

January 26, 2012

Dear Kirby Wilbur,

We all know that Republican State Senators Steve Litzow and Cheryl Pflug and Republican State Representatives Glenn Anderson and Maureen Walsh have said they will be voting yes in the coming weeks on Senate Bill 6239 to “create equality in marriage” and “end discrimination in marriage based on gender and sexual orientation.” Most Republicans I know call this bill what it really is – a bill to “redefine” marriage, even though marriage is an institution which predates recorded history.

Additionally, we have heard about three King County Council members who are Republicans – Reagan Dunn, Jane Hague, Pete von Reichbauer – voting yes to support a pro-gay-marriage statement.

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/politicsnorthwest/2017198837\\_king\\_county\\_council\\_supports\\_g.ht ml](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/politicsnorthwest/2017198837_king_county_council_supports_g.ht ml)

The latest news is happening in Snohomish County, where the Edmonds City Council passed a resolution this week supporting “same-sex marriage.” And one of the Council members who joined in the vote was Michael Plunkett, a state Committeeman for the Snohomish County Republican Party.

<http://myedmondsnews.com/2012/01/edmonds-city-council-passes-resolution-supporting-same-sex-marriage/>

The facts are the platforms of the King County Republican Party, the Snohomish County Republican Party, and the Washington State Republican Party all pledge to keep “marriage” as marriage (AKA “one man and one woman”):

- King County Republican Party Platform: “We support protecting the institution of marriage and its benefits to society by defining marriage as between one man and one woman.”  
<http://www.kcgop.org/about-us/kcgop-documents/>
- Snohomish County Republican Party Platform: “Marriage is defined as the legal union between one man and one woman. We support an amendment stating such to both the U.S. and Washington State Constitutions.”  
<http://www.snocogop.com/Platform/>
- Washington State Republican Party Platform: “Government’s responsibility is to uphold and respect traditional institutions, such as marriage between one man and one woman...”  
<http://www.wsrp.org/Platform.aspx>

My first question to you, Kirby, as the chairman of our Washington State Republican Party, is, “What is done strategically and/or procedurally when there is public dissension from key Republicans?” For example, when a Republican running for a key state office such as Attorney General makes a public stand against a fundamental party platform declaration, will the State Republican Party decide to not support that candidate, and/or endorse another Republican candidate who follows 100% of the party platform?

My second question is, "Are we going to receive a statement from you and our state Republican Party?" Our state's Catholic Bishops were willing to speak up last week and say, "...we call on the citizens of this state to maintain the legal definition of marriage...We urge you to contact your own state senator and your two state representatives to request that they defend the current legal definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman."

<http://thewscc.org/images/stories/Resources/Statements/mrg2012-e.pdf>

I'm looking forward to the leadership of our State GOP speaking up soon.

Sincerely,

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