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**Jus soli:**

**The Baited Trap of Birth-right Citizenship**

By Mike Gallagher

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**Jus soli**, Latin for “right of soil,” refers to a person’s acquisition of citizenship by virtue of birthplace.

Today, the only developed countries granting *jus soli* are the United States and Canada. All other developed nations in the world primarily use *jus sanguinis*, Latin for “right of blood” – i.e., heredity. The adoption of birth-right citizenship by the U.S. is due to our unique historical need to embrace former slaves recently freed at the culmination of the Civil War. Their citizenship is acclaimed in the Civil Rights act of 1886 and Section 1 of the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment.

**The history of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment:**

Birthright citizenship is memorialized in our constitution, Section 1 of the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment, which reads: “*All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.*”

This Section was meant to address the now infamous Dred Scott decision of 1857. Scott was an enslaved African American who sued for his freedom and that of his wife and their two daughters. *Contd. “Jus Soli” pg 5*

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**Community Treasures: Republican Conservation under Siege**

By Frank Penwell

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The value of Community Treasures (CT) in our

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community is in its actions and its philosophy:

1) Believing that there is that of God in everyone, so having tolerance toward others and looking for it.

2) Understanding that not all truths are known, so we need to listen and learn from others.

3) Moving ahead in life as the way opens by having patience and grace.

4) Being charitable and giving back to the community that gives to you.

For over 13 years we have modeled this philosophy by spending an average of \$2,000 per month to supply free items to nonprofits, service organizations, and those in need. We provide scholarships and donations

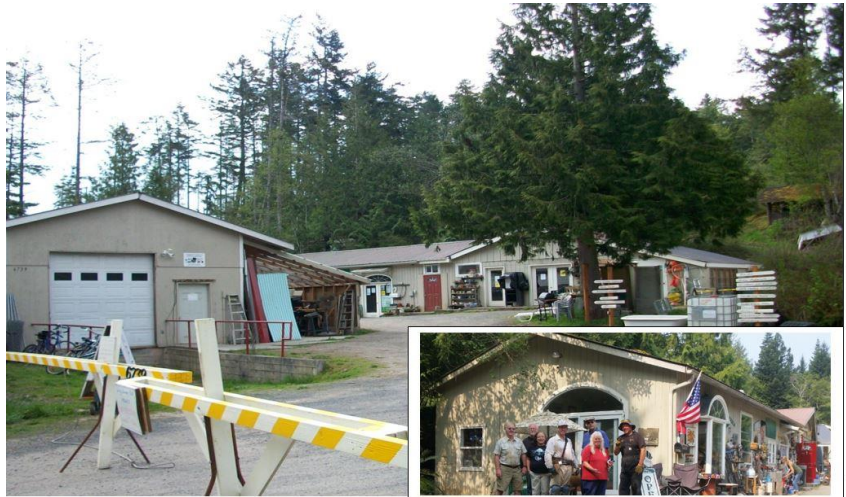
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 to support community programs and education. For years CT was the largest contributor to “Dollars For Scholars” Scholarships, and in 2016 CT provided \$3,000 to the Spring Street Recovery House, and \$2000 to the Prevention Coalition.

Funds for these charitable activities come from individuals in the community who donate to the CT Thrift shop and who use CT’s recycling services. We hope to continue to fund monthly community programs that will promote tolerance and protect our liberties.

We also provide vital conservation services to our community. In 2016, CT recycled approximately 500 tons of recycling, which includes over 168,000 lbs of e-recycling. Other recycling includes white goods, steel, precious metals, wood, plastic, aluminum cans, clothes, thrift shop items and more.

These “Boots on the ground conservation” actions have operated for 13 years in a fiscally responsible manner without the use of tax dollars. Due to our conservative politics, CT’s operations have been met with County regulatory resistance, stonewalling, and



*Community Treasures (photo courtesy of Frank Penwell)*

broken promises. These actions are inconsistent with State WACs and RCWs that were designed and legislated to protect Essential Public Facility sites.

The county has consistently refused to zone our location as “conforming.” This causes us excess fines and leaves our business uncertain going forward should the county decide to use its clout to bully us. If the County government decides to make CT’s activities conforming, CT can one day become a permanent community fixture.

We need to advocate with our voices and be involved in organizations that underscore and model in deeds and actions our values. Come join Community Treasures and Friday Harbor Grange #225 and pitch in!

Conservatives are never going to win over the hearts and minds of others by arguing about whose values are better. Winning over another’s heart and mind can be done by modeling and promoting values that work and are effective life changers.

*Frank welcomes your comment and requests for information at [frank.pat.penwell@gmail.com](mailto:frank.pat.penwell@gmail.com).*

**Announcement:**

Grange 225 will be holding a talent show on April 6, 2017 @ Friday Harbor Middle School Commons.

Pick up entry forms at Community Treasures or contact Jacque at 370-5562.

Cash prizes.

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## Who should receive our Hospital District Funds?

By Michelle Loftus

*Michelle Loftus is a former chairman of SJCRP, current PCO, and successful businesswoman-editor*

Since 2011 our hospital district levy money has helped San Juan Islanders. Ninety percent of the levy money was put in a fund to help anyone who needed help paying their hospital medical bills and ten percent was used for district operations.

This was set up in the first amendment to the 2009 Subsidy agreement between the San Juan Public Hospital District and Peace Health. The hospital district levy is paid by property owners in the hospital district.

November 2016 the hospital district board and Peace Health amended the levy (subsidy) agreement to allow \$50,000 of the levy money to be used for other medical needs in the district. So, what are the other medical needs in our community? The

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) of 2016 is a study developed with much input from the community, medical providers, community leaders and community medical support groups including PP. Lack of birth control or STD testing in our community was not identified as a need in the assessment.

Why then has our hospital district board targeted PP to receive the \$50,000?

Looking back to 2015, three San Juan Public Hospital District Commissioners were elected to the five-member board by the 60% Democrat majority in the hospital district. The Democrat Chair during the 2015 election was proud to promote the accomplishments of his daughter who is an abortion surgeon and public speaker for Planned Parenthood. Democrats and Planned Parenthood gave public support to the three elected commissioners Harrington, Williams and Sharp.

Planned Parenthood support was included in the three commissioners' Facebook pages and campaign materials. The results? **In our hospital district, there are now strong political ties between the three organizations—PP, local Democrats and the San**

## Juan Public Hospital District.

Now it is time for pay back. Planned Parenthood an organization boasting over \$300 million in assets has been drooling for our local money long enough and now has the hospital district board in place that will give it to them.

What about the guidance of the CHNA? It is being ignored to give favor to Planned Parenthood. Yes, free birth control and std testing is being put in front of our citizens who need hospice, senior health support, drug abuse treatment, mental health care, nutritional support and ACEs support. Please review the SJCPHD Ethics Code Section 5, on sjcphd.org, to see if this situation defines an ethics violation.

To make matters worse, the 3 commissioners have blocked an attempt of Commissioner Edwards to enhance public input at SJCPHD meetings. This is a transparency failure and a public disservice.

### What can you do?

1. Contact all five San Juan Public Hospital District Commissioners. Let them know where the \$50,000 is needed in our community. Their email addresses are present at [sjcphd.org](http://sjcphd.org).

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Specifics about CHNA are found on the same website under Documents/Peace Health Documents.

2. Email letters to the editors so our community recognizes we are being manipulated by a large outside force-PP. Surely there are Democrats that are unhappy about this too so talk it up.

3. Attend the SJCPHD monthly meetings and make public comment. They are usually the fourth Wednesday of the month 5PM at the County Council Chambers in Friday Harbor. See [sjcphd.org](http://sjcphd.org) website for occasional schedule changes.

4. Remember this is a fiduciary issue. Whether you are prolife or prochoice the hospital district board has plans to misuse our money.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BEING A PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICER</b></p>
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Many people who have been Republicans all their lives still have questions about how the Republican Party functions. Here are some answers.

**What is a Precinct?**

Each county is divided into precincts. They are the same for both Republicans and Democrats. San Juan County has 19 precincts. Each precinct may send one Precinct

Committee Officer (PCO) for each party.

**How are PCOs elected?**

Each precinct formally elects a PCO every two years on the same ballot as congressmen. They also go through the same primary process.

If a PCO candidate runs unopposed in the Primary then they are determined "elected." If a precinct is left vacant the chairman of the party may appoint one. An appointed PCO has all the same rights, but may not vote in the reorganization meeting held every two years to elect officers (see below). There are often vacancies.

**Why are there PCOs?**

A PCO chairs his precinct caucus during the presidential primary. The PCO is also a member of the Central Committee.

**What is the Central Committee?**

The PCOs make up the SJC Central Committee of the Republican Party (CC). The CC meets regularly to decide on everything the county party does. At its most basic level, PCOs are people who work together to plan and carry out conservative goals. They have great latitude in determining what those goals are. The CC authorizes all expenditures.

The CC elects an "Executive Board" to lead the party every two years. This

consists of a Chairman, Vice-chair, Treasurer, State Committeeman, and State Committeewoman. The chairman appoints a secretary who is also a member of the Executive Board.

Here are some things that the Executive Board and the Central Committee do:

- Distribute candidate information to voters by doorbelling, mailers, and email
- Maintain and update the list of registered voters and send out mailers
- Plan Precinct Caucuses
- Formulate policy, recruit party candidates, and recruit volunteers
- Plan and hold fundraising events to help carry out the mission of the party
- Endorse candidates assist various campaigns,
- Maintain bylaws to govern the party organization
- Work with the state Republican party as needed

These duties may take a minimum of ten hours per year, and more in election years. The Central Committee meets quarterly and anyone may attend.

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The Supreme Court ruled that African Americans were not citizens of the United States. In 1866 Congress addressed the Dred Scott decision by enacting the Civil Rights Act over the veto of Democratic President Andrew Johnson. Although Lincoln was a Republican, his Vice President, Andrew Johnson, was a Democrat who became President upon Lincoln's assignation. The Act provided a definition of citizenship that remedied the Court's misguided decision.

At the time of enactment it was feared that the Civil Rights Act might be repealed or limited, so Congress took the further step of including similar "citizenship" language in the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The Amendment was ratified by the States on July 9, 1868 and granted citizenship to "*all persons born or naturalized in the United States,*" which included former slaves recently freed.

Congressional debate noted that the language would apply in a broader fashion to almost all children born in the United States - and indeed it did. In 1898 the Supreme Court ruled that a child born in the United States to non-citizen parents was a citizen under the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment and in 1924

Congress extended citizenship to all Indians in the Indian Citizenship Act.

**Implications of birthright citizenship:** Despite our unique historical justification for its establishment, birthright citizenship might be considered at best as aberrant and at worse perverse in today's world. Which of us can honestly say that we would not be willing to come to the U.S. illegally to secure this birthright for our children? Assuming we had the wherewithal, would we avail ourselves of maternity tourism?

Perhaps consideration of an analogy, albeit a somewhat unfair exaggeration, is a worthwhile exercise? Let's put it in terms of a hungry, poor, illegal husband and wife peering through the street window of a very good restaurant. Perhaps they'd see relatively well-dressed families, warm and cozy, laughing, and dining on a grand meal. What if the rules were set such that one could join the patrons by sneaking in? That your children and their future offspring, born after sneaking in, had a right to stay and could not be kicked out? That the only penalty that you and your wife faced was being shooed away? Would you take the chance, would you sneak in? I believe most of us would.

Tilting the odds further in favor of that action are the possibilities of future amnesty for having a clean record while inside, and the ability to slip back in if you were tossed out.

**Conclusion:** Although unintended, we appear to be luring aspiring immigrants into the U.S. in exchange for a better life and birthright citizenship for their future children. Illegal immigrant statistics would suggest that the lure is all but irresistible. Our border problem seems to be a combination of the unintended consequences of birthright citizenship, weak border and visa enforcement and a byzantine legal immigration process.

Perhaps it is time we join the other developed nations of the world and replace the notion of "jus soli" with "jus sanguinis." We should also, at the same time, improve border and visa enforcement, and overhaul our legal immigration processes. Our goal should be to remove unintended incentives, and improve our aggregate immigration and border protection policies so that they are reasonable, humane, and just to both immigrant and citizen alike.

SJC Republican Party  
Executive Board:

**Chairman:** Nathanael Butler, San Juan. He holds a degree in Modern Middle East Studies/Arabic, speaks fluent Thai, and has lived in Cairo and Bangkok.

**Vice Chair:** Lynda Lee Gerpheide, Lopez. She has been active in the GOP for 30 years, in California and more recently in Washington's 41st LD.

**Treasurer:** Alex Gavora, San Juan. An activist and attorney, we are grateful that she has been lending her talents to the Republican Party for many years.

**Secretary:** Minnie Kynch, San Juan. A long-time activist and force for conservative values, Minnie has served in

almost every capacity there is.

**State Committee Woman:** Cindy Carter, Orcas. A former Chair and State Committee Woman of SJ County, her work is respected throughout the County.

**State Committee Man:** Rick Boucher, Orcas. Rick is a technology expert and has been involved with the party for years.

Calendar—SJC RP:

**April 29: SJI.** Quarterly Central Committee Meeting (all conservatives welcome)

**June 24: SJI.** Summer SJC RP Conservative Community Gathering #1. No charge, come gather with other conservatives.

**July 29: Lopez.** Summer SJC RP Conservative Community Gathering #2.

**Aug 14-19: SJI.** Republican Fair Booth. Come volunteer in this major outreach event!

**Sept 23: Orcas.** Summer SJC RP Conservative Community Gathering #3.

Donate:

We are now accepting donations online at [sjcrp.org](http://sjcrp.org).

You can also mail in a check and print off a form, just click the "donate" tab on our website for details.

State and federal law require us to gather phone number, address, occupation, and employer for all donations of \$100 and up. It is reported to the Public Disclosures Commission of Washington State. More info at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov).

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**President's Proposed \$4.1 Trillion Total Spending Budget (FY 2016)**

