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Molly Marshall Unveils 5-Point Plan to Combat PFAS Contamination in District 5

SPOKANE, WA – In a compelling press conference today, County Commission Candidate Molly Marshall presented a comprehensive 5-point plan to address the PFAS contamination crisis affecting the West Plains. Marshall's proposed actions aim to provide immediate and long-term solutions to ensure clean and safe water for all residents.

Molly Marshall's 5-Point Plan:

1. Redirect Federal Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds:

- Marshall proposes creating a Countywide PFAS victims fund to provide water, filtration, and testing resources for affected communities, including West Plains, Cheney, Medical Lake, and others with contaminated systems.
- *"Our residents cannot wait any longer for clean water. We need to act now,"* Marshall stated.

2. Join the PFAS Class Action Lawsuit:

- Marshall urges Spokane County Attorneys to join the ongoing class action lawsuit against PFAS manufacturers, following the example set by the city of Spokane.
- *"Washington's Attorney General Bob Ferguson has already filed 20 lawsuits against these manufacturers. Spokane County must join this fight to secure the funds needed for remediation,"* she emphasized.

3. Hire a Toxicology Expert:

- Marshall highlights the urgent need to hire a toxicology expert for the Spokane Regional Health District to ensure continuous monitoring and safety of the water supply.
- *"Make hiring a replacement a priority and commit to funding and supporting this position. It will be critical for long-term success,"* Marshall urged.

4. Form a County Task Force:

- Marshall endorses the creation of a County Task Force to secure state and federal funding for both short-term and long-term remediation efforts.
- *"The EPA awarded Washington \$17.3 million through the bipartisan infrastructure law for PFAS testing and treatment. We need to tap into these resources,"* she explained.

5. Apply for and Manage Grants:

- Once in office, Marshall commits to applying for and managing grants from Ecology, the EPA, and other sources to fund PFAS remediation efforts.
- *"Spokane County is a victim of these forever chemicals. We must secure the necessary funds to protect our residents without burdening our taxpayers," she asserted.*

During the press conference, Marshall also called for a media investigation into allegations against Commissioner Al French for blocking vital studies and funds critical to addressing the PFAS crisis, citing local reporter Tim Connor's interview with Spokane County staff (attached below in Media Kit). She urged the media to question the efficacy and transparency of Commissioner Al French's recent water source proposal, highlighting its speculative nature and lack of immediate relief for affected residents.

"Commissioner French's proposal, while lofty, is filled with vague promises and lacks the necessary details and transparency," Marshall critiqued. "Our community deserves leadership that prioritizes real solutions over speculative plans. It's time for action, not rhetoric."

Marshall's passionate speech and detailed plan received strong support from the impacted residents and community leaders present at the conference. They echoed her call for immediate and decisive action to ensure clean and safe water for all. On her website, concerned citizens can read about Molly's plan in depth and endorse it. Molly intends to present this plan and the gathered endorsements to the County Commissioners in the near future.

For more information or to schedule an interview with Molly Marshall, please contact Haley Turner at 816-288-7429 or VoteMollyMarshall@gmail.com.

About Molly Marshall: Molly Marshall is running for Spokane County Commissioner of District 5. As a dedicated advocate for public health and environmental justice, she will bring transparency, accountability, and proactive solutions to local government.



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