

# Sky's Economy is Hurting - What's the Cure?

- Washington State's economy continues to languish. The state received its last installment of federal Tarp monies in June. These monies had been helping to cover serious financial problems. Congress doesn't appear in a mood to supply further state bailout funds.
- More cuts in state government employment and services are inevitable.

## ***What does this mean for Sky?***

### **Our School**

- As much as all Sky citizens would like to see our School remain open, it's becoming increasingly unlikely.
- Growing budgetary pressures will force government to make difficult choices.
- School District 404's Administrative and Operating Costs remain severely bloated, especially in relation to the number of students served.
- Sky's 'Per Pupil Cost' sticks out like a sore thumb.
- The state will likely pick low hanging fruit first.
- Advanced technologies allow efficient, affordable Internet based education to replace the present system built with bricks, mortar and high cost labour.
- Such technologies have already been proven to produce superior results in preparing students to assume their place in an increasingly competitive global economy.

## ***Denying this reality will not get us closer to the goal post.***

### **Our Town**

Sky had a wonderful opportunity to negotiate a real environmental cleanup and claim sufficient 'Mitigation Capital' to allow us to build a sustainable 21st century economic model.

Unfortunately our leadership was not up to the task. Much of the 'Mitigation Capital' we did receive has been blown on a succession of boondoggles.

New curbs, streets, sidewalks and lighting placed over soils that may already have been re-contaminated looks nice, but paving over problems doesn't produce solutions.

- Institute the 'Rule of Law'. Families, businesses and investors will stay away until the 'Good Old Boy' model is jettisoned.

- Elect responsible officials who understand basic economic realities and will impartially, transparently and fairly apply these principals.
- Become self reliant. Eliminate consultants, boards, commissions, departments and project heads. By now, their toxicity to sky's future should be apparent to all.
- Eliminate inter-governmental agreements that further confuse mayor and council while hobbling homeowner and small business development.
- Stop the centrally planned, non-profit, no-revenue, tax consuming economic model.

***When Politicians are doing Good Things, they proudly Crow their Accomplishments.***

- Recent videos clearly show Sky's elected, appointed and hired officials appear to be doing everything possible to obfuscate, hide the facts and see that citizens cannot figure out what they're up to. These are all red flags that your representatives may be up to NO GOOD.

***'Affordable Cluster Housing' boondoggle!***

- The Town's 'Fast Tracking' of amendments to Sky's Comprehensive Plan appears to benefit of a few 'Select' consultants and property owners.
- One of the entities promoting this boondoggle appears to be under severe financial stress... hardly in a position to go forward. Why hasn't the Town's own vetting process discovered this? Where are mayor, council, TCA and the Town's attorney on this one?
- 'Affordable Cluster Housing' often relies upon federal tax credits and subsidies to cash flow. OPM (Other People's Money) is quickly going out of fashion. Pressure to reign in federal deficit spending is building fast. Now is not the time to promote projects that are not sustainable without taxpayer support.
- Individuals running for open Council positions in this November's election cannot continue to remain silent regarding issues. You could be part of the problem at a time when real solutions are desperately needed.

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