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## CONGRATULATIONS TO SUZANNE SINCLAIR

Before I start, I want to say a sincere congratulations to Suzanne Sinclair for her very hard fought victory in the September 14 Primary Election. I had an extremely interesting time debating her and am very proud of the fact that we both kept out of the political mud and talked about the issues at hand.

I want to encourage all readers to now stand behind Suzanne so we can beat Rick Larsen in November.

The past is just that - the past.

We need to look to the future and the best way to do that is to go forward with strength and unity so as to accomplish victory in the General Election.

Best wishes for Suzanne. She has my confidence and total support.

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## THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH

At this time, I would like to say a word of thanks to all of the readers of the NEW REPUBLICAN for your generous support and confidence. It was truly an honor that those of you who voted for me put that much trust in my campaign.

To those of you who volunteered to help I can't thank you enough. Your hard work and dedication in my behalf was humbling to say the least. Again, my heartfelt thanks.

For all of you who were kind - and brave enough - to put up a yard sign in my behalf I thank you, too. It takes a lot of courage in this town to speak out like you did and I appreciate it immensely. I will try to get around sometime this week - probably tomorrow - and pick the signs up. Again, my thanks for your show of support.

As a side note, my signs were considered the best designed and illustrated of all the signs during the Primary Campaign. In fact, they were so popular that they became an instant collectors item.

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## SO DID "WE THE PEOPLE" WIN - OR LOSE?

I lost the Primary - and I apologize for that. We worked from December of last year - 18.5 hours every day, including Sundays - up to the very evening of September 14. But it wasn't quite enough.

We made it a point of the campaign not to take any monetary contributions whatsoever - nor did we go over the \$5,000 threshold set by the FEC.

Imagine running a campaign with no outside financing - and keeping the expenditures under \$5,000 - and going down to the wire. Pretty amazing, to say the least. And all of you who voted for me are the reason why. It was you - not me - that proved all the critics wrong.

You have shown how powerful your vote really is. Again, I thank all of you very much.

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## THE NUMBERS

With all votes tallied, the final breakdown was as follows for the 2nd Congressional District, according to the Bellingham Herald, Saturday, September 25, 2004 edition.

Rick Larsen, D - 77,962 (Uncontested)

Suzanne Sinclair, R - 21,519

Larry Klepinger, R - 19,568

Glenn Coggeshall III, R - 11,523

Bruce Guthrie, L - 2,078

I was told that my total vote count in Whatcom County was more than the votes of Suzanne, Glenn and Bruce combined. If that is true, and I can't verify those numbers as of this writing, then that should send a message.

But whether the Whatcom County GOP "leadership" is willing to listen is another story.

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## WHERE IS THE WHATCOM COUNTY GOP AT THIS JUNCTURE?

As I see it, the "leadership" is in somewhat of a dilemma in that they threw all

their backing to Suzanne and Glenn, purposely excluding me. Yet, here in Whatcom County, I won by a fairly substantial margin - and lost overall to the GOP officially backed candidate by only 1,951 votes.

I have heard rumors that the "leadership" was extremely worried that I had actually won the Primary and were scrambling for ways to "make amends." Then, when they found out that the vote count for my campaign falling behind in the final days of the absentee ballot count, they breathed a collective sigh of relief.

It is called politics - and that is the name of the game. Absolutely no hard feelings. I was actually prepared to lose by an extremely wide margin. That is what all the pundits had predicted. The voter turnout in my favor was a complete shock to me.

But the point is - the Whatcom County GOP has now painted itself into another corner. If Suzanne Sinclair wins against Rick Larsen they are in the clear.

However, if Suzanne Sinclair does not win - it will be the Whatcom County GOP "leadership" that will be held ultimately accountable.

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## WHAT NOW?

By the good graces of the people who voted for me I was able to prove that a candidate that states the issues plainly - and truthfully - can make a serious impact. It also proves that a New Republican "Pro-choice" candidate is very electable in Whatcom County - not to mention the Second Congressional District - much to the chagrin of the Evangelical Element of the Whatcom County GOP - the group I alluded to in my previous New Republican Newsletter.

If Larsen wins, the GOP loses.

At that point, the Evangelical Element will have actually "helped" a pro-choice, pro-higher taxes, pro-land confiscation, pro-public schools and pro-ever-expanding government DEMOCRAT get re-elected - again.

This kind of unsophisticated political thinking is lost on me.

Or is it?

One of my old political science professors once told a seminar class, "There is the Status Quo, the Anti-Status Quo and then the Anti-Anti Status Quo."

The first two are fairly self-explanatory. But the third one is very interesting in its concept.

Anti-Anti Status Quo was explained to us this way. An Anti-Anti Status Quo person is one who pretends to be against the Status Quo, but in fact, is really in favor of its on-going existence.

This type of person wants to continue the Status Quo so as to solidify their own personal position of power by pretending to be against the Status Quo.

For if the Status Quo (Democrats in Washington State) were to be replaced - then the Anti-Anti Status Quo person would virtually be "out of a job."

It is a very interesting idea to consider with regard to the way things have transpired over the last few election cycles.

How many Republicans have actually won - under the present Whatcom County "leadership?" I will leave the reader to do the math.

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#### BIGGEST SURPRISE - AND BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT

Obviously, my biggest surprise is that so many people voted for me. That goes without saying.

However, my biggest disappointment was how so many "Republicans" spoke to me in private about how they wished that the Evangelical Element were out of the GOP all together. They promised to speak up against this element if I were to run for office but - in the end - lacked the courage and fortitude of their oft voiced opinions.

But the lack of courage in these individuals is very understandable. For to show outright support for me - and to stick to that conviction to the very end - would have put their standing in the GOP at risk - not to mention the monetary loss to their livelihood for themselves and their families in the future.

I would, however, like to venture one suggestion to these people.

If you don't have the courage of your convictions it would probably be much better if you don't say things that you have no intention of following through on. It makes you look extremely foolish - and in the end a pitiful example of human dignity.

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## SO HOW IS THE GOP EVER GOING TO WIN HERE IN THE 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT?

By the GOP helping the Evangelical Element actually set up their own party. There are many people who would love to be in a leadership position in this newly formed party.

Glenn Coggeshell, with his very respectable showing in the Primary would make an excellent representative of the Evangelical Element. He is already a proven vote-getter and is an avowed adherent to their cause. He is virtually "made-to-order" for the "New Evangelical Party."

How would the GOP make up this depletion in their ranks?

Let's face it, this is the real question the GOP is grappling with. Most "real" Republicans would very much like to see their Evangelical "brethren" establish their own party and let the GOP get back to its roots of Goldwater and Reagan and jettison the divisive nature of the Anti-Choice/Anti-Gay Evangelical Element.

I contend that the ranks of the GOP would be swelled by excited participation from, now inactive and discouraged, Republicans. But also from many disillusioned Democrats, disenfranchised Independents and anxious Libertarians who are even more tired of losing than the Washington GOP.

As always, the choice is up to We the People. However, at this juncture, I am not sure they have what it takes to act - courage and principled resolve to wager their sacred honor, livelihood and all worldly possessions.

Our Forefathers had such courage - and commitment.

It remains to be seen if the Whatcom County Republicans have even a fraction of the same courageous resolve.

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## THE PAST 3 DAYS

On Friday I had my final meeting with some old friends of mine that have been advising me on my campaign from the beginning. Their final question was, "Will I run again?"

On Saturday and Sunday I had a lot of people call and e-mail me with "congratulations" even though I lost. They too, wanted to know if I was going to run again. One caller even asked when I was going to have my next Open House!

Whether I run again depends on the outcome of the November election. If Suzanne wins I will not run again. It would be counter-productive to run against a Republican incumbent.

I have always wanted to work with - not against - the GOP.

However, if Suzanne does not win, I would give very serious consideration to the idea of running again.

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#### FINAL NOTE

As promised, I will continue to send out this newsletter through the November General Election. However, since the primary is over, if you no longer wish to receive it I will understand completely.

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That is it for this issue. Thank you for taking the time to read the NEW REPUBLICAN Newsletter.

Take care and please forward this on to as many friends as you like. And also, please encourage them to check out my website listed below. It will remain intact until the General Election is completed.

Have a happy and safe week.

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