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THE RDP IS INCORPORATED!

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After one year of consideration, forty-three drafts and many distributions of its proposed charter, the Republican Democracy Party (RDP) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington on March 4th of 2005.

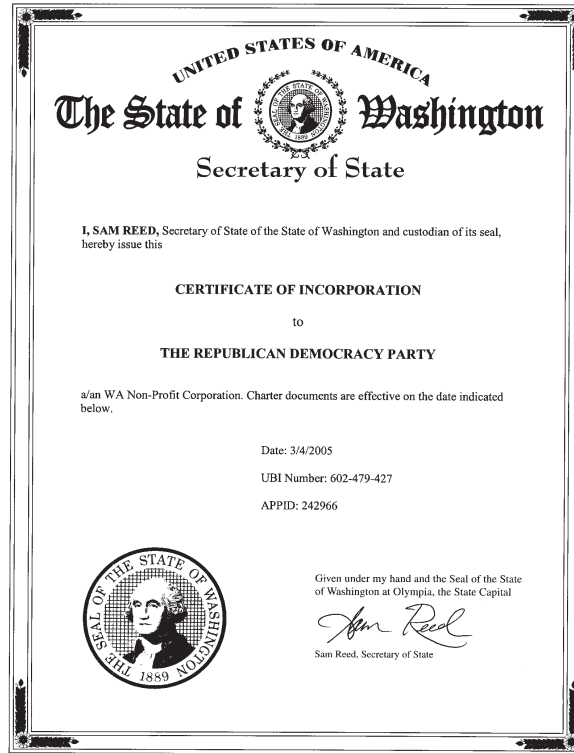
My history and the genesis of the establishing of the RDP are too complicated to detail in this short essay. The immediate importance of this essay, however, is to present the importance of the RDP to the meeting to be held tomorrow night at the First Congregational Church in Everett, Washington.

I have noted the significance of the Congregationalist Church as the successor house of worship to the Puritans of New England. Those honorable people gave us with our system of democratic government and the New England Town Meeting, both very influential to the formation of the RDP.

I was asked by Mrs. Sarah Blum, a member of its peace group, to consider a talk by Mr. Dave Ross pertaining to methods for bringing home the Washington State National Guard from deployment in Iraq.

I told her of my strong belief that all it would take is an order issued by the Governor of any state backed by strong popular demand to bring them home. If such an order is issued there is nothing that the federal government can lawfully do to keep them abroad because they are the state militia and are not lawfully under federal jurisdiction. Any claim that they are under such jurisdiction can be refuted as unconstitutional.

It should be noted that the United States of America is now and has always been at peace with Iraq because there was no constitutionally required declaration of war by Congress. Any claim by Congress to allow the



Executive Branch to make war against a country with which we are formally at peace is also unconstitutional.

The New England states refused to surrender their militia to national service in the Congressionally declared war of 1812. From the time of the Kentucky and Virginia resolves of 1798 until the civil war, state's rights were the central argument for opposing federal excesses.

For the above reasons, if a governor were to issue an order that the state militia (National Guard) is to return home, any attempt to oppose it would trigger a constitutional crisis. Although it is difficult to predict what would result, if it were brought to federal court it is unlikely that the

Governor's order would lose.

In order to get such an order from the Governor, however, not only must a petition be presented to her, but it must be backed with some political power. That is where the RDP comes in.

The RDP plan is to exercise our constitutional right to peaceably assemble according to the RDP Charter in **QUARTERLY CAUCUSES IN THE PRECINCTS FOLLOWED BY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES OF CAUCUS PARTICIPANTS.**

The Charter was established to be a legally enforceable document to protect the rights and interests of the RDP membership (participants). Please read the RDP Charter in a small group and agree to begin its process. We can do it and when we do I believe that it will spread quickly and we can bring our soldiers home.

For God and country, I am

Robert A. Ficalora

The RDP Charter uses historically standard form of a preamble, binding covenants, principles, constitutional structure, process and rules. This summary is intended to describe each section and why it is important.

Covenants

The covenants must be accepted by all members. They are to protect the lawful right of the membership to peaceably assemble with love and compassion in our hearts while protecting us from those who advocate otherwise or who advocate violence.

The covenants are intended to unite us as a body politic and give us strength in our unity.

Principles

The principles are future focused and taken from our political history as a nation. Much of the thinking and advocacy comes from the English republicans that were so influential to our founding fathers, especially Thomas Jefferson.

As we assemble in our caucuses the RDP principles are intended to guide us in our deliberations and will be important discussion points to keep us focused on the ends to which we aspire as a nation. This nation was founded out of Christianity and is now and has always been a nation of peace-loving people.


Most important to the RDP principles is our country's foundation as a republic of Constitutions and Laws. Everything we have as a nation is predicated on the maintenance of that system, yet today more than ever we are country is threatened and we are faced with lawlessness and tyranny.

Constitution

This is the structure of the RDP. It is intended to be as participatory and democratic as possible. All funds are to be openly accounted for locally by elected officers.

Articles of Incorporation The Republican Democracy Party (pursuant to Washington RCW 24.03.025)

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
- The name of the corporation is "The Republican Democracy Party" (RDP).
 - The period of duration is perpetual.
 - The purposes for which the corporation is organized is to establish an active, charter-based political party that will convene quarterly caucuses in the precincts and Legislative District Assemblies of Caucus participants using traditional democratic practices while standing for English republican principles and values.
 - The corporation attaches version 43 of the Charter of the Republican Democracy Party dated March 3rd, 2005, and includes it as if fully set forth herein, which said charter is in no ways inconsistent with law. It establishes that:
 - All assets are to be used for the purposes of the corporation as democratically decided by the membership. All corporate assets will be delivered into the possession of the State of Washington upon dissolution or final liquidation.
 - The definition, limitation and regulation of the powers of the corporation are established by way of binding covenants upon the membership, guiding principles, a Constitution of structure and process, and rules.
 - The personal liability of a director to the corporation or its members, if any, for monetary damages for conduct as a director is expressly limited in accordance with law: PROVIDED, That a director shall be liable for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or the Charter Covenants by a director, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which the director is not legally entitled.
 - The inclusion of the attached Charter and its tenets is permitted under title 24 of the RCW.
 - The address of the initial registered address is 6753 Belle vista Place NW, Olympia WA 98502. The initial registered agent at said address is Robert A. Ficalora.
 - Mr. Robert A. Ficalora constitutes in its entirety the initial board of directors. Under the Charter the board shall be comprised of twelve individuals elected annually by the membership from among its state, county and legislative district officers.
 - RDP founder Robert A. Ficalora's address is: 6753 Belle vista Place NW, Olympia, WA 98502.


Robert A. Ficalora
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Process

The RDP process establishes how the quarterly caucuses and Legislative District Assemblies will take place.

Most importantly, what is set forth is the manner in which resolutions will be submitted and moved for voting and approval by the membership. The RDP process does, in its intended effect, establish an ongoing people's legislature that is certain to be highly influential in all levels of our government.

Rules

The rules are simple. We must have an orderly manner of easily removing *spys* and *agents provocateurs* from our caucuses and assemblies.

As a thirty-two year anti-war activist, I can say from experience that this is not a trivial or unimportant requirement. Review by certiorari means that the court will only look to see if the caucus vote and appeal were properly had in order to remove a participant or director from the RDP.

The RDP is not intended to be exclusive to RDP members. All that is required to participate in the RDP caucuses is to adhere to the Covenants. In other words, people can be Democratic Republicans (RDP members) and either Democrats or Republicans as well. The State of Washington has no political party registration requirement.

The Bottom Line

There are many among us who believe that our country is currently threatened by a rogue outlaw government. It is the intent of the RDP to bring citizens together to rediscover their rights and their country in order to protect the liberties that we all still enjoy.

The newly Amended Charter (v45) of the RDP/Democratic-Republican Party™ is a living document that can lead us without leaders. Please use the attached two-sided document by becoming your precinct officer by inserting your name and phone number and using it to get the process going in your precinct today.