WA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ISSUE STATEMENTS ON MIDTERM RESULTS

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Six community-based Washington organizations collaborated to mobilize working class voters across Washington State, helping lead to significant victories for working people as a result of decades of year-round organizing. Collectively, these organizations **reached out to over 94,000 voters by knocking on doors and making phone calls, and spoke with over 9,000 low-income voters, young voters, and voters of color** in communities across the state, including Yakima County, Grays Harbor County, King County and more to defend the Millionaires Tax.

Together with union teachers, nurses, grocery workers, public employees and organizations across the state, these groups connected with thousands of working people who are facing high costs and a deeply unfair tax code. Across Washington State, voters rejected the false claims of the mega-millionaire-backed Initiative 645, which sought to repeal the Millionaires Tax, and saved funding for schools and school lunches, child care, and healthcare. Voters preserved the new tax breaks for small businesses and working families that the Millionaires Tax funds, and ensured Washington's wealthiest will pay the taxes they owe. Alongside millions of Americans around the country, Washington's voters have decisively rejected threats to our healthcare, education and food assistance in the name of tax breaks to the rich.

Statements from organizations are below.

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THE WASHINGTON BUS
"On Tuesday, despite millions of dollars in opposition spending by mega-millionaire Brian Heywood and others, Washington voters clearly chose to fund schools, childcare, and healthcare by defending the Millionaires Tax and ensuring the super-wealthy pay what they owe. Together with millions of Americans around the country, Washington's voters have resoundingly

rejected policies and politicians who are willing to cut our healthcare and food assistance to give tax handouts to the rich. This is an incredible win for young people across our state."

Cinthia Illan Vazquez, Executive Director

WORKING WASHINGTON

"We know the truth: on the streets, in our schools, in our workplaces, it's not farm workers, trans kids, or teachers who are making it harder to pay rent, find child care, and afford a doctor's visit. It's the mega-millionaires who continue rigging the rules in their favor and peddling lies to divide us, plus an upside down Washington tax code that gives billionaires free reign at the expense of working people. As every eligible vote is counted and results are finalized, we're going to get right back to work building a Washington that works for all of us, including the young people billionaires have targeted this year."

Danielle Alvarado, Executive Director

PROGRESO: LATINO PROGRESS

"As Governor Ferguson gears up for the 2027 legislative session with Democratic majorities – including a supermajority in the state House – voters have given a clear mandate: fund programs that make working people's lives better by making the wealthy pay what they owe. Our leaders in Olympia must have the courage to step in where the federal government has been failing us."

Lilliane Ballesteros, Executive Director

ONEAMERICA VOTES

"We're so proud of the collective work of our organizations, not only this election cycle but for the last decade to move a vision of a truly multiracial democracy. The results speak for themselves. When you organize and invest deeply in communities as we have, you see wins like in Yakima's 14th legislative district: electing candidates that represent our values and communities and a strong mandate to fix our tax code. When billionaires try to take over our elections, working people prevail and move a mandate for an affordable state. Finally, when immigrants are under attack, voters across the country reject that agenda and demand accountability. We all woke up to a brighter future and the possibility of realizing the promise of this country, with liberty and justice for all."

Roxana Norouzi, Executive Director

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

"The victory to preserve Washington's Millionaires Tax belongs to every voter. These families have felt the pain of rising healthcare costs, groceries, electricity bills, and other basic necessities. This victory belongs to community organizations who were on the ground, knocking on doors, making calls and sharing critical information to build this powerful statewide movement for working Washingtonians."

Lori Schroyer, Executive Director

FIRELANDS: WORKERS UNITED

"Rural working families are struggling every day with the high cost of living. It's not right that we

pay 14% of our incomes in taxes while Washington's super rich pay only 4%. Brian Heywood tried to rip us off but voters saw through the lies and said, "No thanks, millionaires can pay their own taxes." When the Millionaire Tax goes into effect in 2028, thousands of kids in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties will be able to eat lunch at school, thousands of small businesses will be able to keep their doors open thanks to tax breaks the Millionaire Tax pays for, and thousands of working families will qualify for the Working Families Tax Credit. Working families have resoundingly voted for fairer taxes, for the rich to pay what they owe, and to fund the programs our families need and deserve."

Stina Janssen, Executive Director

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