



THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF BELLINGHAM/WHATCOM COUNTY

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General Meeting: "It's a Taxing Subject"
Date of Event: March 20, 2010
Time of Event: 9:30 AM – noon
Location: YWCA Ballroom, 1026 Forest St., Bellingham

KILL DATE: 3/21/10

BELLINGHAM, WA Embracing the League's statewide effort to educate the public on Washington State taxes, the League of Women Voters of Bellingham/Whatcom County encourages everyone to come to "It's a Taxing Subject", the last of a three part series on taxes. Jeff Chapman, Research Director of the Washington State Budget & Policy Center will address key questions about Washington State's tax structure, and how we configure our budget on March 20, 2010 from 9:30 – noon in the YWCA Ballroom.



Jeff Chapman,
Research Director of
the Washington State
Budget & Policy
Center

Jeff Chapman is an expert on economic and fiscal policy. As the research director of the Budget & Policy Center, his focus is on improving public policy through solid and accessible research. He has published reports on a wide variety of issues including tax policy and the low wage labor market and is an expert on micro data analysis. He serves on the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors. Previously, Jeff was an economist with the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) in Washington, DC. Jeff's research has been widely cited in print and broadcast media and published in places including the Monthly Labor Review and The State of Working America. Jeff has a BS from Oregon State University and a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

The audience will dig into the meat of the topic; actually looking at how the budget is created, simulate developing our own version of a state budget, and will discuss ideas for tax reform. The worksheet we will use can be found at:

http://www.lwvbellinghamwhatcom.org/files/2_funding_state_government_rev011410.pdf

The League of Women Voters of Washington has studied our tax system for over 50 years! Groups have frequently revisited this topic in light of new economic challenges and changes in our state's economy. Over the years the League has worked to promote a balanced, fair, flexible and adequate tax system. We have published a number of fact sheets about the tax system over the years and we have lobbied for and against tax initiatives in support of our position. Check out the fact sheets at:

http://www.lwvwa.org/tax_study_resources.html

Coffee and treats will be served at 9:30 AM.

More information: www.LWVbellinghamwhatcom.org and Look for us on Facebook!

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