



## Center for Self Governance Citizen Victories...

### TENNESSEE

1. CSG-trained citizens defeated an effort by the Dept. of Homeland Security to provide military type drones for civilian surveillance. Students continue to monitor further "back-door" attempts to implement the use of drones.
2. CSG-trained citizens led a diverse group to defeat a proposed city property tax increase of 22 cents, instead pushing through an 8 cent tax decrease.
3. In a David vs. Goliath battle, CSG trained citizens with limited capital, were able to thwart an unnecessary, unwanted Obama Administration Pre-K educational program that would have cost an addition \$27 million in taxes. When put to a referendum, the initiative was defeated by 38 points.
4. An ordinance was defeated which would have allowed dangerous animal control "swat- team- like" intrusive inspections into pet-owners' private residences.
5. The Director of the Office of Planning and Development requested the assistance of a County Commissioner and CSG-trained citizens to fight the Unified Development Code. This code sought to outlaw group home schooling, (a component of United Nations' Agenda 21). With the help and research of the CSG citizen team, the effort was defeated.
6. CSG-trained citizens were successful in helping an immigrant get a permit approved for his business. The opposition had stood in the way, insisting on the proposed Global Governance growth only, which is limited to "stack and pack" public housing.
7. A local bureaucrat, simultaneously holding down three six-figure government positions, was defeated for the first time ever in his effort to impose eminent domain on a group of downtown business properties. A CSG inspired crowd packed a Community Redevelopment Agency meeting, and voted it down.
8. CSG-trained citizens defeated local efforts to implement punitive wage requirements for employers. They encouraged members of both political parties to defeat legislation that would essentially "shake down" businesses and eventually cripple or shut them down through a complicated special legal process.
9. A similar state-wide effort to shake down businesses over wages was pushed by the same big-government proponent. When they heard that CSG citizens were organizing in opposition to their proposal, the plan to move forward was abandoned.
10. CSG-trained citizens defeated exorbitant pay raises for the County Mayor and Sheriff.
11. CSG-trained citizens stopped the city council from changing the city charter to make the public give 24 hours notice before testifying.

12. CSG-trained citizens developed strategy and carried out tactics to get the votes needed to elect a woman as the Chairman of the County Budget committee for the first time.

13. CSG-trained citizens coordinated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the African-American community, and a city council woman to inform the discretion of the citizens in the community regarding smart meters. One of the town halls made national news.

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*Subject: Education on smart meters Date: Tue, 16 Jul 2013 13:38:32 -0500*

*MEMO To: IBEW Members/MLGW Employees*

*From: Rick Thompson, Business Manager*

*Re: Education on Smart Meters*

*IBEW Local 1288 continues to educate the "General Public" of Memphis and Shelby County about "So-Called" Smart Meters. Our different groups which include Democrats, Republicans, Independents, TeaParty, Libertarians, Blacks, Whites, Young, Old, Union and Non-Union are out in the communities every day to include Saturdays and Sundays walking the neighborhoods, passing out flyers and pamphlets, and discussing Smart Meters. We have talked to thousands of people already and 99.999% are against MLGW Smart Meters. The groups are in this "Campaign" against Smart Meters for the long haul. Everybody that truly investigates and educates themselves about smart meters knows that their utility bills will double/triple, cause meters fires, have privacy issues, etc. MLGW management cannot explain the justification for smart meters when they are talking to an educated group, but they expect the Memphis City Council to approve MILLIONS OF RATEPAYERS DOLLARS for meters that are not perfected yet among other negative things about these meters. 99.999% of the community does not want smart meters and thinks that a CITY OF MEMPHIS REFERENDUM should be held so the citizens can vote on the matter. Anybody who wants us to come to their Church, Neighborhood Association Meeting, Family Reunions, Homes, Union Meetings etc., to discuss Smart Meters, should know that our groups are available at any time. Our groups are growing by leaps and bounds and if you or anyone you know wants to join in on this historic MOVEMENT CAN DO SO BY CALLING THE UNION OFFICE OR CELL NUMBER (Office # (901) 363-1563 or cell# (901) 870-3340).*

*Fraternally, Rick*

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14. CSG-trained citizens engaged the city council in concerns over fluoride. The current city council chairman has instructed the city health department to begin communicating and coordinating with the CSG team.

15. CSG-trained citizens were invited to apply to fill county commission seat for outgoing county commissioner. Student decided not to run as 'I have more power as a citizen than an elected official'

16. CSG-trained team developed a social media training program; a local reporter, an African-American minister and others attended to learn more about the Self Governance process.

17. An African-American minister joined the CSG-trained citizen team.

18. CSG citizen, Jim Garrett of Tennessee; He ran 6 bills. All but one has either passed, been published, is on its way to governor's office, or is in committee.

- Success 1: SB1700 passed and published
- Success 2: SB1701 passed and published
- Success 3: HB1483 passed and goes to governor for signature

- Success 4: SB1496 passed Senate and sitting on House table; amending to terminate fiscal note; being brought up after April 3
- Success 5: Was Invited to participate in BILL REVIEW...this is not an open to citizens.

19. CSG citizen, Daniella Kuntz of Tennessee; She drove Education in Self-Governance legislation. We are elated to inform you that our bill HB2049 \*Gilmore / SB2246 \*Hensley passed on the House Floor (It passed on the Senate Floor 2 weeks prior).

## **VIRGINIA**

20. CSG students Anita & Mark Hile of Virginia organized citizens to participate in their Henrico County party elections resulting in a coalition of citizens' participation. The entrenched were shocked and a stunning defeat ensued.

## **MISSOURI**

21. An effort orchestrated by CSG trained citizens through Liberty St. Louis prompted the St. Louis County Council to "kill the bill" as it withdrew bill #73. This bill would have tread upon property owner's rights in St. Louis County. The proposed legislation required private homeowners to obtain a license when they have any occupant in their home that is not a family member within two degrees.

22. In Cape County, Missouri, a CSG citizen team (Mrs. Powel) is driving the conversation on Local Control of education. They were instrumental in the election of one School Board Member and are increasing community engagement through the support of two citizen activists in their campaigns for School Board positions.

23. CSG-trained citizens defeated Cape County USE TAX by 67%

24. CSG-trained citizens drove School Board election by more than 6000 votes to the incumbents 5000 votes.

## **WASHINGTON**

25. In Okanogan County, Washington, CSG team (Mrs. Powel) was able to reduce the Comprehensive Plan from 2500 pages to just 40 pages! Now other Washington Counties are following suit. Reducing government regulation is actually becoming a trend in Washington State.

26. CSG-trained citizens successfully instruct State Senate to remove all Land Acquisition dollars from the state budget

## **WISCONSIN**

27. In Wisconsin, Mrs. Powel helped build Governor Scott Walker's Ground game against his Recall Election.

## **ARIZONA**

28. In Arizona, a bill which will inject much needed Accountability and Transparency into the State Budget has been languishing for 15 years... Working together, CSG citizens have educated key Legislators and staff. This important bill is finally receiving due consideration.

29. A CSG-trained citizen, with no vested interest, has mobilized a concerned business community to action on federal health care policy.

30. A team of CSG citizens discovered their town does not legally exist and therefore does not have the authority to make rules or collect taxes.

31. A CSG-trained citizen successfully reduced EPA driven regulations on water codes from 29 to 2.

32. CSG-trained citizens successfully drove ShowLow City Council vote against renewing photo (traffic) enforcement contracts after initially leaning to approve it. They successfully influenced swing vote; instructing their delegated authority. As a result, 3 pillars, 3 obstacles and one swing vote were identified.

## **COLORADO**

33. In Colorado, CSG-trained citizens, informing the discretion of Mrs. Powel, drove a city council to follow the opinion of its constituents rather than the city attorney and let the people vote on spending their money. The city council stood up to the city mayor by a vote of 5-4.

## **IDAHO**

34. In Idaho, CSG-trained citizens helped defeat Property Tax Levy by 747-550 votes.

## **CALIFORNIA**

35. In California, CSG-trained citizens learned their local fire department (Sacramento Metro Fire) was proposing a new property tax 'special' assessment to be added to the property tax bills for Sacramento residents within their district. When comments were welcomed at a public board meeting, 12 speakers were heard. Five of the opposing speakers are students of the Center for Self Governance; Ken Payne, Jim Baker, Victoria Davi, Dan Heideman and this author. As a result, the proposed assessment has been placed on hold!