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“Civic Engagement” hosts Tim Eyman in a ‘Town Hall-style’ forum to defend his latest initiative, I-1033

Tim Eyman, 200 audience participants, broadcast to 125,000 households in Snohomish County – in one of the highest profile conversations in the region on this issue

Edmonds, WA: “Civic Engagement,” a public affairs show hosted by DJ Wilson and broadcast on the Edmonds Community College cable channel 21/26, is organizing a ‘Town Hall-style’ forum on Initiative 1033. The event details are the following:

7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)
Monday, October 26th, 2009
Black Box Theater at Edmonds Community College
20000 68th Ave West
Lynnwood WA 98036

DJ Wilson will interview Tim Eyman on Initiative 1033, his involvement in state politics, and the state of government today.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ASK QUESTIONS. During the latter half of the show, Eyman will take questions from the audience.

A native of Yakima and graduate of Washington State University, Tim Eyman first made news in 1998 when he teamed up with radio talk show host John Carlson to get Initiative 200 (to prohibit affirmative action in government hiring) on the ballot. I-200 passed, and since then Eyman has qualified 11 ballot initiatives, 8 of which passed, and one of which is on the ballot this fall. Eyman founded Permanent Offense, Inc. and resides in Mukilteo with his wife and two sons.

DJ Wilson, who also serves as the President of the Edmonds City Council (Snohomish County's second largest city), will press Eyman to defend Initiative 1033, particularly in light of the difficult state of local and state budgets.

Coming off of a strong forum two weeks prior on Referendum 71, the Domestic Partnership Bill, "Civic Engagement" is proud to be hosting another high profile discussion of statewide measures in Snohomish County. The Referendum 71 event was covered by every major local television outlet, and numerous local newspapers, including the [Everett Herald](#). Watch KOMO 4 News coverage [here](#).

The Black Box Theater, in which the Forum will be held, seats 200 people. Students and faculty are reserved 30 tickets. The remaining 170 seats are divided between advocates of the two sides of the issue. Tickets are free, but are required for entrance.

For ticket information, call Jolee Cano at 425-361-2118 or email her at jolee@wilsonstrategic.com.

Political importance of Snohomish County :

The "Eyman initiatives," from anti-discrimination laws (I-200) in 1998 to motor vehicle taxes (I-776) and performance audits (I-900), Snohomish County has been a strong indicator of election results on Eyman sponsored initiatives statewide.

In fact, 8 out of the 11 Eyman sponsored initiatives on the ballot statewide since 1998, Snohomish County has been within 2% points of the final statewide result, and within a range of 4% of the other 3. Public opinion in Snohomish County is a leading indicator of statewide electoral success.

Event sponsorship information: The event is sponsored by Wilson Strategic Communications, a full service public affairs and public policy consulting firm, and by HealthcareWA.com, the state's leading source for intelligence on healthcare public policy.

Pre-event press interviews: Tim Eyman and DJ Wilson will be available for media interviews ahead of the show. Panel participants will convene backstage at 6:30 for media availability. If you are interested in securing an interview with our speakers, please contact Jolee Cano at jolee@wilsonstrategic.com or 425-361-2118.

For television media: The forum will be taped by Edmonds Community College staff, and televised over EdCC cable channel 21/26, depending on location. For any TV media that would like a copy of the event for footage, please contact Dan Dootson at 425-640-1533 or ddootson@edcc.edu.

About "Civic Engagement:" "Civic Engagement" is a public affairs show hosted by DJ Wilson, and produced by Dan Dootson at Edmonds Community College. The show attempts to breakdown the divide between "big government" and the people by bringing in civic leaders or civic issues straight to the living rooms of our viewers. DJ Wilson is a public affairs consultant and a former adjunct professor of political science at the community college.