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Trump-Proof Seattle moves forward as Trump drags the country into the past!

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Friends,

We are making great progress for a progressive income tax in Seattle. Here are the notes from our latest meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 16th 10-11:30, EOI offices.

Forward!

John

Trump-Proof Seattle Coalition Meeting Notes, May 2nd 2017

1. Introductions

2. City Council Action

- Income Tax Resolution passed unanimously on May Day!

3. District Town Halls

- a. District 2 (Harrell) 4/20 We successfully pushed him to commit to support.
- b. District 1 (Herbold) 5/04 6pm @ South Seattle College, Olympic Room
- c. District 7 (Bagshaw) 5/12 6pm @ SEIU Local 775, 215 Columbia St. #300
- d. District 3 (Sawant) 5/18 6pm, Location TBD
- e. District 5 (Juarez) 5/22 6pm, North Seattle College, College Ctr CC1161

4. Timeline

- a. Introduction by May 31st
- b. Passage by July 10th

5. The Measure

a. Income Thresholds and Tax Rates

Coalition coalesced around the proposal for thresholds and rates:

- 250K/individuals, 500K/joint filers, rate of 1.5%
- 500K/individuals, 1 million joint filers, rate of 3%

b. Funding dedication, discussed and preferred (no ranking among these):

- pre-k/higher income (community college)
- affordable housing
- homelessness
- climate advocacy/green jobs
- urgent structural needs/seismic retrofitting of historic buildings

6. Coalition consensus building process

a. agreed to use the “thumbing method” to structure consensus making. Many interests and groups make up the coalition and we want to ensure that all voices are heard at the table:

- thumbs up – I support the decision
- thumbs middle - I can live with the decision
- thumbs down – I do not support the decision

b. as the campaign progresses, the coalition will discuss the strength of consensus

- straw decision – it’s preliminary and can be blown over
- wood decision – stronger than straw, but still can be blown over
- brick decision – cannot be blown over

c. consensus thoughts will be brought to coalition steering committee

7. Building the coalition:

All of us should be reaching out, both to organizations we have approached before and to organizations who have not yet been approached. We can make a lot of progress by strengthening and deepening our coalition.

8. Messaging: Convening and process (Aaron EOI).

This is a fluid campaign and now that the council is working on it, we need to keep reinforcing the message at Town Halls and with individual meetings with city council members, the Mayor, the City Attorney, and candidates for all elected offices in Seattle this year.

8. Steering Committee Report

- a. How do we define affordability? Tabled for next coalition meeting

9. Next meeting – Tuesday May 16th 10-11:30, EOI offices

Nice job team!

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