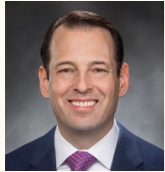


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one-on-one with your legislators.
Hope to see you there.

JULY 27

4:30-7:30PM at the
Garland Summer Market

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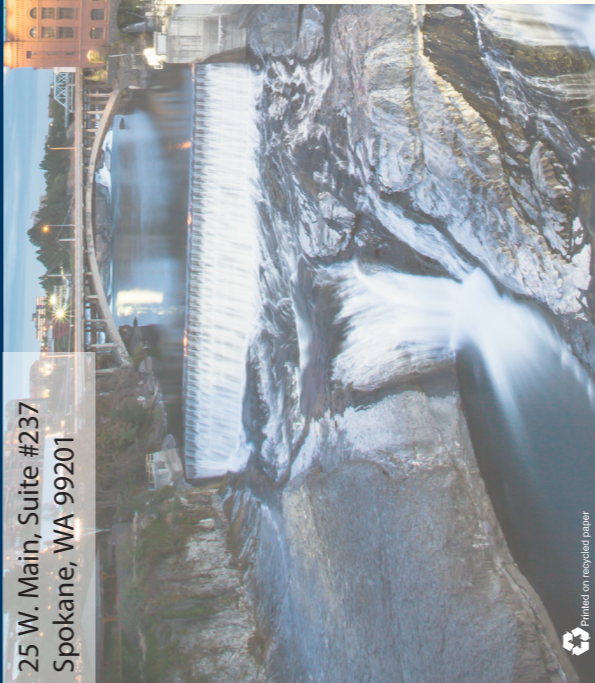
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2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Rep. Marcus Riccelli



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Inside you will find highlights from the recently concluded 2023 legislative session. We focused on investing in Spokane, building healthier communities, ensuring every Washingtonian has a home, keeping our planet healthy, and supporting the success of every child. We are honored to represent the people of Spokane and always welcome and appreciate your feedback

— Andy, Timm & Marcus

3rd Legislative District – Spokane

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2023 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

A HOME FOR EVERYONE

- Over \$1 billion in capital and operating budget funding to address housing and homelessness
- Invested in the Housing Trust Fund at historic levels
- Made it easier to build condominiums
- Streamlined the permitting process for new homes

SUCCESS FOR EVERY CHILD

- Significant expansion of K-12 special education support
- Increased funding for school meals, making them free for half of Washington students
- Expanded access to high-quality, affordable early learning and childcare



PRIORITIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

- Passed a responsible bipartisan bill that is treatment centered and makes drug possession a gross misdemeanor
- Invested in additional police training classes and facilities, including \$1.4 million for upgrades to the SPD training facility
- Updated the policy on police pursuits
- Passed national-leading gun violence prevention legislation

A HEALTHY PLANET

- Invested Cap and Invest funds to expand electric transportation infrastructure, improve air quality, help households to afford weatherization upgrades, and other important climate-related projects
- Passed legislation to continue efforts to protect the Spokane River related to PCBs
- Passed a nation-leading bill to spur the development of sustainable aviation fuels in Washington state



SPOKANE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS

- Full funding and uninterrupted construction of the North Spokane Corridor
- Ongoing funding for the Division Street Bus Rapid Transit project
- Funding to create the Pacific Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Greenway
- Support for funding the STA free youth ridership program for everyone 18 and younger



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BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

- Capped the cost of insulin at \$35 per month
- Major investments, including significant rate increases for providers, to expand and bolster mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment services
- Expanded access to dental therapists, increasing oral health care in rural and underserved communities
- Boosted and protected healthcare workforce by passing safer standards for nurse-to-patient staffing ratios and joining the national Nursing Licensure Compact
- Passed legislation to ensure the clinicians that provide access to essential healthcare are protected in light of the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade

SPOTLIGHT: THE CROSSWALK YOUTH SHELTER

In 2023, the state capital budget provided funding for a new building to house the VOA Crosswalk Teen Shelter. This teen shelter has been operating in Eastern Washington since 1985. The state funding will help VOA end youth homelessness in the greater Spokane community. The new building will add increased capacity to provide youth with stabilizing and supportive services including behavioral health, educational support, and family reconciliation.



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