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Workers

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The Caring Across Generations Campaign calls for a package of federal policies that will create two million new direct care jobs; ensure job quality and training; provide a path to citizenship for immigrant care workers; and support families who are

The City Council Resolution that was unanimously passed this week supports the values and policy solutions of the campaign and calls on the City's Office of Intergovernmental Relations to promote the campaign with local, regional, state, and federal

There are currently only 3 million care workers, creating a critical gap in our nation's ability to care for its citizens

struggling with the high costs of long term care.

At the national level, Caring Across Generations worked with Sen. Harkin and others last month to introduce a Sense of the Senate Resolution as a step towards addressing the long term care crises.

governments, including the National League of Cities.

At the hearing, supporters delivered more than 3,000 postcards gathered in support of the resolution. The postcards were woven together in a powerful visual representing the interconnection of all generations.

Campaign

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the economy, making government more efficient and curbing health care costs. McKenna makes similar arguments, adding that he'd like to shrink state government through attrition and a levy swap proposal to make education funding more consistent.

McKenna notes that the \$1 billion need in the next biennium is about 3 percent of the state's \$32 billion general fund budget.

"I think we can find that money in the state general fund budget and we can do it in the next biennium," McKenna said during the first gubernatorial debate this month.

Basic education isn't the only

area competing for money. Both candidates have also talked about increasing funding for higher education, which has been cut repeatedly from the state budget in recent years. They've both also

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proposed business tax cuts that would claim even more state dollars, though McKenna said his would only be sought after educa-

tion is fully funded.

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The state Office of Financial Management, in an early assessment of the 2013-15 budget, projected that maintenance-level spending growth is expected to be at about 7.9 percent. That includes reinstating some larger expenditures, such as cost-of-living increases for teachers that were cut and salaries for state workers who took 3 percent pay reductions.

Remy Trupin, executive director of the left-leaning Washington State Budget and Policy Center,

said the candidates for governor need to be clearer with voters about the choices they face. He said it was frustrating that McKenna and Inslee were boxing themselves in by disavowing the possibility of revenues.

"The conversation that they're having is not a good one," he said.

The refocus on education funding has been driven in part by a Supreme Court ruling earlier this year. In the so-called McCleary decision, the Washington Supreme Court determined in January that the state isn't meeting its constitutional obligation to amply pay for basic public education.

Beat Blitz



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Austin Foundation volunteers Danny Giday (center) and Alpha Diallo (right) show kids the proper starting position for the 40 yard dash during the Seattle Seahawks NFL Play 60 Beat Blitz Activity Summer Challenge, June 23 at Green Lake. The Austin Foundation, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative helped kick off the event. NFL Play 60 is the National Football League's campaign to encourage kids to be active for 60 minutes a day to help reverse the national trend toward childhood obesity.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEATTLE 2012



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to The Skanner at info@theskanner.com

Friday – Sunday June 29 – July 1

EMERALD QUEEN CASINO'S TASTE OF TACOMA. Admission is free. Join KMPS at The Emerald Queen Casino's Taste of Tacoma at Point Defiance Park as they celebrate 27 years as Tacoma's Ultimate Family Festival. Fri – Sat 11 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday June 30

VEGGI CAR RACES AT MARY OLSEN FARM. Everyone start your turnips! Kids can build race cars out of vegetables and watch as they zoom down an inclined track. FREE event for all to enjoy. 1 – 4 p.m. Mary Olsen farm, 28728 Green River Rd, Auburn

Sunday July 1

GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE EXHIBIT. The exhibit culminates in the Pathways to Global Health Activity. There will be a tent filled with hands-on activities and child friendly experiences. Free admission all day event. McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer St.

Wednesday July 4

BELLEVUE FAMILY 4TH. Enjoy an all-star lineup of

entertainment including live music, free kids activities – all leading up to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. All day event. Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE Fourth St.

14TH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY SPLASH AT LAKE MERIDIAN Park. Celebrate America's B-day with the United States Air Force's Band of the Golden West Concert Band. Followed by many others and activities. All the fun begins at noon then end the evening with fireworks, 14800 SE 272nd St. Kent Admission is Free for everyone.

Saturday July 7

2012 SEATTLE SEAFAIR PIRATES LANDING: As the official opening of Seafair. The Pirates Landing 2012 promises to bring a fun filled day for the entire family. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Aiki Bathhouse Studio, 1702 Aiki Ave. SW. Free for all to come and enjoy.