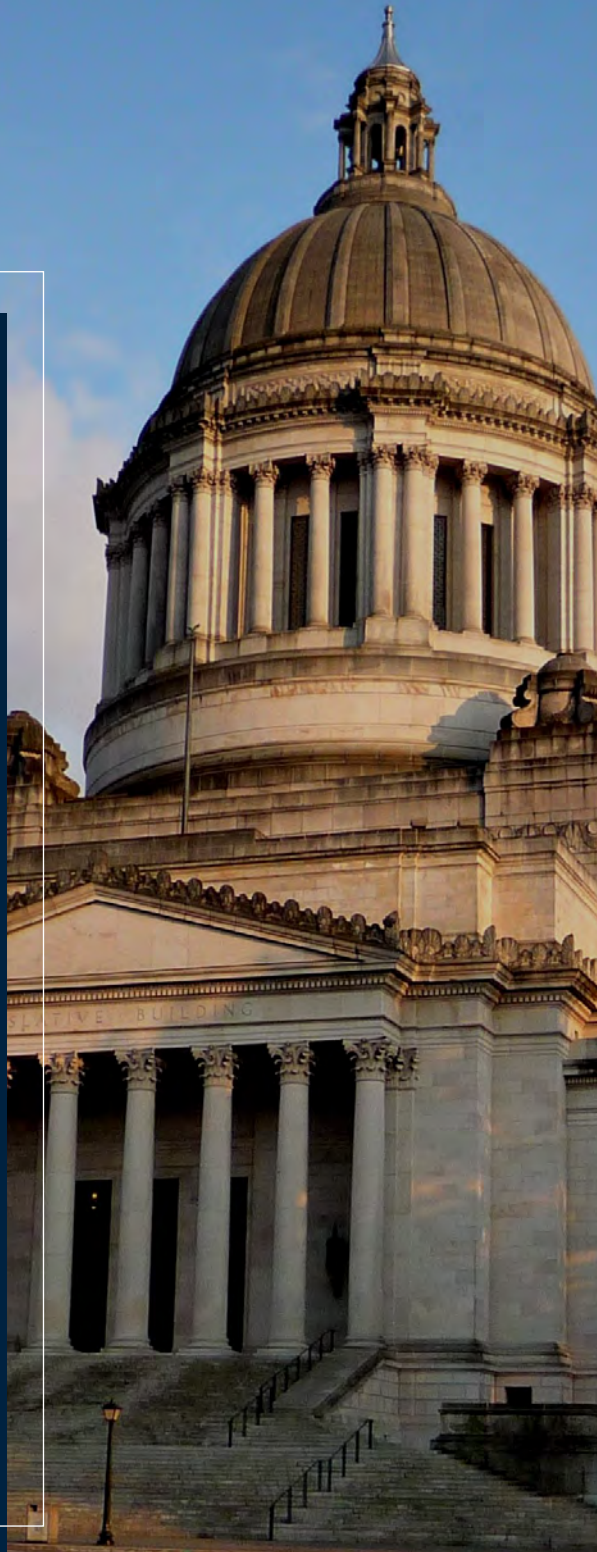




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Improving lives through market solutions

PILLAR SOCIETY





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We need Washington Policy Center... we need think tanks... to calmly look at things and consider them, and bring forward good ideas because I'll tell you - they aren't going to come out of a government that is left to its own devices, this is a democracy for a reason.

Secretary of Defense James F. Mattis

WPC's 2016 Annual Dinner Champion of Freedom Recipient



An investment in the future of our state



Thank you for your interest in Washington Policy Center's Pillar Society! As the past eight-year Chairman of WPC's Board, I am extremely proud to now serve as President of our Pillar Society. As you'll see in this brochure, WPC's Pillar Society is an integral part of our organization, and the support we receive from our valued members is what makes our work and impact possible.

Many Pillar Society members tell us that the biggest benefit to them is the pride and peace of mind that comes from knowing they are supporting WPC and our mission year over year. Together, with the strong support of our Pillar Society members, we are making a difference in our state!

**As a CPA, I can promise that we
are good stewards of money
donated to WPC.**

I invite you to join with us and become a valued member of our Pillar Society. I have been a member since its inception in 2012 and increased my support with a renewed pledge in 2015. I believe strongly in WPC's mission and I know that supporting this organization through the Pillar Society is the best way to ensure WPC remains a strong voice for years to come.

Thank you, again, for your interest in Washington Policy Center's Pillar Society. I look forward to welcoming you as a member.

Sincerely,

Greg Porter

Co-Founder of Berntson Porter Wealth Management, LLC
and President of Washington Policy Center's Pillar Society

WHAT IS THE PILLAR SOCIETY?

Founded in
2012

120
members

Over
\$5.5
million
raised

To support WPC's vital work and new endeavors, to ensure our impact continues to grow, and to better steward our top donors, WPC launched the Pillar Society. The Pillar Society distinguishes donors who make a substantial pledge which is paid over three years (pledges start at \$5,000 per year).

WPC's ultimate goal is that Washington state remains among the best places to raise a family, earn a living and run a business. We work hard for you, providing research and clear policy analysis and advancing our goals of spending discipline, low taxes and limited government.

By joining our Pillar Society, you are putting your dollars toward a time-tested, professional organization that will fight for your principles long into the future. Be assured that we are working hard to give our policymakers, and voters, the information they need to make fiscally responsible choices.

Along with the distinction of being a WPC Pillar Society member, benefits include premier tables at our conferences and Annual Dinner (reserved before the event sells-out!), varying recognition throughout the year and invitations to private events with key public officials, business leaders and thought leaders.



WPC's Annual Dinner is one of the largest policy gala events in the country, attracting over 2,500 statewide.

Pillar Society memberships include pre-reserved tickets or tables at the Annual Dinner and invitations to exclusive events throughout the year.



The Pillar Society allows WPC to confidently plan for the future, maximizing our impact and fulfilling our mission.

The support of Pillar Society members has made our impact across the state possible.

- » WPC research and commentary during the Legislative Session helped stop enactment of a **tax on capital gains** and a **carbon tax on energy**.
- » Our new **Initiative on Agriculture** established itself as the premier voice on agriculture policy in our state.
- » Over 2,500 Washington students are now enrolled in **charter schools**, an increase from 1,000 in 2016! This success is a direct result of the tireless defense of charter schools from our Center for Education over the last several years.
- » WPC is featured in local and national media an **average of seven times a day**.
- » Local governments are adopting our recommendation for a **supermajority requirement for raising taxes**.

Our ideas are being acted upon in meaningful ways that prevent major tax increases or new taxes, improve your local economy, and make our schools better and our government more open and ethical.

Our plans include:

- » WPC will embark on a comprehensive project to keep **Washington state income tax free**.
- » We will continue to work with local governments to **open their collective bargaining** talks to the public. The people have a right to know how public spending decisions are made.
- » A project to reengage states in **meaningful health care reform**, support a free-market, patient-centered Obamacare replacement and begin to wrest control back from the federal government.
- » Continuing to grow our **Young Professionals group**, the only group of its kind in the nation.
- » The launch of a **new Center focused on Labor Reform**. The new Center for Workers Rights will address issues such as project labor agreements, government collection of union dues, and launch a Transparency Project to show the 'true cost' of unionized government in Washington state. The goal is to make Washington state a right to work state.
- » Continuing to **defend charter schools** from yet another legal attack while also continuing our strategic efforts to expand the benefits of school choice for more students in our state.



In 2016, WPC's Board of Directors created a **three-year strategic plan** to guide us to 2020.

- » Improve marketing strategies to **COMMUNICATE** with more citizens across our state
- » **PARTNER** with new groups to build alliances
- » **EXPAND** outreach and service in our state
- » Continue to **INVEST** in organizational capacity
- » **EDUCATE** the next generation of leaders through our Young Professionals and college programs

PILLAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

As of January 2018

*"WPC receives no
government funding
and is wholly
supported by
concerned citizens
like you and me.
We're proud to invest
in WPC!"*

- ANNETTE PARKS
Pillar Society Member
since 2014

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*Denotes WPC board member

WPC'S
 PILLAR
 SOCIETY
 MEMBERS
 ARE PEOPLE
 WHO KNOW
 WHAT WE
 KNOW:
 POLICY
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PILLAR SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

\$15,000 over 3 years (\$5,000 per year)

Four VIP tickets with Pillar Society location* to WWA Annual Dinner or
Table with Pillar Society location* at EWA Annual Dinner

\$22,500 over 3 years (\$7,500 per year)

VIP Table with Pillar Society location* (either WWA or EWA)
Two VIP tickets with Pillar Society location* to alternative Annual Dinner

\$30,000 over 3 years (\$10,000 per year)

Patron table with Pillar Society location* at Annual Dinner (either WWA or EWA)
Two VIP tickets with Pillar Society location* to alternative Annual Dinner
Four tickets to Pillar Society-exclusive Private Meeting with Annual Dinner speaker(s)
Recognition as a lead supporter at the Solutions Summit

\$50,000 over 3 years (\$15,000 first 2 years and \$20,000 final installment)

All benefits of previous level plus:

Benefactor table with Pillar Society location* at Annual Dinner (either WWA or EWA)
Two VIP tickets with Pillar Society location* to alternative Annual Dinner
Two tickets to exclusive private lunch with Annual Dinner speaker(s)
Two sponsor tables at the Solutions Summit (either WWA or EWA)

\$75,000 over 3 years (\$25,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus a personalized donor recognition plan including a Benefactor table with prime Pillar Society location at Annual Dinner (either WWA or EWA)*

Two additional tickets to exclusive private lunch with Annual Dinner speaker(s)
Sponsorship and donor recognition of student table at WPC Annual Dinner

All Pillar Society members receive:

- » Tickets and/or a table at WPC's Annual Dinner events with premier seating
- » Two tickets to Pillar Society-exclusive Private Meeting with Annual Dinner speaker(s)
- » One sponsor table at The Solutions Summit (either WWA or EWA)
- » Invitation to exclusive Pillar Society Dinner Series
- » Invitation to exclusive Pillar Society events in Palm Springs, summer receptions and Legislative events
- » Invitation to participate in the WPC Young Professionals Mentor Program
- » Recognition on WPC website and WPC Annual Report (*if desired*)
- » Benefits of a WPC Major Donor (plus complimentary admission to all WPC events!)

We look forward to working with you on the perfect pledge for you, your business, and your family.

\$105,000 over 3 years (\$35,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus a personalized donor recognition plan including a Champion table with Pillar Society location at Annual Dinner (either WWA or EWA)*

Sponsorship and donor recognition of student table at WPC Annual Dinner and Solutions Summit events

\$150,000 over 3 years (\$50,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus a personalized donor recognition plan including a Champion table with Pillar Society location at Annual Dinner (either WWA or EWA)*

Title sponsorship of Young Professionals event

Opportunity to introduce keynote speaker at Solutions Summit (either WWA or EWA)

\$225,000 over 3 years (\$75,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus a personalized donor recognition plan including a Platinum table at Annual Dinner (either WWA or EWA)

Opportunity to introduce keynote speaker at Annual Dinner (either WWA or EWA)

\$300,000 over 3 years (\$100,000 per year)

All benefits of previous level plus a personalized donor recognition plan including a Platinum table at Annual Dinner (either WWA or EWA)

Exclusive naming rights for Young Professionals Debate Series

Permanent donor-named Fellowship on WPC's full-time research staff

**As you are aware, WPC's Annual Dinners are two of the largest gala policy events in the country.*

Pillar Society location of your Annual Dinner table ensures prime table placement.

Elements of a personalized plan may include benefits such as:

- » Exclusive events with policy experts
- » WPC "scholarships" for students to become WPC members
- » Exclusive naming rights for events
- » Opportunity to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Annual Dinner
- » Additional benefits around the Annual Dinner and/or Solutions Summit (additional tables, access to one-on-one interaction with speakers, etc.)
- » Sponsorship of Agriculture Initiative events
- » Sponsorship/recognition with Young Professional college club events (WPC currently has college clubs at University of Washington, Seattle University, Gonzaga and Washington State University)



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