

# Celebrating The Fourth Corner's 10th Anniversary With Our First Print Edition.

We are proud to announce the first Print Edition of The Fourth Corner in our 10th Anniversary year.

We started reporting from The Fourth Corner in our Online Newsletter on April 15th, 2009; when a group of people gathered in Bellingham WA at the Guide Meridian and Telegraph Rd and

became the largest group of Conservatives to ever protest in Whatcom County at that time.

We soon found the need to have our newsletter published because the local press could not get the number of people at the event correct. Sam Taylor, former Reporter for the Bellingham Herald (later hired by the City

of Ferndale as clerk), reported less than half the number when compared to individual sign up lists presented by the organizers of the event to the Fourth Corner (over 1500). So began The Fourth Corner's Journey on the same day the Tea Party began in Whatcom County.

The mission has been the same throughout the ten years and will continue to be: to allow the reader to keep 'current' on local issues, help differing views come to light, and find "stuff" the readers haven't seen anywhere else. Thus we hope: Providing public policy education to encourage community participation and to provide this as a free service as much as possible.

We continue to improve; moving from a list of a few hundred contacts to a list of over 8000. We have expanded: using Facebook and a full-service web

page to get our product to you along with a different provider for the e-mail services we have always provided. All along the way we fought distribution providers that blocked our e-mails. Making certain our readers receive the option to see our newsletter.

We are now a 501C3 non-profit organization and hope to continue this newsletter for at least another ten years. Thanks for all of your support and the appreciation and the comments that come from you for the effort we make here at The Fourth Corner.

We hope you will enjoy our Print Edition and support our efforts in the future.

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## Control the Fire of Government

by Senator Doug Ericksen

Some people view government as necessary evil—a social construct that allows us to operate as a society. You will often hear people quote our founders when they said that the government that governs least governs best.

I tend to view government through the analogy of fire. When properly used, maintained and controlled, fire is what allows our society to function at a high level. A fire in the hearth warms our homes and draws people around it. A fire outside of the hearth burns down your house.

In Washington state the fire that is our government is growing out of control and if

left unchecked will engulf and destroy the very foundations that allow our society to flourish. Now is the time for responsible citizens to grab the fire hoses and get what is fast becoming an out of control government wildfire under control.

There are several key steps that need to be taken immediately if we want to prevent the government fire from consuming our state.

First—We need to limit the growth of state government to population plus inflation. In the last legislative session Democrats passed a budget that grew spending by about 20%, when a population plus information rate would have been closer to 6%.

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## Meet SAVE Social Alliance for a Vibrant Economy, a new non-profit in our community.

A local non-profit group focusing on how people fit into a vibrant economy, and advocates for people to live, work, prosper and conduct business in our communities has begun reaching out to educate young people about the importance of business to society.

SAVE, Social Alliance for a Vibrant Economy, began in 2014 as a dream of three friends and

business owners, Kris Halterman, Lorraine Newman and Jacob Deschenes

SAVE offers educational programming. Their inaugural program, "Is My Rent Too High?", brought a landlord, property manager and tenant legal representative together to discuss Whatcom County's rental economy.

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