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### **LIBERTY ALERTS:**

#### **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Voter Information Forum**

County Council and Port of Bellingham Candidates Meridian High School. Doors open at 6:15 PM. Event begins at 7:00 PM and ending at approx. 9:00 PM.

#### **Event Sponsors:**

WBA, BIAWC, 4<sup>th</sup> Corner, Whatcom Farm Bureau, Ass. Gen. Contractors, WC Cattleman’s Assoc., Whatcom Farm Friends, WC Assoc. of Realtors, WC CAPR, and CTNW.

#### **October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Wake-Up Whatcom Event**

A *WakeUp Whatcom County*, event. Guest Speakers: Tim Eyman, Glen Morgan, and Lars Larson are confirmed to entertain and inform the audience on issues affecting Whatcom County and Washington State.

Event location - Meridian High School.

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### **COMMON CENTS:**

Recently I had a conversation with friends who work for organizations that have mandatory *sensitivity training* sessions. The employees working for these companies are subjected to sitting quietly while a paid, moderator tells them that because they’re white and they’ve chosen to live in a predominantly white area; they are racist.

Recently I had a conversation with friends whose churches are preaching that because they are white and have chosen to live in a predominantly white area; they are privileged and racist.

Recently I had a conversation with a friend, a local officer of the law, who is seriously considering leaving the area because of their frustration that the job of serve and protect has been transformed into babysitting the homeless problem in downtown Bellingham.

Recently I have had numerous conversations with friends who are currently teaching or retired teachers from the Bellingham School District and they are frustrated with the system. The job has been corrupted to be about passing a test, instilling politically correct ideology, and less about teaching and educating to prepare youth for the realities of adulthood.

How can we make a difference? With all the anti-this or anti-that, *resist-this or resist-that*; groups whose goal it is to shout you down and deny you your voice. How can we make a difference? How can we re-establish the ability to communicate with each other?

Recently I had a conversation with friends and we talked about this and many things happening in the area, the state, and the nation. We didn’t yell. We didn’t blame one race or another. One gender or another. We talked. We talked and we listened to each other. We were of differing races and genders, but we talked and we may not have solved the world’s problems...but we came away with a greater understanding of each other. We might not have solved all the world’s problems, but I believe that honest and respectful conversations that do not shame or blame one another for all the world’s problems is a far better way to unify us.

United we stand. Divided we fall.

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Introduction of Guy Occhigrosso, CEO and President of the Bellingham / Whatcom County Chamber of Commerce.

What is the mission of the BWCCC?

What brought you to live and work in Bellingham / Whatcom County? From where?

You’ve been involved with and leading the Chamber since? Why?

What does it mean to you, *Live – Work – Play in Whatcom County*?

You said this has been the theme or mission statement for the Chamber? What does it mean to your organization?

How does Whatcom County and her small cities measure up to this motto?

How is Bellingham living up to this motto?

What are they doing well?

What needs improving?

Wages – Housing – Transportation – Business & Employment Opportunities – Recreation

Rate Whatcom County and her cities on these popular themes?

The State of Washington has recently adopted a mandatory PTO. Will this be good for attracting new business to the state?

Seattle recently passed a *capital gains aka, income tax*, on wages. Your thoughts? Will this have an overall positive or negative effect on business opportunity in the State of Washington?

If you were the Mayor of Bellingham, County Executive of Whatcom County, or an elected political leader; what issues would you run on? Why?

How do we, the residents of Whatcom County, have a voice in living up to the goal of, *Live – Work – Play in Whatcom County*?

We all Love Whatcom County...no one wants to leave because they don’t like the area...they’re leaving because they do not see a future for themselves and their family here. They’re leaving because they cannot afford to live here, there’s not enough upward mobility opportunity, and that is happening elsewhere in the nation. City of Bellingham, Whatcom County, Skagit County, Island County, and all of our smaller cities in the area; are you listening?

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