

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JUNE 21, 201W

WASHINGTON COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT PRESENTS KEY AWARD  
TO MATT ROSENBERG

Washington Coalition for Open Government

6351 Seaview Avenue NW

Seattle, Washington 98107-2664

[www.washingtoncog.org](http://www.washingtoncog.org)

Phone: (206) 782-0393

Fax: (206) 623-4474

The Washington Coalition for Open Government presented a Key Award to Seattle journalist and civic activist Matt Rosenberg in recognition of his ongoing work to make government entities in Washington open and accountable to the public.

Rosenberg is the founder and executive director of Public Eye Northwest, a Seattle-based nonprofit watchdog group dedicated to government transparency and accountability reporting for greater Seattle and Washington State. Using public records that are usually ignored by mainstream journalists, the groups generate original reporting and archive its stories and source data in a user-friendly news knowledge base called Public Data Ferret. The site is member of the Seattle Times' News Partner Network.

Public Eye Northwest also helps train journalism students to use data technology and produces another website, Social Capital Review, that spotlights the valuable works performed by nonprofit organizations around the Puget Sound region.

The award was presented to Rosenberg at a WCOG-sponsored open government forum May 30 in Redmond.

Rosenberg was also recognized for his work organizing and presenting a panel discussion, "Open Government Future: Technology, Innovation, and Community" for the 2012 Open Government Sunshine Week Conference hosted by WCOG in Seattle earlier this year. "We couldn't have done it without Matt," commented WCOG board member Patience Rogge, who nominated Rosenberg for the Key Award.

The Washington Coalition for Open Government (WCOG) is an independent non-partisan non-profit organization founded in 2002 by a group of individuals representing organizations with a broad spectrum of opinions and backgrounds, all dedicated to the principles of strengthening the state's open

government laws and protecting the public's access to government at all levels.

For more information, contact Washington Coalition for Open Government, 6351 Seaview Avenue NW, Seattle, WA 98107-2664 or on the web at [www.washingtoncog.org](http://www.washingtoncog.org) or call (206) 782-0393.

-30-