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Dear Friends,

During the 2009 Session, you have contacted me with your thoughts regarding issues before the legislature. I keep what I call a constituent matrix that helps me know what people at home are thinking about legislation and budget items. While in session, I send out weekly e-mail updates like this one to help keep people back home informed on what is happening in Olympia. This year, I will be forgoing a formal after session newsletter and thought you may be interested in receiving information about the 2009 Session and how it concluded. I will be sending a series of three e-mails which will discuss the budgets, items of importance to the 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, and key policy issues for the session. If you have already received this information please reply to this e-mail.

### **Post-session newsletter**

The Senate, like other agencies, is looking for ways to cut costs and trim our budget. To save money I am forgoing a printed post-session newsletter and will instead be sending you a series of three e-mail messages focusing on a variety of big-picture topics from the session:

- Part I – Overview of the operating, transportation and capital budgets;
- Part II – 12th District legislative overview; and
- Part III – The session's key bills

I wanted to let you know about this in advance so you can watch for the messages this week.

### **Special session?**

You may have heard that the majority party was considering bringing the Legislature back for a special session to consider three bills that failed to pass during the regular legislative session:

- SHB 1776 Levy Related Provisions;
- SSB 6160 Criminal Justice Sentencing; and
- SHB2188/ESB6183 Illegal Alien Offender Release.

Without these bills, the ending fund balance of the 2009-11 operating budget would be reduced from \$822 million to \$740 - \$750 million.

Last week the governor announced she will not be calling a special session. Reconvening the Legislature for a special session is not only costly to the taxpayers (it costs about \$20,000 a day), but there is also no guarantee that the bills considered will be held to a certain list of measures.

## 2009-10 Government Guide corrections

### CHELAN COUNTY:

City of Entiat: Mayor, Keith Vradenburg (page 6)

Wenatchee Reclamation Dist.: Director, Alan Witte

Secretary/Manager, Rick Smith (page 9)

### DOUGLAS COUNTY:

County Assessor: James Rudd (page 12)

City of East Wenatchee: Council meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (page 12)

City of Waterville: Board Member Tim Skinner in place of James Brown (page 13)

Cemetery District # 1: Board Member Brian Dennis, phone #: 509-784-1028 (page 13)

### GRANT COUNTY:

Electric City Mayor: Birdie Hensley (page 17)

Port District # 6: Commissioner Roger Blackman in place of Gary Ribail (page 19)

### **District office re-opens**

The district office re-opened Monday, May 4; it is staffed by my executive legislative assistant, Shiloh Burgess. The district office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday by appointment. If you want to schedule a meeting with me, please contact Shiloh at (509) 663-9702 or [burgess.shiloh@leg.wa.gov](mailto:burgess.shiloh@leg.wa.gov). The district office address is 625 Okanogan Avenue, Suite 301, Wenatchee, WA 98801. If there is anything I can do for you during the interim, please give me a call. I am always happy to help!

All the best,

*Linda*

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