for Pierce County Superior Court. Steven has 20 years experience as a deputy prosecuting attorney and five as a special assistant United States attorney, primarily with felony drug crimes. Steven believes that he brings a unique perspective to court cases, being aware of the issues faced by everyone involved.

Plan on joining us for this unique opportunity to meet our judicial candidates.

SEPTEMBER 4TH DINNER

6PM, UPS WHEELOCK
STUDENT CENTER
RESERVE BY SEPTEMBER 2ND
CALL 253-272-9561 OR EMAIL
OFFICE@CITYCLUBTACOMA.ORG
\$13 FOR MEMBERS; \$17 GUESTS

SEPTEMBER 18TH LUNCHEON

REFERENDUM 51: The Transportation Solution?

It's a Tacoma tradition that as summer cools off, CITY CLUB heralds the heating up of the political season with programs on the people and issues ballot-bound for November. Sure, some political contests produce no more heat that it takes to make a balmy autumn day. On the other hand, Washington politics—like September itself—can produce the occasional scorcher.

Referendum 51 looks to provide a fair amount of heat this season, and CITY CLUB, as usual, has made sure its members have an opportunity to feel the warmth - or fan the flames. According to the "Yes On 51" website, the referendum proposes a gas tax increase to fix dangerous roads and bridges, fund construction to relieve traffic chokepoints, improve street safety near schools, and expand public transportation. Opposed to R-51, the Transportation Choices Coalition also has a website: the referendum won't work, throws too much money



at highway construction, and is especially bad for Seattle-King County.

The September 18th luncheon program has been set aside for the scrutinizing, promoting, and rebutting R-51. The program will be offered as a debate and is scheduled for noon at the Sheraton.

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The "Yes on 51" has asked
Pierce County Executive John
Ladenburg, who has also been active
with the Regional Access Mobility
Project aimed at bringing Pierce
County infrastructure issues before

both legislature and voters, to speak on its behalf. The Transportation Choices Coalition will send its executive director, former Snohomish County Councilman and Washington Environmental Council Executive Director, Peter Hurley. Port of Tacoma Commissioner Dick Marzano will provide a perspective of how commerce is affected by the transportation infrastructure and discuss the possibilities of 51 and its alternatives. The Tim Eyman led organization, Permanent Offense, has also been contacted about sending a representative.

The discussion promises to be lively and the topic is important to us all. Make plans to attend this luncheon.

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CALENDAR

September 4th Dinner Program, 6 pm, UPS Wheelock Student Center (formerly known as Student Union) Rotunda (parking free but limited - accessible from Alder Street): Judicial Candidates Forum. Four of the people running for Court positions speak about their motivations, qualifications, and ideals. Steven Merrival, running for Pierce County Superior Court Judge, will be joined by Pamela Loginsky, Charles Johnson, and Mary Fairhurst, all running for Washington State Supreme Court. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet these judicial candidates.

September 11th: Out of respect for the fact that this may be a difficult day for many people and recognizing that many will have already planned activities marking the day, there will be no Roundtable program.

September 18th Luncheon, noon, The Sheraton, Ballroom Area (Parking \$2): Debate about Referendum 51. Maintaining its reputation for stirring the pot, CITY CLUB offers up this program that scrutinizes, promotes, and rebutts R-51 all in one fine event. Representatives from "Yes on 51", Transportation Choices Coalition, and Permanent Offense will take part in the debate. Don't miss this one!

September 25th Roundtable, noon, The Vault, 2nd Floor Meeting Room: "Cochlear Implants - Giving Hearing to the Deaf" Our very own Ben Gilbert will give a presentation on the benefits and risks of cochlear implants and share his experiences with the use of this system.

Advance reservations required for lunch and dinner programs, but not for roundtables. Call 253-272-9561, fax 253-272-5437, or email City Club's administrator, Linda Pearn at office@cityclubtacoma.org.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 am until 4 pm.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Julie Anderson, Athena Concepts
Joseph Beaulieu, First Community Bank
Judy Johnson, First Community Bank
Jim Kors, Retired
Giselle Langevin, Campaign Assistant
Marshall Macy, Edge Learning Institute
Michele McGill, Pioneer Museum of Motorcycles
Karen Schmidt, First Community Bank

Our newest corporate member is First Community Bank

Thank you to Ruth Kors, Pat McCarthy, Dwight Orr, and Neel Parikh for bringing new members into City Club of Tacoma.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, chaired by Dawn Lucien, will meet at noon, Monday, September 2nd, at the Tacoma Public Library.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, chaired by Gina Crocetti, is in the process of forming after its summer break. Please refer to the website for meeting time and location.

Membership, chaired by Jan Karroll, and Public Relations, chaired by Mike Wark, share their meetings, the next scheduled for Monday, September 15th, at noon, at The Vault.

COMMUNITY STUDIES, chaired by El Vandeberg, will meet on September 19th, at noon, at El Vandeberg's office, 1201 Pacific, Ste 1900.

20TH Anniversary Gala Committee, chaired by Margi Legowik, is in the process of forming. Meeting times and place will be available on the website.

Embrace the Future with Us - Come Join A Committee!!

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