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tributions help the election process?

RS: Presently, you can't be a free man and run for office in this country. Everybody wants something! Even individuals who bundle your money want something. The system has to be changed so that the politicians will work on behalf of the people.

KW: Isn't it possible that you'll still have politicians taking money under the table?

RS: That's a different type of corruption. Most people don't want to break the law. I'm concerned about eliminating perfectly legal forms of bribery. At least 4 out of 5 Americans believe that Wall Street and special interests have too much control over our government. So, it's not just a progressive thing. Remember, even a whole unit of Tea Party members marched with us on the Brooklyn Bridge.

They want their elected officials to work for them, too. We see a flaw in our democracy, and there's no reason why we shouldn't be able to fix it. We want to educate people on this one issue.

KW: What's tragic to me is the precariousness of the middle class. I've seen people lose their jobs, and then lose their home. Or get sick, and then lose their home. Or be working full-time but be unable to afford health care or to send their kids to college. A quarter of the kids in this country now live in poverty. Meanwhile, the Bush tax cuts for the rich remain in effect. Whatever happened to a living wage?

RS: All of those problems are what makes this so urgent. And at the same time, the stock market just rolls on. It's a disconnect, a money grab. Things will change when they can no longer exploit the people.

KW: So, isn't business to blame for these problems more than politicians?

RS: No, I don't fault business. If you run a corporation, your job is to maximize the return on investment for your investors. Good for you. But by the same token, we have to remember that corporations have no compassion. That's why legislation and regulations are necessary.

KW: Do you anticipate seeing greater African-American involvement in the Occupy Wall Street Movement?

RS: Definitely! Veteran activist Dr. Ben Chavis is coming aboard with his long history and great record in terms of organizing. I know that when the civil rights community joins forces with the unions and with the pop stars of the cultural community; we can make this country much

greater.

KW: Are you at all worried about a possible backlash from the black community the way that Dr. Cornel West and Tavis Smiley were criticized as being anti-Obama when they went on their poverty tour?

RS: No, this not about Obama. I'm prepared to go on the road to make sure that Obama gets reelected. I'm a big sup-

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porter of President Obama.

KW: And what's up next for Occupy Wall Street?

RS: There's going to be an announcement made very shortly. I can't blow it, but I will say this much: I potentially see the unions, the black Church and the cultural community coming together to spearhead a Poor People's Revolution as a fulfillment of the dream envisioned by Dr. Martin Luther King.

KW: Well, thanks for updating me, Russell, and best of luck with expanding the Occupy Wall Street Movement.

RS: Thank you, brother.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

KITSAP TRANSIT K.T. No. 11-427 Worker Driver Accessible Bus Fleet

Kitsap Transit, the public transportation provider in Kitsap County is requesting bids from firms or private owners interested in providing a quantity of up to eight (8) used accessible lift equipped MCI 102D3 motor coaches, model year 1994 through 2001, or approved equal.

Kitsap Transit reserves the right to reject any and all bids without cause and to waive any informalities or irregularities.

Kitsap Transit in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat., 252.42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Department of Transportation, subtitle A, of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the DOT issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Cascade AIDS Project



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EOU PIERCE LIBRARY RENOVATION

Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, Oregon

Bid Date: December 21, 2011 2:00 p.m.

There will be a NON-MANDATORY Job Walk on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 1:00 p.m. at Eastern Oregon University - Pierce Library. EOU address One University Blvd., La Grande, Oregon 97850.



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A family wage, and the benefits that go with it, not only strengthens families, but also allows our communities to become stronger, more cohesive, and more responsive to their citizens' needs.

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