

7 DAYS OF ACTION

WEBSITE

Whenever one person stands up and says, "Wait a minute, this is wrong," it helps other people do the same. – Gloria Steinem

Hold the Date! NCW United All Member Meeting

Monday, April 27 * 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm * Fire Hall Meeting Room * Chelan County Fire District 3 * 288 Chumstick Highway * Leavenworth

SEVEN WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Vote in the Presidential Primary Election Tuesday, March 10 * All Day until 8:00 pm * Ballot Drop box at City Hall * Leavenworth



Don't wait until the last minute to vote! It's reasonable to wait until the results of Super Tuesday (March 3), as some candidates may leave the race at that juncture. On March 4, mail or drop your ballot off at a drop box. Stand up and be counted. Proudly mark that Democratic box as the first step in unseating Trump. Be sure to follow all directions to make sure your vote counts. The declaration goes away in 60 days. You are not held to it in the General Election.

Keep in mind that this is the first time the Democratic candidate has been selected in Washington by primary vote. Prior to this the caucus process was used. That process required a person to show up for several hours, verbally discuss their perspective and promote their candidate with other attendees, and vote to distribute the delegates to the candidate. In that setting, you were there in person, attending the Democratic caucus. Publicly declaring party preference may feel unsettling, but it is far more inclusive and accessible, than the caucus process. Don't let your voice be silenced. Please vote and have your say in restoring our nation. **The time is now, to do the right thing!**

Learn more:

- Washington Democrats choose presidential primary for 2020, ditching precinct caucuses (Seattle Times) read
- Washington Dems ditched the caucus. Will that make our votes count? (Seattle Met) read
- Here's what you will vote for on your March 10 presidential primary ballot in Washington (Bellingham Herald) read
- Fast facts about the Washington State Presidential Primary (WA St Democrats) read
- 2020 Washington State Presidential Primary voter's guide, English and Spanish (WA Secretary of State) read

Onward to the White House!

Speak up by March 16 to help prevent housing discrimination rule change

Submit a comment in your own words on the Federal Register by March 16 to support retention of the current Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule requiring that jurisdictions receiving federal funds follow processes to ensure non-discrimination and work against segregation in housing. It is important that your comment not follow a general script, as only unique comments will be considered.

- 1) Introduce yourself
- 2) Share a story about how you or a loved one are impacted by fair housing policy and/or why you support it based on your personal values.
- 3) Learn more:
 - What's at stake: crucial fair housing advances will be lost if HUD adopts its proposed new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) regulation (National Fair Housing Alliance) read
 - Overview of HUD's proposed 2020 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) regulation (National Fair Housing Alliance) read
 - The Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing rule and equity (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) read
 - Civil rights & housing groups lead growing opposition to Trump administration attack on fair housing (National Low Income Housing Coalition) <u>read</u>
 - The Trump administration is clearing the way for housing discrimination read
- 4) Draft and submit your comment here

Here are a few points to consider when drafting your comment:

- The proposed new rule barely mentions discrimination and conflates the idea of "fair housing" with "affordable housing," thereby removing protections against housing discrimination and segregation.
- It removes the requirement for community participation and engagement on fair housing issues, further disenfranchising the communities the AFFH rule is meant to help.
- It eliminates the requirement to analyze the local conditions that contribute to housing discrimination and segregation.
- It threatens policies, such as those around rent stabilization policies and environmental protections, that can promote housing stability and safety.



Ask for an end to unethical therapy practices in asylum case

The American Psychological Association expressed "shock and outrage that the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has been sharing confidential psychotherapy notes with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to deny asylum to some immigrant youths."

"ORR's sharing of confidential therapy notes of traumatized children destroys the bond of trust between patient and therapist that is vital to helping the patient," said APA President Sandra L. Shullman, PhD. "We call on ORR to stop this practice immediately and on the Department of Health and Human Services and Congress to investigate its prevalence. We also call on ICE to release any immigrants who have had their asylum requests denied as a result."

Suggested Script: Hello, I'm [writing/calling] from [CITY/ZIP] because I'm deeply concerned about the way Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is using therapy against young asylum seekers. The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is actively <u>violating patient confidentiality</u> by sharing notes from detained children's mandatory therapy sessions with ICE officials, who then use them as a tool during immigration proceedings, twisting recollections of traumatic life events to cast a negative light on the children's asylum cases. I am joining the <u>American Psychological Association</u>, National Social Workers Association, and American Counseling Association in condemning this unethical practice, in calling for an immediate stop to this practice.

Write or Call: Alex Azar, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20528-0525; 202-690-7000; and Chad F. Wolf, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201; (call via DHS comment line) 202-282-8495.

CELEBRATING VICTORIES

- Congress makes lynching a federal crime, 65 years after Emmett Hill (AP) read
- Senate passes resolution that would limit Trump's war powers on Iran (Roll Call) read
- Crowded border facilities where detainees are forced to sleep in toilet stalls violate the Constitution, judge rules (CNN) read
- Secretary of State agrees to settle voter ID lawsuits by entering into consent decree with North Dakota tribes (Native American Rights Fund) read
- House approves 1.3 million acres of wilderness, adds over 1,000 miles into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system (National Parks Conservation Association) read

YOUR CALENDAR



Join with Democratic friends from NCW to discuss politics, learn about opportunities to support Democratic Party efforts and candidates, and enjoy time and conversation in a low-agenda environment. All are welcome.



Understanding transgender and gender diverse children and teens Tuesday, March 3 * 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm * Mercantile * 14 N. Wenatchee Ave * Wenatchee

You are all invited!

GENDER DIVERSITY: UNDERSTANDING TRANSGENDER AND GENDER DIVERSE CHILDREN AND TEENS

Speaker: Aidan Key, Gender Diversity



Join gender education specialist Aidan Key in examining the topic of gender diversity in children and teens. This seminar will present some of the challenges faced by youth and their families, explore current research, identify the best approaches for increasing societal awareness, and provide ways to improve the well-being of people of all gender identities and expressions.

To ensure you have a seat at the event, please register on EventBrite. We will be requesting to see tickets.

Learn more and register for free tickets here

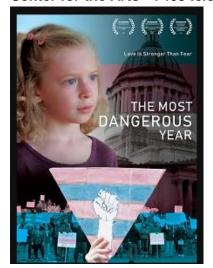
Gay 101: An introduction: a workshop on LGBTQ justice and equity Wednesday, March 4 * 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm * YWCA North Central Washington * 212 1st Street * Wenatchee * Free!

Join YWCA NCW for Gay 101: An Introduction. Learn the basics (and maybe a little more!). Gay 101 will cover the Stonewall Riots, historical and contemporary LGBTQ figures, vocabulary, allyship, and power and privilege. This workshop is our most in demand and spots are sure to go fast. Dinner is included.

Facebook even page & ticket link



Documentary Film: The Most Dangerous Year Saturday, March 7 * 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm * VOX DOCS Film Festival * Snowy Owl Theater * Icicle Creek Center for the Arts * 7409 Icicle Road * Leavenworth



"In 2016 a small group of families with transgender kids joined the fight against a wave of discriminatory anti-transgender legislation that swept the nation and their home state. With the help of a coalition of civil rights activists and ally lawmakers, these families embarked on an uncharted journey of fighting for their children's lives and futures in this present-day civil rights story."

Q&A with Director Vlada Knowlton after the film!

Watch <u>trailer</u> Tickets: <u>link</u>

Leavenworth Improvement for Everyone

Monday, April 6 * 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm * Icicle River Middle School Commons * 10195 Titus Rd * Leavenworth



Community Assembly

Mayor Carl Florea invites the entire Upper Valley Community to come together and discuss Leavenworth's current challenges and opportunities for transformation.

Leavenworth Improvement for Everyone—2.0 Update

- CREATE A SUSTAINABLE MODEL FOR A WORKING COMMUNITY
- CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY—RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY
- **SET A COURSE THAT WILL ENSURE THAT OUR FUTURE IS SUSTAINABLE**
- PRESERVE THE BEAUTY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT
- ADDRESS CURRENT PROBLEMS—HOUSING, TRAFFIC, PARKING

Let's start the conversation on the first 3 Mondays in April: April 6, 13, and 20, 2020 / 6:30—8:30 PM

Icicle River Middle School Commons 10195 Titus Rd, Leavenworth

Facilitated by Mr. Mike Nash