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Washington Wire by Lea McCullough

WOMA Virtual Spotlight Series

As many of you know, our in-person conventions have all been cancelled and kept us from meeting and doing our tradition revenue-generating events. This has caused a major financial gap for our Association, and frankly I'm concerned about 2021 actually getting back to normal for us. As a way to get ahead of our financial gap, Washington Leadership agreed to allow Lea to brainstorm and execute a new way to raise money while keeping us connected.

As a result, WOMA took steps to create a weekly virtual format where Vendors could step up and buy an "online virtual trade show booth" that gives them the stage for the week! We then try to pair them up with another speaker of educational nature that aligns with the topic well, and provides value to our registrants. Many of you may have seen our topics promoted in e-mails, and anyone was able to register for the event and gain education in various topics relevant to our industry.

We are already working on the next 8 week series that will start **January 20, 2021**. So far, we have reached 60% of my financial gap needed to make ourselves whole from the loss of the 2020 Convention. I'm still trying to fill the entire gap – AND host our 2021 event at Suncadia Lodge in Cle Elum, WA.

For more information and details, head to www.wpma.com/washington/convention!

Democratic Governor's House Challenged by Loren Culp

A very unassuming Police Chief from the small rural town of Republic has made a splash on the Republican Gubernatorial scene that is giving "King Inslee" a run for his money to hold onto the Chief of the State.

In the only debate that was granted by the Inslee camp, Culp appeared to crush the Governor by exposing him in several lies, hoarding of money that should be spent on elderly facilities riddled with COVID cases, anti-business practices, and nailing him on his lack of presence during the CHOP riots and unrest in the City of Seattle. In fact, Culp went on to expose Inslee's spending of \$136,000 a WEEK for a PR firm to guide Inslee in his decisions on COVID. Clearly taxpayer money that could have been spent to help our economy get restarted after he closed the state down in March. Our economy has yet to be restarted.

Culp is running on a platform on constitutional rights, and honest governing of the State. He vows to not raise taxes, reduce regulatory reform, install practices that help business in Washington stay afloat, and address mental health funding issues. He supports Law Enforcement and vows to take a logical approach to "gun control," as well as give the choice of COVID isolation protocols back to the People of Washington. Post-debate surveys indicate Culp is gaining traction with his platform and ideas and could give Washington a chance at changing the tide from D to R.

We are looking forward to the outcome of this year's election, as it will be either radical change for us for the next four years, or more of the same. The People of Washington are ready for change.

I won't even try to give a Legislative Report, as the Capitol is still closed and the election is so imminent.

That concludes my State Report.