



Washington
Systematic Policy &
Learning Center

**WASPLC provides Washington communities
with access to certified systematic
practitioners, working together to develop and
deliver flexible solutions to crucial social
problems.**

WASPLC NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

As a community of Expert Humans, we have set sail to learn about our system of government and how to train Systematic Practitioners. We welcome those willing to adventure on the high seas of Systematic Politics, learning the principles of self-governance on this pRegressive adventure.

Our sails have not yet fully unfolded, but we are proud of our progress and pleased to share our results. Check it out and learn how you can participate!



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HOME BASED BUSINESS POLICY ADOPTED IN YAKIMA

Yakima's Revised Home Occupation Ordinance aims to modernize regulations while balancing the growth of home-based businesses with neighborhood preservation. Key changes include expanding the definition of home occupations, allowing up to two non-resident employees on-site during business hours, and permitting limited customer visits with an approved traffic plan. Additionally, the ordinance requires off-street parking for business-related visitors and allows small, non-illuminated signage to maintain residential aesthetics.

The ordinance introduces business classifications, distinguishing between "exempt businesses" (low-impact operations with no customer visits, employees, or signage) and "home occupation businesses" that require permits. An expedited permit process ensures swift approvals, with applications automatically approved if not addressed within 30 days. Prohibited activities, such as auto repair, medical clinics, and retail sales, remain in place to prevent disruptions.

By streamlining permits and enhancing enforcement, this ordinance fosters entrepreneurship while protecting neighborhood character. It aligns with state laws and city goals, promoting responsible economic growth. Annual compliance reports will ensure transparency and accountability, creating a business-friendly yet community-conscious framework. This policy was adopted by Yakima in January.

WASPLC VISITS WASHINGTON DC TO REQUEST PARDONS AND SUBMIT POLICY PAPERS

WASPLC was represented in Washington DC with a coalition of policy advocates this past January to address concerns over the weaponization of government agencies and ambiguous legal definitions impacting citizens. The group met with members of Congress and staffers to discuss the misuse of labels such as "extremist" and "domestic terrorist," which have led to citizens being placed on non-public watchlists without clear legal standards or due process. The coalition proposed creating two congressional subcommittees—Weaponization of Justice and Weaponization of Labels—to investigate and bring transparency to these issues.

During their meetings, coalition members presented policy recommendations, including the establishment of clearer definitions for domestic terrorism and extremism, legal protections against unjust classification, and due process measures for those unknowingly placed on government lists. They also advocated for the pardon of individuals affected by politically charged prosecutions. Many congressional staffers expressed concerns about making watchlists public, arguing it could undermine ongoing investigations, but the coalition pushed for accountability and transparency in the use of these lists.

Despite setbacks, including a major snowstorm disrupting initial meetings, the delegation engaged with numerous legislative offices, laying the groundwork for future action. The coalition emphasized the importance of building relationships with congressional staff, who play a critical role in shaping policy decisions. Moving forward, they expect Congress to investigate these concerns and implement reforms that protect civil liberties, ensuring that government agencies operate within clear legal frameworks rather than subjective political classifications.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TEAM UP TO WRITE POLICY PAPER

A Washington State mom, Pamela Leslie and her 16-year old daughter, Milana recently wrote two systematic policy papers for the School Sub-committee. The inspiration for the papers came from an experience Milana had in her English class. The teacher was teaching partisan politics and not English - this concerned Milana and so she approached her mom. Together they came up with an idea to fix the problem - they wrote one systematic research paper on: "Addressing Sectarian Control and Influence in Washington State Common Schools" and a second policy paper on: "Washington State Law Addressing Sectarian Control and Influence in Common Schools". Their aim is to restore classroom instruction instead of political discussion. The papers were initially Peer-Reviewed in the School sub-committee and sent to the full Systematic Policy Committee for its' next phase of Peer Review before publication in the WASPLC Journal.

FIRST WASPLC JOURNAL TO BE PUBLISHED SPRING OF 2025

Societies are confronted with increasingly complex and difficult problems. It is paramount that solutions to these challenges do not compromise the fundamental rights of humans, particularly those individuals who are disproportionately marginalized by society. The primary objective of WASPLC is to facilitate the convergence of Certified Systematic Practitioners, thereby enabling them to propose innovative solutions to these emerging challenges. These solutions will subsequently be disseminated to relevant government agencies for implementation.

Policy papers will be published in a quarterly journal, with the inaugural issue scheduled for release in the spring of 2025. The journal will be distributed to various stakeholders, including school boards, city councils, county councils, state representatives, and federal representatives, as deemed appropriate. Additionally, it will be made available to WASPLC subscribers.

YOUR PATH TO BECOMING A SYSTEMATIC PRACTITIONER

You too can join WASPLC and become a Systematic Practitioner, offering real solutions to benefit our society.

You can choose to become a monthly member of WASPLC with a monthly subscription, or you can apply to join one of our current subcommittees; school, city or county. Either path will begin with your Center for Self-Governance training towards earning your Apprenticeship Certification in Self-Governance.

Check out our website www.wasplc.com for more information. Do it today.