

August 1, 2023 Primary and Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

vote!

 Your ballot will arrive by July 17

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ONE THING YOUR ELECTION WORKERS want you to know...

I wish voters knew how much attention and care is taken to ensure each and every ballot is processed quickly and accurately according to the law. Come to our office to observe the process or bring a group to take a tour. We are open to the public and love sharing the process with those who are interested.



Jerelyn Hampton
Assistant Operations
Manager - Ballot Processing

A voter's voice is the most valuable gift they can ever give to their community and those who are not in a position to vote.



Said Shekuna
Language Access and Outreach Coordinator

Our mission isn't just words on a page, it drives every decision and action. We value democracy deeply and work hard to carry out our mission of conducting accurate, secure, and accessible elections.



Penny Pallechio
Voter Services Supervisor

You don't ever have to leave your house to vote! Simply retrieve your ballot from the mail, fill it out, place the ballot in the return envelope, and don't forget to sign it. Then simply seal it up and place it right back into your mailbox; it's that easy!



Eldon Miller
Elections Lead

King County Elections uses a Defense-in-Depth strategy with layers of security to provide secure and accurate elections.



Mark Hinds
Systems Architect

We're Here to Help!



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You will not be voting on every item in this voters' pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races and measures to review.

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Materials available in 7 languages!

You can receive all your voting materials - including your ballot, voters' pamphlet, and ballot alerts - in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese.

Visit kce.wiki/languages to sign up.





Visit a Vote Center

Need in-person help? Voters who need assistance can access an accessible voting unit to help them vote privately and securely. Vote Center staff is on hand to:

- register new voters;
- update information for existing voters;
- print replacement ballots and return envelopes;
- print registration cards;
- answer questions;
- and make sure you've got your I Voted sticker.

Who can register?

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state.
- At least 18 years old.
 - *If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote and receive a ballot when you qualify.
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

How do I register?



Online

It takes two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID to register online at VoteWA.gov. To register in time to vote in the Primary election, register online by July 24.



By mail

Download and print a registration form from kce.wiki/VoterReg and mail to King County Elections: 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057. It must be received by July 24.



In person

Register in person at one of our Vote Centers through **Election Day, August 1**. More information about Vote Center hours and locations can be found on page 5 and on our website at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Visit a Vote Center for in-person assistance

Elections staff are available to help at each of our six Vote Centers. Staff is available to help you register to vote and get a ballot through Election Day. We also provide assistive devices with audio and/or large print ballots.


Locations		Hours of operation
Renton	King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, July 12 - 21, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Weekdays, July 24 - 28, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, August 1, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue	Bellevue College Cafeteria 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, 98007	Saturday, July 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Federal Way	Federal Way City Hall 33325 8th Ave S, 98003	Monday, July 31, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, August 1, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Kenmore	Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
Kent	Kent Centennial Center 400 W Gowe St, 98032	
Seattle	Lumen Field Event Center 800 Occidental Ave S, 98134	





Parking is FREE at all Vote Centers EXCEPT Lumen Field Event Center.


How to




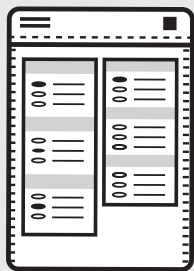
1 Read the statements in this pamphlet about the contests you're voting on. 

2 Fill in the oval beside your choice with any color pen. 

3 Sign your envelope. Your signature must match the signature on your voter registration record for your ballot to be counted. 

4 Return your ballot early. Whether using a drop box or the mail, vote early. Don't wait for Election Day! 

5 Track your ballot at kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot. This is the fastest way for you to know your ballot was counted, and your voice was heard. 



Need a replacement ballot?

If your ballot is lost or damaged, you can print a replacement using the Online Ballot Marking Program (OBMP). With OBMP, you can access and print a replacement ballot from home, the library, or wherever is convenient.

OBMP is designed to enable voters with disabilities, including those who are blind or low-vision, to mark their ballot privately. It is available to all registered voters.



How to use the Online Ballot Marking Program

- Go to kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.
 - Enter your information in the form.
 - Mark your ballot choices online and then print your completed ballot.
- OR
- Print your ballot and mark it by hand.
 - Check that your ballot is marked correctly.
 - Return your ballot as usual, at a ballot drop box or via USPS.
- No postage is required when you use the envelope cover sheet included when you print your ballot.



If you need additional assistance or another way to cast your ballot, please contact our office at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Get Social with us @kcelections



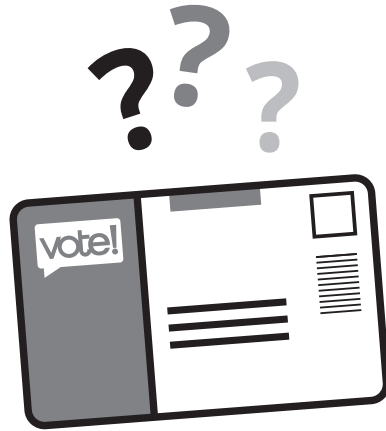
#KCVotes #VoteByMail #VoteEarly #FutureVoter #KingCountyElections

Where's my ballot?

Visit kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot to track your ballot online or to sign up for ballot alerts via email and/or text.

Tracking online and receiving ballot alerts helps you know where your ballot is during every step of the process, from mailing to being accepted back at Elections Headquarters.



Ballot alerts are the quickest way to know if there's an issue with your signature. Ballot alerts and the ballot tracker show you what to do to fix any issues so your vote can be counted.



Signed up for Ballot Alerts?

Voters signed up for ballot alerts are 50% more likely to fix signature issues. Make sure your voice is heard - sign up for ballot alerts today!

By opting in, you'll be set to get notifications for this and future elections. You can unsubscribe at any time.

 **Track your ballot and sign up for ballot alerts at kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot.** 



Spread the word!

You can receive ballots, voting materials, and correspondence in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.



Fill out the request form online and you'll receive all materials from our office in your preferred language.





King County Drop Boxes

Now 76 Locations!



All drop boxes close
at 8 p.m. sharp on
Election Day, August 1st.

Auburn

Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002
Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th St NE, 98001
Muckleshoot Tribe - Philip Starr Building,
39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092

Bellevue

Bellevue Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004
Crossroads Shopping Center (south entrance),
15600 NE 8th St, 98008
Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, 98006

Black Diamond

Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

Bothell

Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011
University of Washington - Bothell Campus (by the Activities
& Recreation Center), 18220 Campus Way NE, 98011

Burien

Boulevard Park Library, 12015 Roseberg Ave S, 98168
Burien Town Square Park (corner of 5th Ave SW and
SW 152nd St), 480 SW 152nd St, 98166

Carnation

Carnation Library, 4804 Tolt Ave, 98014

Covington

Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

Des Moines

* Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S),
2400 S 240th St, 98198

Duvall

* Duvall Police Department - Depot Park,
26225 NE Burhen Way, 98019

Enumclaw

Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022

Fall City

Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024

Federal Way

Federal Way 320th Library, 848 S 320th St, 98003
Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003

Issaquah

Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset Way, 98027

Kenmore

Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028

Kent

Kent Panther Lake Library, 20500 108th Ave SE, 98031
 Kent YMCA, 10828 SE 248th St, 98030
 Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance),
 401 4th Ave N, 98032

Kirkland

Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034
 Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033

Lake Forest Park

Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, 98155

Maple Valley

Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038
 * Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-
 Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038

Mercer Island

Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th
 St, 98040

Newcastle

Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056

Normandy Park

Normandy Park Towne Center, 19901 1st Ave S, 98148

North Bend

North Bend Library, 115 E 4th St, 98045

Pacific

Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047

Redmond

* Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052
 * Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village,
 6505 176th Ave NE, 98052

Renton

Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058
 * King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
 * Powell Avenue, 725 Powell Ave SW, 98057
*The drop box is located two blocks from King County Elections
 and can be easier to get to during high-traffic times.*
 * Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

Sammamish

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075

SeaTac

Angle Lake Transit Station, 19955 28th Ave S, 98188
 Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188

Shoreline

Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St, 98155
 Shoreline Park & Ride, 18821 Aurora Ave N, 98133

Snoqualmie

Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Blvd SE, 98065

Tukwila

* Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, 98168

Vashon

Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070

Woodinville

NEW Woodinville City Hall, 17301 133rd Ave NE, 98072
 Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072

Seattle drop boxes**Ballard**

Ballard Branch Library, Corner of NW 57th St and
 22nd Ave NW, 98107

Beacon Hill

Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144
 NewHolly Neighborhood Campus, 7054 32nd Ave S, 98118

Broadview/Greenwood

Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133

Bryn Mawr-Skyway

Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178

Capitol Hill

Seattle Central College, Broadway-Edison Building
 (northeast corner), 1701 Broadway, 98122

Central District

Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122

Chinatown/International District

Uwajimaya, 713 6th Ave S, 98104

Columbia City

Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118

Downtown

NEW King Street Box (in front of the Kingdome Deli), Corner
 of 2nd Ave S and S King St, 98104

Fremont/Wallingford

Waterway 19 Park (next to Gas Works Park),
 2119 N Northlake Way, 98103

List of locations continued



Green Lake/Phinney

Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E Green Lake Dr N, 98115

Lake City

Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125

Magnolia

* Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199

Northgate

North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103

Queen Anne

* Seattle Pacific University Bookstore, 310 W Bertona St, 98119

Rainier Valley

Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118

Sand Point/Laurelhurst

* Magnuson Park - The Brig, 6344 NE 74th St, 98115

South Lake Union

South Lake Union, 310 Terry Ave N, 98109

South Park

South Park Library, 8604 8th Ave S, 98108

University District

University of Washington Campus, Schmitz Hall (by north entrance on NE 41st St), 1410 NE Campus Pkwy, 98195

Uptown

NEW Metropolitan Market - Queen Anne, Corner of 1st Ave N and Mercer St, 98109

West Seattle/Delridge

Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116

High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126

South Seattle College (at the entrance of the Robert Smith Building), 6000 16th Ave SW, 98106

White Center

White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes



Check our website for additional ballot drop box locations.



to make sure your ballot counts!

Signatures change over time. That's why we're reaching out to voters across the county to request a current signature.

If you receive a pink envelope from King County Elections, be sure to sign and return it to add your current signature to your voter registration record.





Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures.

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828



Pre-register to vote.

If you are at least 16, you can pre-register to vote online or by mail at any time.

We'll hold onto your registration and will automatically send you a ballot once you're eligible to vote.

Audits and Quality Control

Our team conducts several tests before, during, and after each election to ensure your votes are being counted accurately.



Logic & Accuracy Test

Conducted about three weeks before the election, the Logic & Accuracy test uses test ballots and a set of expected results to ensure the tabulation equipment is reading votes correctly.



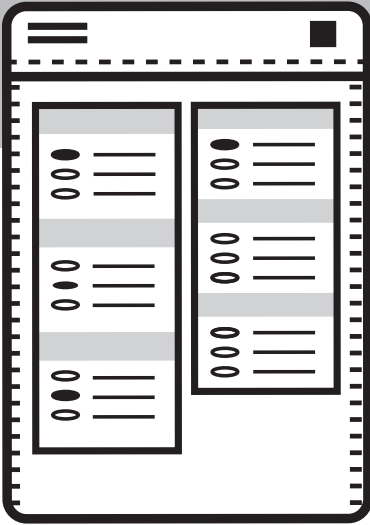
Random Batch Audit

On the Thursday after Election Day, six batches are selected at random and hand counted to ensure the tabulation equipment continues to read votes as it should.



Risk Limiting Audit

In 2021, our team began risk limiting audits. This auditing system checks a random sample of ballots to reach statistical confidence in the results of the election.



Journey of a Ballot

About three weeks before Election Day, King County Elections mails ballots and voters' pamphlets to all registered voters. Voters can fill out, sign, and return their ballot any time before the Election Day deadline, either by mail or at one of our 76 drop boxes located around the county.

1. Whether returned by mail or drop box, all ballots make their way back to Elections Headquarters in Renton. There, they are processed by trained staff dedicated to ensuring accurate, transparent, and accessible elections.



2. The ballot's first stop is the sorting machine, where the barcode is scanned and signature on the envelope is captured for verification.



3. Trained staff review the signature on every single envelope, comparing each returned signature to the signatures on the voter's registration file.



5. Accepted ballots are then opened by hand by trained staff. The first step is removing your ballot from your return envelope. This is the moment when your identity is separated from your vote.

4. During a second pass through the sort machine, ballots with a signature issue are sorted out, and all accepted ballots are sliced open.



6. Once ballots are removed from their envelopes, they're ready to be scanned. Under Washington law, ballots may not be tabulated (counted) until after 8 p.m. on Election Night.



7. Right after 8 p.m. we tabulate results and post them online for candidates, campaigns, and voters. Results are then updated every weekday at 4 p.m. until we certify the election.



Everyone's Voice Matters



Under RCW 10.64.140, unless you are currently detained for a felony conviction, you have a right to vote and make your voice heard.

People awaiting trial or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor are eligible and can vote from the detention center. See our **Register to Vote** page for more details on additional requirements, such as citizenship and age.

If you've completed your sentence or you're awaiting trial, **you can vote.**



1. Get registered.

If you have a current Washington ID, you can register to vote online at **VoteWA.gov**. You can also call King County Elections at **206-296-VOTE (8683)** to request a voter registration form. Fill out the form and mail it to King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.



The right to vote is automatically restored after you serve your sentence, **but you must register!**



2. Get your ballot.

When you register to vote, you must include a mailing address. If you're detained, you can list the detention center address as your mailing address. A loved one can also forward your ballot to you.

If you need help getting your ballot, call us at **206-296-VOTE (8683)**. We will work with you and the detention center to get your ballot to you.



3. Return your ballot.

You do not need a stamp to return your ballot. A postmark on or before Election Day is required, so we recommend voting as early as possible to ensure it can make it to USPS in time for a postmark.

King County Elections is here to help. Call us at 206-296-VOTE (8683) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We accept calls from the detention centers and staff are trained to assist all voters.

Duties of offices in this election

Title	Duties	Term (years)	Salary (2023)
County Councilmember (elected by voters in the electoral district)	Sets policies, enacts laws, adopts the county budgets, and provides oversight to county services.	4	\$172,789
Port of Seattle Commissioner (elected by voters in the electoral district)	Operates, manages, equips, and maintains the port and establishes Port policies that impact the maritime port and SeaTac airport.	4	\$57,867
City Mayor (elected by voters in the city)	Works with the city council to enact legislation. Runs the day-to-day business of the city government.	4	Varies by city
City Council (elected by voters in the city)	Approves the city's budget, develops laws and policies, and oversees public services.	4	Varies by city
School District Director/Position (elected by voters in the school district ¹)	Sets policies for schools, provides oversight for the operations of the school system, and represents the interests of the community on public education issues.	4	No annual salary
Water District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the water district to provide clean, safe drinking water.	6	No annual salary
Utility District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)	Oversees the utility district to maintain properties, conserve energy, and monitor use of many types of energy.	6	No annual salary
Park District Commissioner (elected by voters in the district)	Develops goals, sets policies, and oversees regulation of district parks.	varies	No annual salary

¹Seattle School District No. 1 director districts are only voted on by voters within each director district for the primary election. These districts are determined by your voting address, not where your children attend school. In the general election, these districts are voted at-large (district-wide) by all registered voters in Seattle School District No. 1.



**King County
Elections does
not correct
punctuation,
grammar, or
fact check
candidate
and measure
statements.**

Council District No. 8



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Education: Masters in Public Administration, focus in health policy, Evergreen State College; BA, University of Washington

Occupation: City Councilmember; labor champion, children's advocate, public health policy leader

Statement: I'm running for King County Council to improve the opportunity for all residents to be healthy, housed, and resilient. We can do this by expanding behavioral and public health systems; building workforce housing; and investing in workers and small businesses through job training, accessible transit, and affordable childcare.

My career began in community and public health; I then advocated for children's health and early learning as the Children's Alliance Legislative Director. I served as Government Affairs Director for the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, where I fought for worker rights and helped lead the statewide minimum wage and sick leave initiative. At Seattle City Council, I've built broad coalitions and delivered on progressive revenue, affordable housing, community safety investments, small business support, and groundbreaking worker protections. At King County, I'll work to improve community *health*, *access to housing*, and create *economic opportunity* for all.

Health: treating gun violence, behavioral health, and substance abuse as the public health crises they are by increasing support for upstream investments; investing in our public health workforce; and implementing the new Crisis Care Levy that I proudly helped craft.

Housing: expediting solutions and funding to grow housing, preventing displacement and sprawl, creating economic stability, and supporting walkable and livable neighborhoods which reduce car emissions and global warming.

Economic opportunity: investing in childcare workers and affordability, transit workers and accessibility, job-training, and union apprenticeships to create pathways to family-wage jobs and support local businesses.

Proudly endorsed by U.S. Representative Jayapal; Attorney General Ferguson; King County Executive Constantine; Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell; all endorsing unions including MLK Labor, SEIU locals, UFCW 3000, OPEIU 8, and Seattle Building Trades; majority of the 34th, 33rd, 11th, 37th, and 43rd legislators; Progreso: Latino Progress; Washington Conservation Action; WA Housing Alliance Action Fund; NW Women's Political Caucus; and over 200 more!

Council District No. 8

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Education: BA in Economics (UW Seattle), BS in Nursing (Seattle U), Juris Doctor (Law) Loyola University-Chicago

Occupation: Mayor of Burien and WA Center for Nursing Executive Director

Statement: I'm the Mayor of Burien and a citizen of King County. I'm the product of the diversity and challenges that the county has to offer. I want to make sure King County is a safe, healthy, and inclusive place where families can call home for a lifetime and businesses can take root.

As a result of Defund the Police, our communities are struggling to address rising crime. We can and must do better, especially as leaders. My job is to represent all residents fairly and not just narrow interests. I want to make sure this county has great jobs with great benefits, a responsive public health system, that first responders have the tools they need to serve, affordable housing, and a healthy environment.

I'm able to run for office because of the opportunities available to me growing up in different parts of King County. As an immigrant child from the Philippines growing up in south Seattle, I always had good healthcare thanks to my mom's union. Following in her footsteps I became a registered nurse. I chose to serve diverse patients who often spoke different languages, were immigrants, or low income. I helped those suffering from mental health and substance abuse. Nursing taught me how to be an advocate for others.

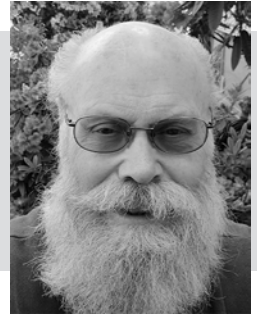
I decided to strengthen my advocacy skills and earned a law degree to shape public policy in Olympia. There I advocated for workplace safety, healthcare for all, and getting toxins out of the environment.

I want to serve on the council to create conditions of opportunity, where everyone has the chance to succeed, and where everyone feels safe.

Endorsements: NW Women's Political Caucus, State Representatives Tina Orwall and Cindy Ryu, Former State Representative Eileen Cody, Mayors of Bellevue, Redmond, SeaTac, and Tukwila; Former Burien Mayor Brian Bennett, and more.

GoodSpaceGuy

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Education: Minnesota born. Universities: Germany, Sweden, and America: Masters and Bachelors. Languages: German, Swedish, French.

Occupation: Accountant. Chemical Plant Operator. Owner: Rentals and Stocks.

Statement: To help raise the living standard, Spaceguy minored in Economics. With knowledge of Economics, Goodspaceguy has run for public office many, many times and has recommended raising the living standard and decreasing homelessness and building a better safety net. Elect prosperous Goodspaceguy to the King County Council.

Please, think of Earth as a spaceship. In our King County on our Spaceship Earth, let us expand our minds and help raise the living standard by abolishing the job-destroying, crime-promoting Minimum Wage. The Minimum Wage promotes homelessness and shoplifting and other crimes and Job Stress. If we successfully declare the Minimum Wage unconstitutional, then low-paying, therapeutic jobs for the Homeless can return into existence. Employed people make safer people. The crime rate and the cost of living can come down. Let us move towards full employment.

Prediction: Improving technology will raise the living standard. With your help, King County could become a leader in the new and upcoming orbital space colonization industry. Elon Musk and other leaders are opening the high frontier. Life's new destiny is to rise up and gradually colonize Orbital Space around our Earth and around our Sun. Imagine many of your descendants gradually moving up to the amazement of living in the upcoming Orbital Space Colonies. Start small.

In King County, let us see how high we can raise the living standard by helping to un-sabotage the Economy. Let Supply and Demand, in search of Profits, adjust wages and prices to Equilibrium. Profits are the Incentives that create Employment. Greater Profits, greater Employment! Make it easy for the homeless and people-with-problems to get jobs. Make us a safer King County of employment. Let us embrace the Free Market Economy of Capitalistic Consumerism. You, the Consumers and Taxpayers of the Market Place, should lead. Elect Goodspaceguy.

Commissioner Position No. 5



Jesse Tam

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Education: MBA, City University of Seattle; BA Marketing, Boise State University; UW Pacific Coast Banking School

Occupation: Mega Pacific Holding, Managing Director; former CEO of two banks

Statement: The Port of Seattle is embroiled in a management crisis. A billion-dollar terminal unsuitable for some of the large jets, \$800 million in cost overruns, and a half-million loss to an internet scam. A staggering \$83 million of new tax levy. Persistent environmental lawsuits hurting low-income communities and people of color in South King County. Time to set a new course.

We have a shared goal: *A thriving economy, a cleaner environment, increased family wage jobs, and a fair and equitable society.* To attain this, we must stop the path of mismanagement.

With my extensive career in banking and finance, I am ready to steer the Port in the right direction. As an immigrant who arrived with \$300, I've worked my way up from the mailroom to the boardroom, founded two community banks, and provided hundreds of millions in small business loans and created thousands of jobs. I am a staunch promoter of fiscal responsibilities and know how to leverage them to create business opportunities for Washington State. I've served as a volunteered mentor MBA students at Seattle University, active in Rotary for 38 years, and Past President of the Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

If elected, I will immediately put sound management practices into place to pull the Port back onto firm financial ground with *transparency.* This will enable us to focus on our dual mission: *Generating family-wage jobs and safeguarding our environment.* Vote for *a stronger, cleaner, and trusted Seattle Port.*

Endorsed: ATU Local 587, former WA State Governor Gary Locke, King County Assessor John Wilson, Bellevue Mayor Lynne Robinson, Sen. Claire Wilson, Rep. Jamila Taylor, Renton City Councilmembers, Ruth Perez-Ralston and James Alberson, former King and Seattle Councilmember Jan Drago, former Seattle Councilmember David Della, Hong Kong Business Association of Washington. Thank you for your support.

Fred Felleman

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 FredforPort.com



Education: MSc. Fisheries Biology, University of Washington. B.S. Psychology, University of Michigan.

Occupation: Seattle Port Commissioner 2016 – present [Past President]; Environmental Consultant.

Statement: It has been a great honor to serve King County residents the past 7.5 years on the Seattle Port Commission. I'm running for a third term to continue my environmental leadership advancing a just and inclusive transition to a clean energy economy that generates living wage careers.

My service is guided by a triple bottom line: commerce, community, and climate. I'm committed to expanding environmental and economic justice, especially for near-port communities, small and minority owned businesses. My experience is needed to exercise public policy direction over a growing airport, homeport for cruise ships and fishing fleet, marinas, parks, and marine cargo Alliance with the Port of Tacoma.

The Port generates 121,000 jobs which is key to ongoing COVID recovery efforts. The airport and seaport have won awards for customer service even while undergoing major construction. Port activities also impact communities and the climate. That's why I'm leading initiatives to electrify airport and seaport operations and use of alternative fuels for trucks, ships, and planes. I'm also committed to ensuring the protection and restoration of parks, bicycle safety and cleanup of the Duwamish River.

During my next term I'll continue reducing the Port's carbon footprint with unprecedented state and federal funding for clean energy projects; inspire youth to pursue Port-related jobs by promoting innovation, apprenticeships, and internships; and expand partnerships with Tribes and the Seattle Aquarium for projects on kelp to killer whales and ecotourism.

With your support, I'll continue to champion Port policies rooted in fiscal responsibility, ecological integrity, and social equity. *I respectfully ask for your vote.*

Endorsed by: Attorney General Ferguson, Lands Commissioner Franz, Seattle Mayor Harrell, County Executive Constantine, County Councilmembers Balducci, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Upthegrove and Zahilay, City Councilmember Mosqueda, Washington Conservation Action, King County Democrats, Labor Unions, and Business Leaders.

Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: BSE Princeton; MS Engineering Texas; SM Management, SM Policy MIT; PhD Risk Assessment Union Institute

Occupation: Risk assessment consultant, aviation safety engineer, business owner

Statement: I've spent my 30-year career designing safety systems as an aerospace engineer, and using data to improve aviation policies and consumer confidence. I'm running for Port of Seattle Commissioner because I want to use these skills to take the Port into the future: serving the traveling public with safety and transparency; protecting and creating jobs in marine trade and transport, and addressing the climate crisis through data and innovation.

Breaking barriers and leading by example is a hallmark of my service—as an Air Force flight test engineer, opening doors as a Boeing engineer and union member, and working nationally to educate the public and policymakers on airline safety. I want to continue this work to bring more diversity and ideas into the Port—and its partners—through internships and apprenticeships, pipelines through our high schools and colleges to engage the workforce of tomorrow.

Sea-Tac Airport is reaching capacity and no new airport will be built anytime soon—protecting rural lands, but forcing the Port to manage increasing flights, crowds, and security issues at our existing facility. My experience will be critical in addressing these challenges.

The Port must be a better neighbor to the communities it serves, and steward of our environment—meeting carbon reduction goals, accelerating adoption of clean fuels and renewable energy, and better integrating with the regional transportation network to move freight, people, and commerce.

I grew up with a father who fought in a segregated WWII Marine unit, and a Honduran mother who spoke Spanish in our home. As Port Commissioner I will respect the values of fairness, equity, and opportunity that united our home—and our region. I'll treat workers and communities with respect, and ensure the Port is a leader in our dynamic economy and global ambitions. I'd appreciate your vote.



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Council Position No. 5

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Education: First in family to graduate college. BA in Communications, Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation: Council Member, City of Auburn

Statement: I am running for re-election to create a welcoming environment where residents want to live, work and see their businesses flourish. It's important to have an inclusive community where all people feel accepted. As a resident of Auburn for the past 18 years, I have seen the rise in crime and the increasing number of homeless on the street. As residents, we all want to feel safe and ensure that everyone in our community has a place to call home. And we want a thriving community full of economic growth. I intend to keep fighting for this by implementing new drug laws, expanding mental health services, increasing patrols, and revitalizing the Downtown.

We have to face these issues head-on. As a single working mother of 2 sons, I know hard work and I plan to use that same determination to continue working hard for you. I ask for your vote.

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Education: BS in Human Development-Warner Pacific College; MA in Organizational Leadership, Brandman University.

Occupation: Founder/Executive Director, Your Money Matters Mentoring. (US Army Veteran-Desert Storm)

Statement: My family has lived in Auburn for the past 12 years. I currently serve as a board member on the Auburn Public School Foundation, JumpStart Washington Coalition and I am a council member on the Washington State Partnership on Juvenile Justice Council. Serving on these boards and councils has provided me with valuable experience working with leaders in the public and private sector.

If elected to city council, I will work with other council members and our mayor to make decisions based not just on immediate need, but with an eye toward the future. I will work to make city government more transparent and fiscally responsible and keeping our neighborhoods safe and crime rates low and to find and implement solutions for the homeless issues plaguing our city. Together we can make Auburn better than ever. I humbly ask for your support and vote.

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Education: Bachelor's in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Washington State University.

Occupation: Utilities Engineer, Broker, Notary Public, and Soccer Coach.

Statement: We deserve a leader that will listen openly to the community's ideas and not just go through the motions of conducting a Committee or Council Meeting. The new leader needs to be ambitious to usher us into the future, while forging a relationship with new and existing small and local businesses to encourage them to flourish in our City and revitalize the Downtown area. Increasing the safety for residents and businesses alike is a hurdle we need to overcome immediately. The answer will never be simply increasing or reducing the Police budget. We need a fundamental restructuring of an essential organization to make sure it works for *and* with its residents.

We need to continue having these difficult conversations; our kids deserve a safe learning environment; our residents deserve a lively and bustling Downtown. Those changes start with *your* vote.

I plan to earn your vote to become that leader.

Council Position No. 7

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Education: Columbia River High School, Bellevue College

Occupation: Chief Administrative Officer

Statement: Despite petty partisan politics derailing many good ideas in state and federal politics, I believe local government still affords the opportunity to solve problems by coming together. That's why I'm running for City Council!

I've lived in many places across this great country, but my wife and I chose to settle right here in Auburn— a vibrant, welcoming community that I know is not even close to reaching its full potential.

Once elected to City Council, I plan to use my years of professional experience, including as a small business owner, to lead on the issues important to you and your family. Issues like: reducing crime, addressing homelessness and addiction, funding community infrastructure improvements, and investing in the revitalization of downtown. I look forward to working *For* you to help make our part of Washington the best place to live, work and raise a family. Visit www.votelott.com to learn more.

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Education: Bachelors, Chemistry, Benghazi university; Graduate Auburn Police Citizen's Academy and FBI Citizens Academy.

Occupation: Boeing Chemist; Auburn Planning Commission; Girl & Boy Scout Instructor.

Statement: I was born in Oklahoma and moved to Auburn in 2008. My two sons graduated from Auburn High School. I am running for the city council because I want to help Auburn deal with future challenges.

My priority is to create an environment where everyone feels empowered to speak up and engage. My passion is helping others. I want to find solutions to homelessness, support small businesses, and make sure Auburn is safe. I am a volunteer with the Auburn Police Department doing administrative tasks so officers can spend more time on patrol. I also volunteer with the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and local libraries.

I am proud to be endorsed by Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Councilmember Kate Baldwin, former Councilmember and retired police officer John Holman; and State Representative Chris Stearns. Vote for me for a vibrant and inclusive Auburn! Together, let's make Auburn better.

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Council Position No. 4

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Education: B.S. Geology, Western Washington University
Occupation: Licensed Geologist, Salmon Recovery Planner
Statement: Together, let's plan for Bothell's future. As vice-chair of Bothell's Planning Commission for the past four years, I'm proud to work toward improving lives, preserving the environment, and expanding housing choices. As the cost of living continues rising, many are being priced out of our area permanently. We must protect our low- and fixed-income neighbors and maintain the things that make Bothell special. I'm invested in Bothell because of the strong community and pace-of-life. Professionally, I restore the environment for salmon and people. We can protect trees while balancing skyrocketing housing costs, and build safe and reliable transportation networks to reduce traffic and connect neighborhoods. By adopting evidence-based practices and transparent public engagement, Bothell's future can be inclusive, financially responsible, and sustainable for generations to come.
Endorsements: King/Snohomish County Democrats, Senator Stanford, Representatives Duerr & Kloba, County Executive Constantine and Councilmember Balducci, Mayor Thompson, Deputy Mayor Al-Kabra, and many others.

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Education: BS Agricultural Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering
Occupation: Retired Engineer
Statement: Statement: *Save Natural Bothell*. Too many apartments going up and trees coming down. Planned traffic increases and not enough required parking per residence. The rush for urbanization is contrary to the 2022 Bothell Survey; Over 60% of respondents were against the idea. It destroys natural Bothell. In the February 3rd, 2020 issue of Science it was reported that up to 90% of returning Salmon are dying of a preservative in tire dust! Increasing traffic will be decimating.. The 2022 US Census revealed growth at 0.12%. In two years Bothell will grow at over *Fifty* times that rate in defiance of Bothell's residents. Why? Growth should be natural, not mandated. Federal Way has *Five Times* the violent crime rate..Bothell.Home prices are high, but rents are less today than they were 25 years ago when indexed to minimum wage. I will be transparent, work to save natural Bothell and preserve neighborhoods.

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Education: BA, Oberlin College, Ohio; with teaching credentials
Occupation: Teacher (Retired). Active volunteer locally, state-wide and nationally.
Statement: My public priority is balancing housing needs with equitable and sustainable access to Bothell's rich natural resources. For over 40 years I have advocated for thoughtful and sustainable development in Bothell. One result was North Creek Valley becoming not a shopping center, but the site of a nationally recognized 58-acre wetland restoration adjacent to the UW Bothell/Cascadia CC campus. I have also come to understand that a healthy community requires a healthy environment. My years in volunteer public service have involved respectful and productive engagement with state, county and local government. Three prior governors have appointed me to various Boards and Commissions, and I understand how policy becomes practice. I currently serve on the Salmon Recovery Council of the Puget Sound Partnership. I respect people's diverse needs. On the Bothell City Council, I will balance those needs for housing, parks, services, and businesses with care for our natural resources

Council Position No. 2

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Education: B.A., Columbia University; MD. PhD., Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Board Certified Hematopathologist

Occupation: Senior Research Scientist, Hematologics; Affiliate Assistant Professor, University of Washington

Statement: It has been an honor representing you on the city council following my appointment earlier this year. My husband Frank and I are fortunate to raise our sons in this beautiful community. My family is a primary reason I want to serve our city. As the only current councilmember with young children, I offer a needed perspective shared by so many of you.

Our community is a special place. We enjoy safe neighborhoods and beautiful views. My goals continue to be preserving public safety (particularly considering new housing regulations), ensuring a balanced budget, and supporting a transparent and responsive city government. I will also champion maintaining our city infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, utilities, and parks.

As your city councilmember, I am committed to being open and accessible to residents. I ask for your support and vote. Let's keep our city a great place to live and raise a family.

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Education: Juris Doctorate, American University 2004

Occupation: President/CEO King Turtle Properties

Statement: I am a lifelong resident of Clyde Hill raising my boys here. My agenda is: Air Quality, Privacy, and Fiscal Responsibility. Our laws currently deem hundreds of hedges and green walls illegal. These natural beauties reduce car pollution and provide privacy. We can keep them and still protect our views.

My first career was in public interest law fighting for the people. My second has been running a successful business. I will bring much needed legal and business experience to the council.

I know that pushing for change means a lot of work. I won't just sit back and watch. I will be an active member of the council and always have an open door. Call, write, or text, I want to hear from you. I will always tell you where I stand. Clean air and privacy. Vote for Spencer Hamlin- Clyde Hill City Counsel Seat 2.

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Education: BS - CSUN (Accounting/CompSci); Executive Development classes at University of Chicago; Certified Public Accountant

Occupation: Vice Chair and Senior Partner at Deloitte & Touche

Statement: *I'm running to serve the residents of Clyde Hill because my skills and experience are likely beneficial to our current needs. Such needs include eliminating the level of unnecessary drama at City Hall, focusing on establishing financial discipline to avoid deficits, holding consultants more accountable, and preserving our values, particularly as we see more land use regulation from Olympia.*

During my long career at Deloitte (39 years), my primary roles included managing large & complex projects which involve ensuring all stakeholders are respected and have a voice in outcomes, establishing clear and repeatable processes, managing revenues and expenses, and having clear lines of responsibility and accountability.

As my career at Deloitte ends this summer, it would be a privilege to work on behalf of each of you, and to collaborate in an effective, productive manner with the new Mayor, City Council and City Administration.

Council Position No. 6

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Education: BA Loras College, Communications/History; AAS Renton Technical College, Surgical Technologist (Current)

Occupation: Military, Healthcare, Casino, TV Production, Financial, Customer Service, Volunteer, Student

Statement: Recovering Alcoholic

Navy Veteran (Seabees Can Do). Service is the foundation for living my best life, I want to continue that service as your representative in city council. I volunteer with local organizations including the Issaquah Food Bank and AARP. I also serve my fellow students as a Peer Recovery Navigator.

I want to know what's important to you. I work for you. My personal cell phone number and email are listed in this pamphlet. Call, email or text me with your thoughts about Issaquah. What do you like? What would you like to see changed? Together we can improve on an already fine community. I have neither political ties nor owe any favors. *This Is Your Office*

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Education: Ph.D. in Ecology, University of Illinois; Bachelor's in Biology, Cornell University

Occupation: Issaquah City Councilmember; Director of Data Solutions at Crosswalk Labs

Statement: As your Councilmember, I'm working to make Issaquah a safe, affordable, and thriving community for all.

Experienced leadership is crucial for navigating Issaquah's rapid growth and change. I have led efforts to protect our forested hillsides and salmon streams while allowing for targeted housing and business growth. I am focusing on providing transportation alternatives to our congested roadways. I was proud to champion our Climate Action Plan as we prepare for drier summers and smoke impacts. I'm committed to public safety; as Council President, I bolstered Police and Human Service funding and we launched a Homeless Outreach Program and a co-response program to address mental health and behavioral health needs.

I'd be honored to continue the important work of shaping Issaquah's future. Endorsed by: Issaquah Mayor Pauly, State Representatives Ramos and Callan, King County Councilmember Perry, King County Young Democrats, 41st LD Democrats, National Women's Political Caucus of Washington, more.

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Education: Bachelor in Economics, Regional Finance and Economic Institute; MBA, Regional Finance and Economic Institute

Occupation: IHCA Board of Directors Member; Business owner, The Ballroom, LLC

Statement: I am excited to introduce myself as a candidate for the Issaquah City Council. Our council needs a fresh, new, and active approach. With decades of experience as a small business owner and a member of the Issaquah Highlands Community Association Board, I am committed to address pressing issues.

Our community needs effective solutions for traffic, homelessness, drug abuse, crime, and housing affordability. I will prioritize improving transportation infrastructure. To address homelessness, drug abuse, and crime, I will collaborate with local organizations and law enforcement to develop comprehensive support and rehabilitation programs.

Additionally, I am committed to promoting affordable housing initiatives for low-income families and young professionals. As your council member, I will listen, be accessible, and tirelessly work towards innovative and effective solutions. With my experience, dedication, and fresh perspective, I am confident in making a positive impact on the Issaquah City Council and building a stronger, inclusive community.

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Education: WABO Certification, Renton Technical College

Occupation: WABO Certified Welder/Fabricator

Statement: I am a welder, business owner, and 24-year Issaquah resident running for city council to raise my voice on behalf of the people of Issaquah and their rights. In a city that grows by leaps and bounds every year, it can seem commonplace for the autonomy of individuals to be sidelined for the "greater good" of citywide growth and expansion.

If elected I aim to champion the principles of individual liberties and support the existing leadership of Issaquah with ideas and solutions that meet that aim.

Furthermore, in times of economic hardship I believe it is the duty of every level of government to ease the financial burden of excessive taxes and fees. The success of a city's government is directly tied to the success of the people it strives to serve.

Council Position No. 5

David Baker

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Education: Iowa Western RN, University of Nebraska BS, MS, Iowa State University PhD

Occupation: Business owner and Councilmember

Statement: David Baker is a trusted and accomplished leader who listens to community concerns and works to make Kenmore a great place to live. He has a proven record of moving Kenmore forward while being mindful of your taxes and working for practical solutions. He has secured millions of federal, state and county dollars for Kenmore.

Conscious of affordability concerns, he reduced taxes on utilities and opposed tax increases. A champion for seniors, David has worked to increase senior center programing and senior affordable housing.

David has worked to open access to Kenmore's waterways for recreation, including dragon boat, kayak, and rowing programs for youth and adults. David's priorities are to ensure Kenmore remains affordable for seniors and families, advance our environmental protection work and keep Kenmore safe, affordable and healthy. Let's continue to have David working for us! *Vote David Baker!*

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Education: B.S. Industrial Technology, Western Washington University

Occupation: Reverse Logistics Supervisor / Product Development

Statement: Kenmore is our city; let's keep it a livable place for our families today and tomorrow. I grew up and enjoy living here; I've seen a lot of changes over the past 60 years.

I will work hard to bring the missing views of the citizens foremost and up front to the council. I bring real ideas with clear understanding on improving Kenmore's carbon footprint that does not cost \$\$\$\$\$, keeping our family neighborhoods together without high-density, addressing traffic safety, neighborhood walkability and keeping the city's management financially *responsible and accountable* for their actions on how they spend *your money*. I provide the attention to detail that's needed, supporting new business and limit the use of Kenmore's creative fees on services that the city has continued to levy on the citizens of Kenmore over the years.

Let's work together, I'm asking for your support to the Kenmore City Council.

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Information Systems Management, Auburn University. Honors: cum laude

Occupation: Technology Consultant and Small Business Owner

Statement: *"Jon Culver is an absolute champion for local democracy, working families, and moving Kenmore forward."* Corina Pfeil, Kenmore City Councilmember

"Jon will bring a new perspective and progressive voice to Kenmore." Eric Adman, Northshore Fire Commissioner

"Jon Culver is a strong leader with the vision, values, and voice Kenmore needs as we build a resilient, sustainable, and vibrant future together." Tracy Banaszynski, Kenmore Planning Commissioner. Kenmore deserves leadership that empowers resident voices, actively listens, and prioritizes community goals. I am passionate about making our local decision making process welcoming for everyone, and committed to standing up for all our residents. As your City Councilmember, I will work to create more wins for the environment, and affordable housing through civic engagement. I now serve as Democratic PCO for Kenmore's largest precinct, and I'll bring this experience and hustle to City Council. Together, we can make Kenmore a thriving community for all.

Council Position No. 7

Nathan MacDonald

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Associate of Applied Science

Occupation: Rail Labor Advocate

Statement: I moved to Kenmore eleven years ago to raise my family. Its proximity to Lake Washington, its beautiful parks, and easy access to urban amenities and rural adventures is ideal for children and adults alike.

I'm running for City Council because the status quo isn't working. The Council's apathetic response to the overwhelming opposition to its "missing middle" proposal was self evident. The Council's focus on niche issues has distracted it from the fundamentals essential for Kenmore's outstanding potential for family-friendly neighborhoods, while accommodating growth and development. These include fiscal discipline, reasonable increases in density along transit corridors, and forward-looking design and maintenance of roads and sidewalks.

I respect the citizens of Kenmore. I will advocate for their stated priorities, promote stewardship of the land and natural resources, and make balanced and thoughtful decisions based on feedback and fiscal realities, drawing from significant real-world experience. I humbly request your vote.

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Education: Inglemoor High School graduate; University of Washington, B.A. Political Science (Dec. 2023)

Occupation: Student, University of Washington

Statement: As a lifelong Kenmore resident with years of service in our community and as the youngest Planning Commissioner in our city's history, I have a unique perspective and commonsense approach that is needed on our Council.

As a Commissioner, I have listened to what is important to Kenmore residents regarding housing, the environment, and their hopes for a strong, accessible, and thriving downtown. *Your voices matter*, and I want to ensure they are represented.

With your support, we can make Kenmore better by supporting local businesses, focusing density and affordable housing near transit, preserving our beautiful parks and waterfront, creating a walkable/bikeable community, and ensuring a safe and healthy city for all. *I respectfully ask for your vote.* **Endorsements:** 1st District/King County Democrats, Rep. Gerry Pollet, former Kenmore Councilmembers Brent Smith, Stacey Denuski, Milton Curtis, School Board Director Bob Swain, Eric and Staci Adman, and other local leaders.

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Education: Behavioral and Social Health Services AAS; Public Health BAS College Student; LWTech College and Dental

Occupation: Councilmember Incumbent; Policy, Contracting, Community Leader, PTA Leader, 18yrs Dental/Medical

Statement: I would be honored to continue to represent the people of Kenmore on issues that concern us. I'm a community leader with a proven track record of success in public policy with workable solutions. Kenmore is a community worth fighting to ensure business, jobs and families can thrive; Continue to connect affordable housing; Complete the walkways & waterways project, connect parks, trails and sidewalks and transportation for fun Kenmore, protect our environment, parks and salmon habitats. And, I'd be honored to ask for your vote!

Endorsements: U.S. Congresswoman Suzan DelBene; Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson; WA State Human Rights Commissioner Han Tran; State Senator Derik Stanford; State Representative Davina Duerr; Seattle Port Commissioner Ryan Calkins; King County Councilmember Rob Dembowski; Kenmore City Councilmember Joe Marshall; 46th District Democrats (prior 2019); Transit Riders Union, Shoreline Local Union 1760 Professional Firefighters, National Women's Political Caucus of WA, Victory Fund, and more.

Council Position No. 3



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Education: Kent-Meridian High School. Bachelor of Arts, Washington State University

Occupation: Certified Paralegal

Statement: I was raised on Scenic Hill and lived 22 years in a home on the Green River. I am not a politician and am not pushing a *personal* agenda but want what is best for *all* of Kent. I am a mom, wife, and concerned citizen with a unique insight into what impacts Kent residents. I am married to a Navy veteran who is a small business owner. I am passionate about creating a safe community, addressing homelessness, and encouraging small businesses.

Because of my work experience for both small, family-owned companies and major corporations, I understand the importance of budgeting, finance, and the art of negotiating. I have brokered deals between the companies I worked for and their customers to create win-win situations. I am solutions driven and enjoy thinking outside the box to create amicable outcomes.

Through my attendance of the Kent City Council meetings over the last year, I have learned a lot about what it will take to contribute to helping Kent achieve its goal of being a welcoming and great city. I want to embrace Kent's diversity, help lend a voice to those communities who do not always get heard, and ensure everyone is represented.

Jamie Lee

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Education: Kentwood High School, Green River Community College, Euro Institute of Skin Care

Occupation: All Aglow Spa-Kent, Owner

Statement: I grew up in a working-class family on East Hill with my parents and two brothers. After becoming a licensed skin therapist, and having two boys of my own, I opened a spa providing wellness care. This space serves the community with rewards given to our teachers, first responders, and retired or active military members.

My family has experienced the effects of a loved one with addiction. Volunteer work with families in recovery prepares me to tackle this issue. Like you, I see crime and homelessness increasing. Our small businesses and neighbors need relief. Reduction of these issues means support of our first responders and recovery specialists.

I will fight the addiction crisis with tough love. I will always listen to all residents' viewpoints before voting. With *common sense over politics*, together we will find proactive solutions that work. I'll continue the enhancements of our at-risk youth resources and parks for generations to enjoy. Your vote for me is for a Kent you're proud to call home.

Volunteering includes: Board of Directors Kent Downtown Partnership; Homeless outreach Seattle, Kent, and Puyallup; Celebrate Recovery kids/teen program director; treatments for KSD415 educators; coaching Kent Parks sports for my boys.

Council Position No. 3



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Education: Highline College, Human Service degree with a certification in Chemical Dependency Treatment.

Occupation: Retired, Lead Quality Inspector at Boeing, Drug Counselor, US Navy.

Statement: I am running for Kent City Council because I want to help the City of Kent make the right decisions as the City deals with the challenges of growth. I want Kent to be a better place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

My wife Cheryl and I have lived in Kent for 27 years. Cheryl is a retired Registered Nurse and our two sons graduated from Kent Meridian High School. I am a board member for Therapeutic Health Services. THS is a nonprofit that helps people overcome drug and alcohol dependency, and mental health problems. At Boeing I supervised a team that ensured the quality of wiring, electronics, and other components inside passenger cabins.

My top priority will be dealing with homelessness and drug and alcohol dependency. I also want to improve public safety, attract new business, and help get people back to work. Maintaining fiscal responsibility to make sure your tax dollars are spent wisely is important, too.

I am proud to be endorsed by local Democratic Party organizations, Senators Karen Keiser and Claudia Kauffman, and many more. However, the endorsement that matters most to me is yours. I hope I can count on your vote.

Michael Ferguson

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in English, University of Notre Dame du Lac

Occupation: Financial Manager at Interior Logic Group Builder Services PNW

Statement: I believe a prosperous economy comes from a community that is happy, healthy, and well educated. As your elected representative I will try to foster a community and city council that supports and respects everyone in their pursuit of happiness. I plan to achieve this by integrating proven solutions to our modern problems.

While many of my long-term goals may be considered lofty, there are always small steps that can be taken to drive us forward. Some of these steps are reviewing and adapting the zoning and building regulations to focus on walkability, beauty, and affordability; maintaining and improving the Free Meal school programs to make sure our children can focus on learning so they can be prepared to build their future; and work on environmental regulations that will make sure that those children have a future to build.

Every decision I make will be based on a respect for the intelligence and the dignity of individuals to choose their own path to happiness.

Council Position No. 3

Cody T. Clark

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Education: Green River College AA Degree, Bachelors in Business Management (in progress)

Occupation: Construction Inspector

Statement: Hello, Kent! My name is Cody T. Clark, and I'm running for City Council. As a lifelong resident of Kent, I've seen our city grow and change in many ways. I believe that we need strong leadership to help guide us through the challenges of the future.

I'm committed to making Kent a better place to live, work, and raise a family. I believe that we need to invest in *our* community, from *our* local businesses to our schools and everything in between, but most importantly in *our residents*.

I'm also committed to transparency and accountability in government, I have worked in local government for the last decade focusing on public works. I want to be the voice of *our* community and I believe that I have the leadership skills required to lead *our* community in the right direction.

I'm excited about Kent's future, and I believe that *we* can build a city that we can all be proud of. I hope that you'll join me in this effort, and I ask for your vote on election day. Thank you!

Council Position No. 2

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Education: B.A. Communications and Media Studies, University of Washington; Environmental Horticulture, Lake Washington Institute of Technology

Occupation: Kirkland City Councilmember, Small Business Owner, former Tech Product Manager

Statement: I am an experienced, collaborative leader who listens carefully and delivers results. I have served Kirkland on the City Council, Park Board, Housing Strategy Advisory Committee, and many regional committees. I have passionately preserved and enhanced our parks, small businesses, and the diverse communities which make Kirkland an exceptional city where everyone can thrive.

I expanded housing choices; improved community safety; increased transit; added bike lanes and crosswalk flashing beacons; and implemented sustainability actions. I focused on economic recovery, built new programs helping people in need, and protected natural resources. I chaired Kirkland's state legislative work group which successfully advocated for mental health investments, housing solutions, and funding for the Kirkland Performance Center and CKC.

I will continue to listen, lead, and deliver. I ask for your vote. Endorsed by all nine Kirkland state legislators; both Kirkland King County councilmembers; King County, 1stLD, 45thLD, 48thLD Democrats; NWPC-WA, and more.

Zoltan Szilagyi



Education: PhD in Physics (University of Paris), Project Management Professional (PMI), MBA (Eastern Washington University).

Occupation: Research physicist, Nion company (Kirkland).

Statement: Hello. As a longtime resident, I am compelled to be proactive and serve the City of Kirkland as a council member. Although this would be a new role for me, I have essential lifelong skills and qualifications that will help me be successful. As a physicist, I have extensive experience leading and working in teams, analyzing data, critical thinking, and problem-solving. In addition, as a business major, I understand the importance of continuous improvement, project management, strategic planning and implementation, budgets, and analyzing financial data. As a minority and emigrant, I have firsthand knowledge of the struggles and challenges our diverse community faces. I want to help alleviate those issues. With my knowledge, skills, and drive to serve the residents of our city, I am determined to keep the city safe, and represent *all* residents and their interests without prejudice. Change is good! Vote for Change, vote Szilagyi. Thank you.

Catie Malik

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Education: Masters Healthcare Administration, UW and BA History Minor in Near Eastern Civilization, and Languages UW

Occupation: Associate Director of Finance, Dept OBGYN UW School of Medicine

Statement: I agree - Kirkland is amazing and we're facing challenges from our own unprecedented growth and surrounding areas. Safety and sustainable planning is key to maintaining the neighborhoods that drew us all here. With 15+ years working in healthcare, including during a global pandemic, I have shown the skills needed to bring about effective change with limited resources, in a heavily regulated industry. I listen to those impacted by change and partner for solutions. I use data driven research and evidence-based solutions to bring for best results.

I'm eager to serve you and our community. 20 years ago, we chose Kirkland to raise a family, our daughters will graduate from Lake Washington HS. I have a passion for, and commitment to Kirkland. I'll work to ensure the safest neighborhoods for all, with sustainable urban planning. I've a proven track record of leadership, change management, and a genuine commitment to serving you.

Council Position No. 1

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Education: Centralia Community College, studied Fisheries Biology at University of Washington

Occupation: Self employed contractor, home improvement/repair. Licensed electrician. Retired.

Statement: Hello friends and neighbors.

Newcastle faces a variety of challenges, such as financial instability, rising crime and ever increasing development. For a few years I have attended nearly every City Council meeting. I have presented oral and written testimonies on a variety of topics and issues important to all of us. The city consistently spends more money than they collect. Right now, several new taxes are being discussed by the Council. This on the heels of the recent 2% property tax increase. I find that to be unacceptable.

We can focus on public safety and sound infrastructure with judicious spending and without an increasing tax burden. I have lived in Newcastle 38 years and deeply care about my neighbors and our city. I want to take a more active role in our community to help ensure our city is safe, sound and financially responsible. I would appreciate your vote.

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Education: MS Public Policy, SUNY Stony Brook; BA Urban Planning, University of Washington

Occupation: IT Program Management; Former Chair, Bellevue Planning Commission; Founder, nonprofit.

Statement: I have loved living in the Newcastle/South Bellevue area since 1998. We need to keep Newcastle the best part of King County by running City finances and operations as you run your household. We need a fiscally responsible city council majority that is open and transparent. I can help.

I have 30+ years of IT management, strategy, change management and planning experience at Fortune 500 companies. I would drive efficiency with an eye on the budget and ear for voter spending priorities. Public safety is the top spending priority for citizens. Essential maintenance of the City's critical infrastructure (streets and roads) follows. If we accomplish these top two priorities, then we can have the fun cultural activities too. We should save to secure the City's long-term fiscal sustainability for the sake of our next generation. I ask for your vote.

Endorsement: Former Councilmember and Utility Tax Referendum Petitioner Dave Mitchell.

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Education: Master's in Education, City University of Seattle Leadership Certificate, Stanford University

Occupation: Teacher, Bellevue SD Board-member, Newcastle Arts-Council VP-Friends of Newcastle Library

Statement: As a proud resident for over a decade, 25-year educator, woman of color, mother of two, and immigrant, I'll bring a solid skill set, unique perspective, and unwavering commitment to our city. I'll unite our council for positive change. I'm a listener, problem solver, and I get work done. I have a proven track record of leadership through orchestrating our city's first-ever Lunar New Year Celebration with astounding 600 participants, serving on the Newcastle Arts Council and Friends of Newcastle Library.

My priorities are unity, diversity, and community engagement. I'll focus on public safety, protect seniors from rising property taxes, and plan thoughtfully for our future. I'll truly represent our community's values and diversity. Together we can create a thriving and inclusive Newcastle. Thanks for your vote!

Endorsed by 41st LD Democrats, Legislators My-Linh Thai, Tana Senn, Marcie Maxwell (Fmr.), Bob Hasegawa-Senator, Carol Simpson, King-County Young Democrats, Yang's Kitchen (Newcastle)

Mayor

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Education: US Army Airborne Ranger, Associate's Fire Command/ Administration, Associate's Arts/Science, Bachelor's in Business (Honors Graduate)

Occupation: Retired Firefighter, Small Forest Tree Farm Owner, Pacific Council Member

Statement: As your council member, I made fixing our deteriorating infrastructure like our streets, water and sewer lines my top priority. These are essential services that government provides its citizens. Now, crime and speeding are on the rise and we need our laws to be enforced.

As a combat veteran, I understand the importance of sacrifice for the greater good. I have committed my life to public service and have proven leadership experiences in building successful teams. As council member, I promised to work with the Council and Mayor to fix our problems and develop plans that make our city an example to be followed rather than a city to be ridiculed. I believe I succeeded in keeping that promise. Allow me to continue moving us forward, continue fixing our streets and other infrastructure as well as enforce the law.

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Education: Bellevue College

Occupation: Sales Supervisor at Statco Engineering

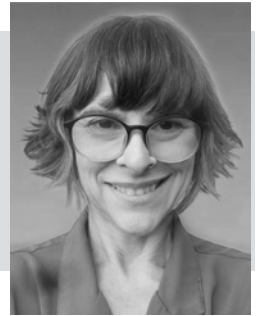
Statement: I have been a resident of Pacific since 1990, and a city council member for the past six years. Prior to that, I served on the Park Board and volunteer at many of the city events. During my years of serving the city I have found it important to work with the businesses and residents for their input.

You deserve a Mayor that is ready to serve your needs, such as road repair, infrastructure, expanding community services i.e. the Senior Center and Youth Services. It is my goal to see the city continue to move on a forward path that enriches the lives of our residents.

As your Mayor, my door will always be open to meet with you and discuss your vision for the community in which we all live. With your assistance, we can keep moving Pacific in a positive direction. I humbly ask for your vote.

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Education: Psychology, Education Classes, Heartland College (Margaret Espidido Scholarship) Home and Family life Certification, Centralia College

Occupation: Founder, Owner, Dazed and Reused Artworks; Art Instructor, Event Planner

Statement: For the past decade, I've had the privilege of calling Pacific home, while wearing many hats as a small business owner, artist, and proud mother. I have three generations living here. My heart truly beats for our town. Being a prominent member in Tacoma's small business scene and spreading the joy of self-expression through mobile art classes, I've found I have a fire in my heart for community development and helping people.

As Mayor, community and safety take top priority. I'll work to transform our parks into functional safe havens. I'll make sure playground equipment is well-maintained, monitor road conditions, collaborate with local enforcement to address concerns, revamp our evacuation route, and create new opportunities.

Drawing from my artistic and entrepreneurial background, I'll infuse our community with a renewed sense of charm and spirit! With fun community events, trail activities, and a local farmers market, we'll revitalize our home together.

Council Position No. 1

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Education: BS Neurobiology & English Minor, University of Washington; Former UW Student Body President; LWSD Graduate

Occupation: King County Community Engagement Manager; Coffee-shop Owner; Former Medical Researcher

Statement: As a lifelong Redmond resident, I'm running to bring new leadership and fresh ideas to our growing city. Experienced in public, private, and healthcare settings, I'll take a data-driven, community-based approach toward addressing our city's most pressing issues.

I'm committed to an affordable, sustainable, safe, and inclusive Redmond. This means ensuring families and seniors aren't priced out of their homes. It means protecting trees and green spaces, and promoting public transit. It means investing in safe neighborhoods where all residents can thrive. I love Redmond and am passionate about ensuring youth and families have the experience I grew up with – quality schools, accessible parks, and supportive communities for all. Let's build a better future together!

Endorsed: MLK Labor Council; Redmond Firefighters; AG Ferguson; Senators Kuderer, Dhingra, Representatives Slatter, Walen; County Councilmembers Perry, Balducci; Redmond Mayor Birney, Councilmember Khan; LWSD Boardmember Stuart; 48th LD Democrats; KC Young Democrats; and more.

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Education: MS, Instructional Technology & Learning Sciences, Utah State University; BS, Broadcast Journalism, Utah State University

Occupation: Principal at Sunstone Media Group

Statement: I am eager to represent you on the Redmond City Council. As a longtime resident for over 25 years, I have had the privilege to live and work in our thriving community. Microsoft initially brought me to Redmond, and it became the place I chose to raise my family, with my children attending our outstanding schools.

My primary focus as a public servant will be to represent you, the people, using a commonsense approach to serve on your behalf. I firmly believe in promoting balanced growth that preserves our community's character while ensuring economic opportunities. I am committed to fostering safe neighborhoods by collaborating with law enforcement and implementing effective strategies to keep us safe.

I will work tirelessly to promote community unity through diversity. By actively listening to your concerns through open dialogue we can build a Redmond where everyone feels valued and supported. I would appreciate your vote!

Paul Stepanov

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Education: Seattle University School of Law, JD

Occupation: Business owner

Statement: Redmond deserves city council members who look out after its residents safety, prosperity and comfort.

Redmond is the city that I live in and my kids are growing up here and going to school here. I am a small business owner, who wants to ensure that we have safe, prosperous and thriving community.

As your City Council I will be voting only for the initiatives that promote safety and prosperity for the community and its residents. I will be your voice in the City Council that ensures that our kids can safely walk on the streets of Redmond, businesses can operate safely and police is encouraged, respected and allowed to do their jobs.

Council Position No. 7

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Occupation: Small Business Owner, Software/Hardware Consulting to Small Businesses

Statement: It has been my distinct privilege to serve on the Redmond City Council. In that time, we've undertaken the planning for the light rail system, planned for the growth in Overlake with utility upgrades, built the senior center, built a new fire station and planned for the residential neighborhood of Marymoor Village.

I serve our community with Redmond Kiwanis, the Redmond Police Foundation (including funding Redmond PD's sniffer canine) and the OneRedmond Foundation (activating our centers) that make significant impacts in Redmond. I also serve on the county Emergency Management Advisory Committee in addition to chairing a council committee and Community Facilities District.

I do *Not* support making city council a full-time job nor raising our salaries; it would mean terrible cuts to productive staff. Thank you for your past support and respectfully ask for your vote to re-elect David Carson on August 1st and November 7th for Position 7.

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Occupation: Group Engineering Manager Microsoft; Guest Staff LWSD; Advisory board member

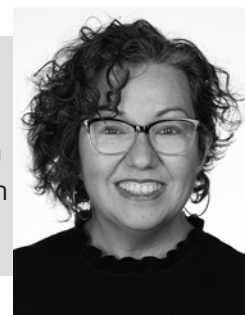
Statement: I have been a Redmond residents for nearly 15 years and love our city. It's been amazing to see Redmond's transformation from a small town to a growing city. However, there are also new issues affecting quality of life: potholes, traffic gridlock, personal safety, urban planning missteps, and low scale of commerce in the community.

As your council member, I will bring my business, management, and corporate experiences to solve these issues.

I will work with the community to identify and fix quality of life issues, protect our environment, and make Redmond more desirable. I will work with business leaders to expand the tax base by increasing commerce, and reduce the dependence on ever increasing property taxes. This will keep seniors in their homes and make housing affordable for everyone. I will work tirelessly to ensure equity and transparency in government operations, and spending. I humbly ask for your Vote

Angie Nuevacamina

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Education: Macomb Community College, Summa Cum Laude; Oakland University, Philosophy and Art History

Occupation: Financial Services Professional, New York Life

Statement: Redmond is growing in leaps and bounds. We deserve a leader with a vision for a more inclusive, welcoming city that creates a sense of belonging for all. Longtime Redmond resident, single mother, US Navy veteran, and member of the LGBTQ+ community, I bring a lived experience to Council that currently does not exist.

As your next councilmember my top priorities will be housing, safe and healthy communities for all, and transparent government that supports thriving businesses and residents. My deep relationships with other Eastside Leaders enables us to work collaboratively while respecting our differences. I believe in the spirit of "Nothing About Us Without Us", ensuring our most impacted communities have a seat at the table. I will lead with a lens of equity and a deep sense of integrity and accountability to move us forward together.

Endorsements: 48th LD Democrats; King County Young Democrats; State Representative Vandana Slatter

Council Position No. 5

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Education: BA in psychology, University of Washington. MD in Internal Medicine, Suny Buffalo.

Occupation: Internal Medicine Physician

Statement: I believe that it is our duty to be active participants in our community and to promote healthy communal living. Creating strong, vibrant communities requires us to work together to facilitate our city's growth and sustainable development.

As a physician, mother, and daughter of immigrant parents, I am publicly engaged with our diverse population and have a unique perspective on the needs of our community. I will advocate for tourism through city events to help our small businesses thrive, whilst maintaining our hometown feel. I will work on obtaining high quality healthcare, resources for our seniors and indoor recreation for our youth, as well as public safety, transportation, affordability, and maintenance of our natural beauty.

I will be *your* voice and bring *your* issues back to the City Council to address. Collectively, we will ensure Snoqualmie remains a cohesive, inclusive, safe, and prosperous city. I hope to have your support.

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Education: BA, International Relations, Michigan State University; Master of Public Administration, The Evergreen State College

Occupation: Legislative Assistant, Washington State Senate

Statement: I have lived in Snoqualmie since 2015 and am committed to helping Snoqualmie remain a safe and welcoming place to live, work, and raise a family. Raised in a multigenerational household by two strong women, and a mother myself, I am a collaborative problem solver and proven public servant.

My career has been focused on serving others and bringing people together. As a legislative staffer, I understand how government is supposed to work and how it can benefit everyone: from young adults to families to seniors. I will use my experience navigating complicated policy to produce better outcomes for Snoqualmie.

We need to maintain our roads and repair our sidewalks, work with regional partners to efficiently address housing affordability, and preserve our open spaces. My endorsements include State Representative Bill Ramos, King County Councilmember Sarah Perry, and Snoqualmie City Councilmember Jolyon Johnson. I would be honored to earn your vote.

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Education: Doctorate Veterinary Medicine, CSU; EMT, WA; Paramedic Firefighter, CO, HI; 2023 WSFFA Lifetime Achievement Award

Occupation: Veterinarian; Snoqualmie Fire Volunteer EMT; Paramedic Firefighter; Arts Commission Co-Chair

Statement: As a Snoqualmie resident for over 20 years, I've seen many changes within our city and the Snoqualmie Valley. I will work to cultivate and preserve Snoqualmie's uniqueness and natural beauty while planning for the economic health of our community and generating support for local businesses. As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I bring a practical perspective that recognizes the importance of fiscal accountability, affordable housing, and community planning.

For the past 45 years, I've served in the fields of emergency medicine, veterinary medicine and firefighting. I've been a member of the Snoqualmie Fire Department for over 20 years, responding on the aid unit, organizing the annual Pancake Breakfast, and leading medical trainings. My dedication to our community runs deep and I bring a unique understanding from decades of service.

It would be *my honor and privilege* to receive your vote of support for Snoqualmie City Council.

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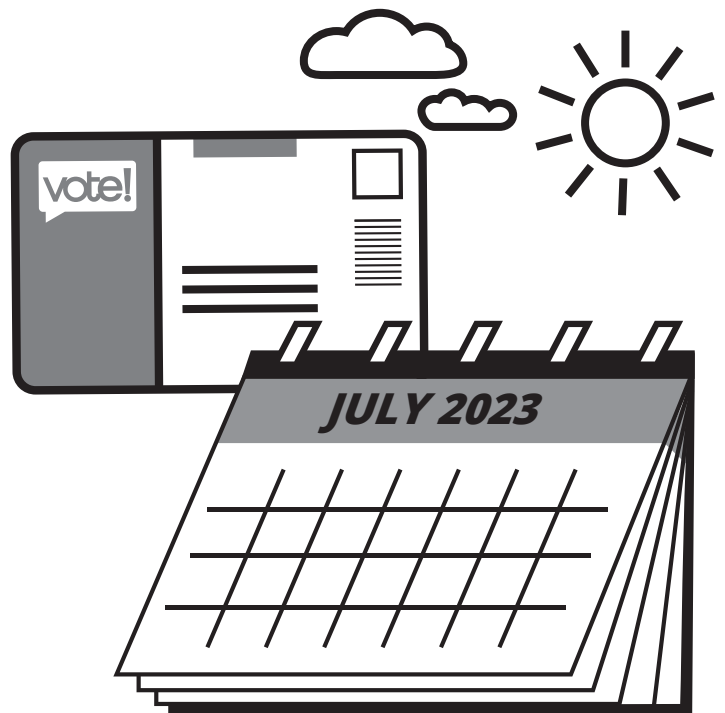
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Director District No. 2



Carolyn Watson

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Education: BA Anthropology, SUNY Albany; MBA Finance, Indiana University; graduate work in Applied Anthropology, American University

Occupation: Incumbent; PTSA Council; Former: Software Developer, College Instructor, VIBES Tutor.

Statement: I am committed to providing the excellent education for which Bellevue is known and doing so in a manner that is equitable. I will continue my commitment to providing a holistic education that balances the academic as well as emotional and mental health needs of all our students, including the most marginalized, and those with special needs, whether visible or invisible.

I began this commitment pre-pandemic and seek another term to continue to ensure our students not only do well but that they thrive. Having worked to select our incoming Superintendent, I look forward to collaborating with our educators and staff towards creative and innovative approaches and ideas.

I believe fiscal responsibility is critical to ensuring exemplary educational experiences and protecting the critical resources needed for mental health counselors and nurses. As part of my commitment to responsible oversight and governance, I meet with the state auditors every year and update our financial policies with guidance from our equity advisory committee.

Every student should feel valued and supported on their path to their future dreams, whether college, trade school, or job. *Endorsements:* BEA, 41st Democrats, Senator Kuderer, Representative Thai, Councilmember Balducci. *Recognitions:* PTA Golden Acorn; State PTSA Gold Level Leadership.

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Education: BA English - Cal State Fullerton, MBA - Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation: Hardware Test Engineer (formerly Microsoft)

Statement: I've been a parent of 2 children in BSD for 13 years now. They attended the Integrated Preschool at Phantom Lake, K-5 at Ardmore, and are at Big Picture Middle and High School respectively. It's been difficult during that time to see so many stakeholders in our community going without. Parents shouldn't have to fight the district for Special Education services, reliable bus transportation or functional restroom facilities. Teachers shouldn't have to commute an hour because there is no affordable housing and wages have not kept up. Students shouldn't have to feel unwelcome due to race, language, disability, gender identity, or economic status.

I'm running for the board to use my privilege to give underserved communities a platform. I believe there should be a voice for families from Title I schools, families receiving special education services, and families where attending college is unlikely. I will not be raising any money for this campaign, and have failed to gain endorsements because I am often a loud dissenting voice lacking the polish of a politician.

I am hoping you are open to hearing a different perspective. Proudly disabled, neurodivergent, LGBTQIA+, anti-gun, and a product of student loans and manual labor.

Director District No. 2

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Education: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Certified Public Accountant

Occupation: CPA specialized in Restaurant accounting for small businesses

Statement: Equity is an accounting term. It means ownership (as in, "How much equity do you have in your house?") I intend to give families in District Two ownership in their educational choices.

District Two includes Ardmore Elementary, where I serve on the PTSA. Ardmore is a community of families diverse economically, culturally, and linguistically. The whole Bellevue School District would benefit from hearing this community's voice on the board. I am running to amplify their voices.

With middle school closures planned for next year, it's critical that new perspectives be added to the board and that we have increased dialogue with the families of District Two and their educational choices.





As an accountant, I have the background to approach the District's financial situation from a fiscally responsible perspective. And as a Parent from the Ardmore community, I understand how these decisions will impact the members of our community with the fewest resources. In my work for our PTSA, I've helped to overcome the barriers families face when cultural and language differences could prevent full participation in the community.

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Director District No. 4

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Occupation: Secretary/Administrator

Statement: My name is Lori Metschan and live in Black Diamond, Washington. My husband and I have five children whom all have attended Black Diamond Elementary, Thunder Mountain Middle School and graduated from Enumclaw High School. I have been involved in the district for many years. I was a Classified Substitute for ten years and also volunteered in the schools as well.

I am seeking a second term as Director for District 4. It would be my pleasure to continue to serve on the Enumclaw School Board to represent the community of Black Diamond. My goal is to ensure equity for all students in the district and provide new insight as well for the district that I serve.

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Education: B.A. English

Occupation: Controller, BME

Statement: As someone who is deeply involved in this city, I can say that I love Enumclaw and the people who live here. Enumclaw absolutely deserves the best from its schools.

Let's take a hard look at our budget and allocate our resources responsibly and transparently. Let's listen to our teachers to get their valuable perspectives on how to make our district the best. Let's focus on rigorous academics to prepare students for the real world. No matter what path they choose, I want our students to leave high school with a plan they know how to execute, the confidence to make it happen, and a mastery of basic financial planning and goal setting.

Together, we can take our district to the next level. I will listen to every stakeholder and advocate for concrete, measurable solutions to every challenge and opportunity we face.

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Occupation: Electrical Construction Superintendent

Statement: Our children deserve more. The Enumclaw school district can do better. Less than sixty percent of our children are meeting the basic academic standards. We must focus on their success in order to prepare them for life ahead. Whatever their future might be, higher education, skilled trades, or any other career choice, it builds upon their skill with math, science, and language. Skills that are fact based, and not dependent upon how they might 'feel.'

If the school board is to guide students through the learning process, the board must work with the teachers, administrators, and parents, serving the community with curriculum and academic transparency. Students' attendance must improve. Over 30% currently fail to regularly attend. This is unacceptable.

Our community has trusted this district with our children and our tax dollars. We can do better. We must do better. Please vote for a better future...for our kids.

Director District No. 2



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Education: PhD Geography, UC Berkeley; MA Public Policy, University of Chicago; BA Political Science, Carleton College

Occupation: Professor of Geography and Global Studies, Highline College

Statement: I am asking for your vote for re-election to the Federal Way School Board-- Director Position 2. As a School Board member, I have worked hard to make sure the district provides a safe, quality education for all. During the past four years, our community has been impacted by a pandemic, economic stress and global events. I have worked to make sure that our schools are a source of safety and stability to our students and their families.

In my 25 years at Highline College, I have taught thousands of college students. The school district needs to prepare our students for their next steps, whether college or careers. I want every family—including immigrants and refugees new to the US-- to feel welcome at FWPS. And I want every young person in our district to graduate with the knowledge and life skills to succeed in the 21st century economy.

The work continues, and that is why I am running for re-election to the Federal Way School Board. I ask for your support.

Endorsed by MLK Labor Council, Sen. Claire Wilson, Rep. Kristine Reeves, Rep. Jamila Taylor

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Occupation: Manager, Kukhar's Build Inc

Statement: At the age of 3 my family came to the United States and we moved straight into Washington. Lived here almost all my life and all my schooling was here, locally. Now that I have children, I want them to have a great education, just as I had a great time at school I want the same of them.

A big emphasis school should have is on virtue. There are many things going on in the world and in our nation, and a standard of morals is a very important thing to have in a society. Our children need to know where this nation comes from, they need to know the constitution and the rights they have in our nation. As a business owner i have learned that its hard work to get things done right and that is what I am willing to do for our children.

Director District No. 2

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Education: United States army AIT, Institute for a Democratic future, south seattle college

Occupation: Veteran

Statement: Dear fellow community members,

My name is robert ribaudo, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for school board district 2 for federal way. As an Iraq veteran and proud parent, I believe I have the unique perspective and experience needed to serve our schools and students well.

My military service taught me the importance of teamwork, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. As a parent, I know firsthand the importance of a quality education and a safe, supportive learning environment for our children. If elected, I will make it my priority to ensure that every student in our district has access to the highest quality education possible, regardless of their background or circumstances.

I believe in fostering a school community that is inclusive, innovative, and forward-thinking. With your support, I am confident that we can work together to achieve this goal and ensure that our schools are equipped to prepare our students for success in today's ever-changing world. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Sincerely Robert Ribaudo

Director District No. 3



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Education: Eastern Washington University University of Washington Evergreen State College

Occupation: Retired 32 year Professional career in communication and marketing

Statement: I want to continue in my “re-election” campaign in what I ran on in 2019: strong fiscal oversight, transparency, and open communication. Kent now has a healthy fiscal balance. Kent has a graduation rate of 89% in 2022. We “listened” to our community in wanting alternatives Kent Laboratory Academy (3-12) was born from that, we maintained I-Grad (16-21) increased TOP Program (18-21) inclusive education transitional program, offer a Highly Capable program and have brought early testing for dyslexia before entering kindergarten. In the future we need to promote and sustain a diverse workforce. To maintain all these programs and much more it takes sustained “Leadership.”

My education, professional career managing people and large budgets, and my volunteer work have prepared me well for this work. I have been recipient of the Honorary Citizen of the Year of Covington 2012, Kent Reporter 2019, the Kent Area Parent Teacher Student Association Outstanding Service Award 2021-2022, and the Washington State School Directors Associates Leadership Award in 2022.

I have been endorsed by the Martin Luther King Labor Council and the National Women’s Political Caucus of Washington State. We are making progress and I need your help to continue for an even better future.

Lizz Morgan



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Education: Attended Bellevue College

Occupation: Spray Tan Tech, Cher Some Sun

Statement: My name is Lizz Morgan and I am running for Position 3 on the Kent School District board. I’ve lived in the Kent/Covington area since 1986, am a proud graduate of Kentwood class of 2001, and now have a student attending KSD.

I’ve had experience as a classroom volunteer and am passionate about advocating for the academic excellence of all within our community and providing outstanding support for our staff. I have a vested interest in the success of our district, and felt the need to run because I genuinely feel that change is needed to provide fresh perspective, a new outlook, and a better direction for our district.

My efforts will center around open communication to all parents/guardians, students, and staff within our diverse community, holding the administration accountable, and working to ensure the budget is actively fulfilling the needs of our schools, proposing changes as necessary.

Director District No. 3

Stephanie Lawson

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Education: High School Diploma

Occupation: Real Estate Broker with Focus on Property Management

Statement: My name is Stephanie Lawson, and I'm running for the Kent School District School Board District 3. I'm dedicated to ensuring all students in our district receive a high-quality education. As a parent and advocate, I have witnessed the challenges faced by students and teachers within our public education system.

I have fought for my children's right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and have volunteered countless hours to assist other parents in navigating a system that has failed their children. I understand the frustrations and struggles families go through, and I'm committed to being their voice on the school board.

My primary goal is to ensure that students and staff have access to the necessary resources to support their educational needs. I will advocate for the responsible allocation of public resources and the hiring and retention of qualified staff. Transparency and accountability within the administration are crucial, as accountability to the laws and policies that support high-quality education.

I'm honored to earn your vote. Electing me as your representative means supporting a candidate who is passionate about advocating for our students, teachers, and families. Together, we can create a brighter future for the children of our district.

Donald Cook

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Education: Bachelor's in Network Administration and Security, Green River College

Occupation: Project Manager, Comcast

Statement: I chose to run for the Kent School District Board because I believe we can do better in providing a more equitable and safe environment for our students and staff.

We have a duty to provide the best education we are capable of to *all* our students. Having worked as a project manager, I believe I am uniquely qualified to provide the required communication abilities to help our district work cohesively toward our collective goal of providing a quality education to our most precious resource, our kids.

My children will be the 5th generation of my family to have graduated from this wonderful district; going all the way back to my great grandmother who graduated from Kent High School in 1939. I hope to show my children how we can improve in communicating with each other leading to better outcomes for everyone in our community.

I am a proud veteran, having served my country in the United States Air Force and hope you will give me the opportunity to serve my community again. This community is what we make of it, let's work together toward a brighter future. I appreciate your time *and your vote!*

Director Position No. 5

Jody Lee

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Education: American University: MA, Conflict Resolution/Cross-Cultural Communication. Rutgers University: BA, Political Science/French

Occupation: Community volunteer; Former Dispute Resolution Specialist, U.S. State Department

Statement: I am deeply committed to serving our children and schools. As a parent, I've been an active volunteer for many years – in the classroom, on school/district committees, as the new family coordinator, and as a PTSA parent representative. I also serve on the Mercer Island Youth & Families Services Foundation and Band Boosters boards.

I believe in public education. I want to strengthen academics, protect students' mental health, enrich the extracurricular programs that are part of a complete education, and support our teachers.

I have spent my entire adult life in public and community service. At the State Department, I headed the program mediating internal and interagency disputes; I also trained diplomats and foreign service workers around the world in conflict management. I am dedicated to finding the best next steps for our district, and I will represent our community well on the board. For more, visit: <https://www.jodylee4mischools.com>

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Education: MS, Aeronautical Engineering, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School Monterey, CA. BS, Engineering Technology, Arizona State University

Occupation: Experimental Test Pilot, The Boeing Company

Statement: Our school district is one of the best in the state. I want to deliver effective solutions to important issues surrounding our children's emotional wellbeing, declining student enrollment and financial sustainability. Our two children attend elementary school in the district, and I understand directly the opportunities and challenges ahead.

As an experimental test pilot with 20+ years of executive and senior management leadership experience, I understand the importance of a focused academic curriculum enabling our children to be successful academically & emotionally. I have served in leadership positions within small, medium, and large corporations managing annual budgets and teams of a size similar to the school district budget and staff size.

I would be honored to serve as a steward of our outstanding district focused on academic excellence & financial sustainability. I am endorsed by the Mercer Island Mayor Salim Nice and numerous other community leaders and members.

David Figatner

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Education: JD (summa cum laude), MS CS, Syracuse University; BS CS, BA Philosophy, SUNY Binghamton

Occupation: Dad and software developer; former Microsoft Assistant General Counsel

Statement: Mercer Island has strong schools. I believe we can make them even better. I'm running for the school board to solve hard problems and ensure that our district provides the best STEM, humanities, arts, and music education, while also supporting the emotional wellbeing of our students.

I believe in research and data when developing strategies and making decisions. My experiences as an attorney, my understanding of finances and compliance, and my collaborative approach will help our schools through a challenging period of decreasing enrollment and financial pressures.

With 15 years as a managing attorney at Microsoft and Schlumberger and 10 years as a founder and software developer, I am experienced in analyzing budget statements, navigating legislative rules, and understanding the rapid pace of technology. My philosophy is that solutions are found through collaboration informed by carefully gathered analytics and data. I am committed to strive for excellence in our schools.

Director District No. 3



Chris Cazares

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Education: Cathedral H.S., 1996; UTEP, 2001; USC, 2004; USAF, Judge Advocate General's School, 2005.

Occupation: Servicemember, USAF; Attorney, Military Trial Defenders & Polaris Injury Law.

Statement: I want to be a voice for our students, parents, and educators. Representation in our democracy is the most important function of our government and its citizens. Stepping into a school district role is an opportunity to be a voice for our community in a time when straightforward communication is a vital necessity. Our community investment to students, parents, and educators is a primary concern for the Bothell community.

I have served my clients for almost 20 years as an attorney has included the United States Air Force, owning and managing a law firm, and representing people who have been injured through no fault of their own. I have learned to value my role as an advisor and voice for my client. Serving our community on the School Board is in line with my previous and current experience as an attorney.

I want the best for our community and the wonderful students, parents, educators, staff, and administrators that are so committed to our schools.

My wife Devin and I are the proud parents of Jude (5) and Juliet (2). We are committed to being a part of the very best our community has to offer in the Northshore education system.

Han Tran

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Education: Harvard Business School CORE Credential of Readiness, Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Occupation: Electrical Engineer and Washington Human Rights Commissioner

Statement: As a school board member, I would empower students to reimagine their education system and equip them with the skills to thrive in an ever-evolving world. As a product of Northshore and an immigrant myself with children attending school in the district, I understand the transformative power of quality education. My deep connection to this community drives my commitment to ensuring every student has the opportunities they deserve.

In my role as a Washington Human Rights Commissioner, I support labor rights and anti-discrimination policies. This gives me experience navigating the complexities of Olympia to champion public school funding where it matters most.

As a school board member, I will be a strong advocate for students, families, and educators. I will actively listen to our educators and create forums for discussion. I believe in transparent and inclusive decision-making that prioritizes the needs of our community. Together, we can ensure our schools are a place where students can dream big and achieve their goals. *I humbly ask for your vote.*

Endorsements: Washington/Northshore Education Association, King County Young Democrats, Senator Derek Stanford, Woodinville Councilmember Sarah Arndt, Bothell Deputy Mayor Rami Al-Kabra, King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, and many more Northshore community members.

Director District No. 3

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Education: Doctor of Engineering & International Management, Texas A&M University; Chemical Engineer, University of Buenos Aires

Occupation: Northshore Schools Foundation Board Member, District Grants; NSD Substitute Teacher

Statement: As an NSD parent and long-time volunteer, I believe all students deserve the best education possible so they achieve their fullest potential in a safe and financially sound system. Our future depends on their present!

Schools should provide students with *healthy, suitable challenges for all learning levels*, to create resilience, develop love for learning, and promote growth *for all students*. We must prepare them for a highly competitive world through appropriate academic excellence and consistent opportunities. I believe in critical thinking, fact-based education, encouraging open respectful debate on controversial topics to foster problem-solving and independent thinking.

Safety has to be our top priority. Amidst declining mental health and escalating crime and bullying, we must restore *physical and mental safety* for our students and staff. Learning cannot occur when fear is palpable. Let's be clear: drugs are being dealt and used in our schools. We must join forces to act decisively and help our students get out of harm's way.

The *current budget deficit* calls for savings towards fiscal responsibility and accountability. Let's make sound budgetary decisions for today and the future. *Please enable me to put my passion, energy and skills to serve you by trusting me with your vote!*

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Director District No. 3

Genessa Rose

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Education: Graduate at Mount Si. High School, Student at Highline Community College, FF/EMT Certification

Occupation: Retired Firefighter FCFD, Retired EMT American Medical Response

Statement: I would be honored to represent the Parents, Staff, and Students as a new liaison between our community and the district. I will bring representation, communication, transparency and accountability to the board. As parents, we need to know we are represented, heard and are the number one stakeholders when it comes to our children's education and well-being. I am a mother of a CHS graduate and will have a student at Tolt.

It's vital that our teachers and staff have an open line of communication to prioritize acquiring tools and resources to teach and inspire our students academically.

I am active within the community and have volunteered my time on PTSA boards. I am an active member for our local sports programs that feed our High School. Additionally, I have served as a front-line volunteer Firefighter for 18 years, and served on a committee to analyze a district wide merger.

Carol Van Noy

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Education: Concordia College, Valparaiso University, American Colleges of the Mid-West, University of Washington

Occupation: Fund Development, Grant Writer, Consultant

Statement: I am running for Re-Election to the Riverview School Board. It is my priority to continue to work diligently to build Riverview into a great school district, ensuring that every student's need is recognized and supported. *Special Education, Student Voice* and *Behavioral Health* are three areas that matter a lot to me. I work at Empower Youth Network and have been a mentor for 6 years and love it. Collaborating with community partners helps students and families.

As a Board Member, I seek to improve transparency in decision making, more student, family, staff and community engagement to increase equity and inclusiveness in our school system. I advocate for more voices in the room so that we can make our best decisions that reflect community.

I love our community and am passionate about public education. I am grateful for your support.

Dan Shieder

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Education: B.A. - Austin College

Occupation: Real Estate Development Executive

Statement: I am running to re-establish trust in Riverview School District. Parents, students, administrators, and educators feel that they do not have a clear understanding of the direction our schools are taking and recent school board decisions only add to this problem. We can change that.

This is a critical time - the state of Washington continues to neglect its educational financial obligations; the current school infrastructure ages; and social changes challenge everyone. These problems make it tough to focus on the mission of making Riverview one of the state's best school districts.

I firmly believe that as a community, we have the ability to fix this together. However, we need trusted representatives to build consensus and create a fiscally responsible and timely plan to get there. Our kids, families and taxpayers deserve that and I will work with all district stakeholders to make that happen. I ask for your vote.

Director Position No. 3

Gator Lanphear

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Education: BA - The Evergreen State College, Master's in Instructional Design CSUMB, Certified Educator/Artist WA State

Occupation: Artist/Educator/Outreach - City of Tacoma EnviroChallenger Program

Statement: Gator Lanphear wants to create a Safe, Equitable, and Inclusive school district that focuses on the learners, educators, staff, and community of the Vashon Island schools.

As an educator, parent, and volunteer, Gator has great knowledge and awareness of the different experiences of educators, staff, and our children.

Experience: Washington State teaching credential in Art and Elementary Education; Masters in Instructional Science and Technology from California State University Monterey Bay; MS in Instructional Science and Technology (MIST), combines the latest pedagogical science and new technologies used in education.; BA - Animation/Film from the Evergreen State College in Olympia; Kindergarten teacher at Chautauqua Elementary; 4th grade teacher Tacoma Public Schools/Sacramento City Unified School District; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee - creating DEI policies for the City of Tacoma.; Educator/Artist - K - 12 for City of Tacoma's Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability

Martha Woodard

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Education: B.A.in History, University of Wisconsin, Madison, M.A.in History, University of Washington, Seattle

Occupation: retired teacher

Statement: Public education is the bedrock of our society. As a teacher at Vashon Island High School for thirty-three years, I have seen educational trends come and go, but the core mission to provide high-quality education for all students remains the same.

A perennial challenge is funding, mostly due to how our state allocates money. As the former negotiator for the Vashon Education Association, I am well acquainted with this issue. It is the Board's duty to be fiscally responsible. This requires careful consideration, intense listening, flexibility, and gathering information from the people affected by the School Board's decisions.

I recognize that our District faces new challenges due to economic, technological, and social change. I strive to be open minded, without a preconceived agenda, to work hard, and do my best. Should you choose to cast your vote for me, know that I take this responsibility very seriously. Thank you.

Angela Marshall

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Eastern Washington University

Occupation: Deputy Director, King County Office of Labor Relations

Statement: Leadership requires difficult decisions. Vashon needs its school board directors to lead with *principled and defensible decisions*. I will do that.

We have seen district leadership, with acceptance of the board, operate in an unaccountable manner by sweeping serious issues under the rug, leaving problems deeply unresolved. Misplaced priorities, secrecy, and risk aversion at the expense of our children's safety and education has fostered a deep mistrust of our institution. I have experience and leadership skills required to effectuate tangible improvements. Change is needed when inequities, policy violations, or impactful budgetary constraints arise. I can make difficult decisions and recognize when challenging the status quo is needed.

I'm an experienced manager, labor relations professional, public servant, and mother of two children in the district who is willing to be *accountable and transparent* in my actions, to represent the interests of, and commitment to, educators, students, and families.

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No photo submitted

No statement submitted.

Commissioner Position No. 1

Michael Bladow

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Education: Marquette University, B.S. Computer Science, 1984.
Seattle University, MBA, 1992.

Occupation: Management: Retired from PACCAR Information Technology, 2022.

Statement: Friends and neighbors:

Since November 1989 my family has enjoyed our Fall City rural community, and we have been blessed with the high-quality water provided by our Fall City Water District. I hope to support the customers of Fall City Water District with abundant and high-quality water at the least cost possible.

My focus will be fiscal control along with a systems perspective to continue to provide high-quality water 24/7/365 to the customers in Fall City.

Dwight Miller

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Education: BS Environmental Science, MS Environmental Engineering from Washington State University

Occupation: Environmental Engineer and Project Manager at Parametrix, Inc.

Statement: As a 25-year Fall City resident, Water District customer, and environmental scientist and engineer, I believe strongly in the need for us to protect our groundwater resource. This includes appropriate treatment and storage to ensure protection of public health and safety, and the environment. Ongoing issues in our community, including higher-density housing, residential large on-site septic systems (LOSS), and climate change, will continue to challenge how we manage the groundwater wells and distribution infrastructure.

My credentials include education noted above, registered Professional Engineer, and experience as a consultant in the environmental engineering field for over 35 years. I have used my experience and passion for community service to volunteer for numerous local community committees. These include Snoqualmie Valley School District facility committee, Patterson Creek Flood Control District board, and Fall City transportation improvements committee.

I respectfully ask for your vote to serve as your Fall City Water District commissioner.

Spencer J. Slominski

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No photo
submitted

Education: Bachelor's in Civil Engineering; Master's in Civil and Environmental Engineering (Hydrology Emphasis)

Occupation: Regional Operations Manager, Engineering Remediation Resources Group

Statement: I am a licensed civil engineer and professional project manager with 20 years of experience in engineering and construction management. I have extensive professional experience working both as a consultant designing water and wastewater treatment facilities, as well as managing the construction of potable water and wastewater facilities, including a potable water treatment facility and storage reservoir for the Fall City Water District. My background includes technical water treatment as well as interacting with regulators and government entities.

As a resident of Fall City, I feel strongly that our water supply needs to be protected and that the Fall City Water District should be providing the highest quality potable water to our community.

Commissioner Position No. 4

Bruce Gardiner

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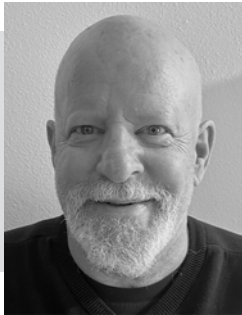
Education: BA, Univ of Washington, JD, Univ of Puget Sound (Seattle U)
Occupation: Attorney

Statement: Northshore Utility District has five excellent commissioners who work well together to bring you safe, low-cost water. Keeping your water and sewer rates as some of the lowest in King County, we are working efficiently to maintain the utility facilities in excellent condition while having an exceptionally low employee to connections ratio. Having completed a survey of the entire district, we are on track in a comprehensive program to replace the older parts of the system to insure continuing safe and trouble-free service. With prudent financial management, we have maintained an outstanding AAA rating from Standard and Poor's.

We have made a multi-million-dollar investment to strengthen our facilities and reservoirs from earthquakes. We exercise a leading role among the north Lake Washington municipal agencies in emergency preparedness, to which I bring a 30-year military background in security. I appreciate your continued support in me by reelecting me as a Commissioner.

Steve Hamilton

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Education: BS Business Management (1983), Accounting (1987), University of Montana

Occupation: Retired (Finance Director-Northshore Utility District), 2021

Statement: On a governing board, it is beneficial to have a member with accounting and finance as an area of expertise. For many years, this has been missing from Northshore Utility District's (NUD's) Board of Commissioners. The first line of NUD's Mission Statement is "Manage available resources for the best long-term interest of our ratepayers". Finance is one of the keys to this statement. As a CPA with over 35 years of experience in the corporate, governmental, and non-profit sectors, including nine years serving as NUD's Finance Director from 2012 – 2021, I understand this business well.

As Commissioner, my commitment to NUD's ratepayers will be to preserve low rates, ensure clean and plentiful drinking water, provide safe sanitary sewer services, maintain strong reserves to meet the demands for growth and asset replacement, reduce operating costs, and attract and retain a dedicated employee base.

I appreciate your vote.

David Arthur

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Simon Fraser University; Doctor of Chiropractic, Cum Laude University of Western States

Occupation: Business owner and Health Care Provider, Bothell, WA

Statement: I have served the Northshore community for over 20 years as a health care provider and business owner. My experience has taught me to be fiscally responsible while maintaining exceptional customer service.

As a member of the City of Kenmore's DEIA Task Force I have seen the need for greater access to clean and affordable water. I will improve our ability to provide affordable service without excessive rate increases over time. I will bring a broader perspective, an inclusive environment, and a sense of belonging to the employees and customers of the Northshore Utility District (NUD) and the Board of Commissioners. I will make the NUD a leader in environmental responsibility, sustainability, and fiscal accountability. I will expand the customer assistance program to avoid disrupting service to our economically vulnerable customers. Clean, affordable drinking water and sewer service are hallmarks of our growing community and the NUD.

Commissioner Position No. 1

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Education: J.D., Harvard Law School; M.Ed., University of Notre Dame; B.A., University of Notre Dame

Occupation: Attorney focusing on Real Estate and Commercial Disputes and Trademarks

Statement: I am privileged to live within the natural beauty of the Snoqualmie Valley. My wife, four school-aged children, Labrador Retriever, and I enjoy the area's many outdoor activities.

We need safe playgrounds and trails, natural open spaces, well-maintained fields for organized sports, swim lessons, farmers' markets, camps and classes, and other opportunities to enhance the quality of life of our community. I support expanding open spaces and trails and developing a new aquatic center. Drowning is the second leading cause of death for children ages 5-14. Every child should have the opportunity to learn to swim (adults, too!). A new aquatic center means access and programming that will save lives, but it must be built on time and on budget.

As your Park Commissioner, I will be dedicated to preserving the area's beauty, increasing recreation access, and ensuring accountability and transparency. I ask for your vote.

Linsey Tracy

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Education: BS Northern Arizona University; DPT University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Physical Therapist

Statement: I am a 10 year resident of North Bend and have loved watching the outdoor recreation and open parks and spaces grow with the community. North Bend is known for its access to the outdoors, and I would love to work to keep that connectedness for our town. I feel strongly that we need to support all ages of our residents with the District offerings, and as a mom of three small children I am motivated to work toward a pool that will be useful and affordable. As a physical therapist I love that the connectedness of our open spaces allows for easy access to various destinations via walking and biking, and I would like to further expand this where possible. I look forward to serving this community if I am elected, see you on the trails (or at dance classes or track meets)!

Tim Noonan

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Education: GRCC, Business Management, Meadowbrook Farm Park Preserve, Board Member

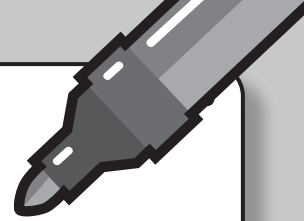
Occupation: Retired IBEW Local 77 Electrician

Statement: In the 1990's I learned of a proposed development between North Bend and Snoqualmie, and began the process of buying Meadowbrook Farm into public ownership, serving on that park board for many years, maintaining the organic status of the park and improving the wildlife corridors. I'm seen working there with my old blue truck.

60% of the MPD is unincorporated, including my home. I will represent your values and will, making certain that the MPD goals match the community desires and pocket book. A Pool? Of course. We need a facility for residents to learn to swim. A \$25+million water park? Likely not. A larger carbon footprint should be rejected.

The health of our children, pets and abundant wildlife that shares our parks demand sound environmental practices. As a steward of the community and of the land, I ask for your vote to join the MPD Board of Commissioners.

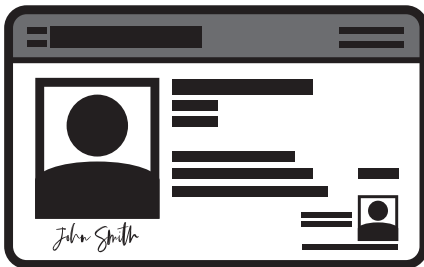
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Proposition No. 1

Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy

The King County Council passed Ordinance 19604 concerning replacement of an expiring veterans, seniors and human services levy. If approved, this proposition would fund capital facilities and services for veterans, servicemembers, and their families; seniors and caregivers; and resilient communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability outcomes. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2024 at \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the 2024 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases by 3.5% in 2025-2029; and exempt eligible seniors, veterans and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 62.



You will be voting to
Approve or Reject
Proposition No.1

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 would authorize renewal of an additional property tax levy to fund regional health and human services and capital facilities for veterans and military servicemembers and their families; seniors and their caregivers; and resilient communities. Funding would promote veterans', seniors', and resilient communities' housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and health and human services system improvements and system access. The levy defines resilient communities as persons or communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability outcomes due to systemic and historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination, disability, or chronic illness.

The levy would have a duration of six years beginning in 2024. The rate in the first year would be limited at \$0.10 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the prior year's assessed valuation. The dollar amount of the levy collected in the first year would be the base for calculating annual increases of up to 3.5% in years 2025 – 2029 and would be limited by chapter 84.55 RCW. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons would be eligible for exemption from the levy under RCW 84.36.381.

Proposition 1 would require an implementation plan and an advisory board.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

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Please renew this levy to maintain vital King County services for veterans, seniors, and vulnerable populations. Voter-approved in 2005, 2011 and 2017, your vote will build on levy success by preserving housing, employment, counseling and other services:

Veterans will keep one-stop service centers, job training, financial assistance, housing, and supportive services. *Since 2018, the levy has contributed to a 40% reduction in veteran homelessness.*

Seniors will keep expanded countywide services at 39 senior centers, as well as housing, tax relief support, food assistance, and programs for healthy aging in place. *Each year, 28,000 seniors use levy-funded senior centers.*

Neighbors Facing Barriers will keep mobile and 24/hr assistance for gender-based violence survivors, legal assistance, shelter, mobile-medical vans assisting people experiencing homelessness, and supports for individuals with disabilities. *Since 2021, more than 8,000 domestic violence or sexual assault survivors have received levy-funded services.*

Since 2017, the levy has helped over 185,000 veterans, seniors, and vulnerable people. Programs are independently audited for efficiency. The rate is identical to 2017, and the median-valued home will pay \$17 more per year.

Endorsed by veterans advocates, housing and health providers, unions, senior organizations, Executive Constantine, County Council; more!

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 43 adopted Resolution R-2023-004 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations.

For the purpose of maintaining current levels of fire and emergency medical services, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District's regular property tax levy to the previous voter-approved rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024, and set the limit factor at 6% for each of the succeeding five years. The maximum allowable levy in 2029 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.



You will be voting to
Approve or Reject
Proposition No.1

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety (MVFLS) is placing a multi-year lid lift proposition on the August 1, 2023, primary ballot. On behalf of MVFLS, firefighters responded to requests for emergency aid 3,194 times in 2022. This is a 17% increase in calls for service since 2017, when voters last approved a lid lift. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the \$1.50 regular levy rate previously approved by voters is projected to fall below \$1.15 due to statutory limitations.

This lid-lift proposition is presented to allow voters to override the 1% growth limitation imposed by Initiative 747. If this proposition fails to pass, MVFLS's regular property tax revenue will be capped at 101% of the amount of regular property taxes MVFLS collected in the previous year. If this proposition passes, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$400,000 would anticipate an increased tax of \$11.70 per month.

Passage of this proposition will reauthorize the property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2024, coupled with annual increases of up to 6% in each of the five subsequent years. This will maintain an effective level of service. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Warren Iverson, Ashley Reilly
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By voting Yes on Ballot Proposition #1, you actively contribute to sustaining the vital funding for Maple Valley King County Fire District #43. This proposition proposes a necessary reset of the property tax rate to \$1.50 per thousand.

With your support, Fire District #43 can enhance its services in Maple Valley Heights, and Hobart addressing the long-standing issue of inadequate fire stations in these areas. Currently, residents of Maple Valley Heights and Hobart face extended travel times for essential fire and emergency services, as the nearest stations are located in the city. This proposition will not only reopen the previous volunteer station in Maple Valley Heights, staffed around the clock, but also facilitate the construction of a new fire station in Hobart, and replace the aging stations within the growing city. It aims to improve services in these underserved neighborhoods while still maintaining financial stability as well.

Safeguarding lives, homes, and businesses should never be taken for granted. We place our trust in the fire department to respond swiftly when every second counts. Now, we have an opportunity to reciprocate that trust by voting Yes. Let us continue to provide the necessary funding and unwavering support to the very service that may one day save *Your* life or protect *Your* home.

We personally know and trust the five local commissioners and support their plans to improve local Fire District #43. We urge a Yes vote so our fire department can be there to serve your family and ours. Please vote Yes on ballot Propositions #1 for all of *Us*!

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Renton Regional Fire Authority adopted Resolution No. 2023-03 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund Renton Regional Fire Authority's operations.

This proposition authorizes the Renton Regional Fire Authority to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2023 and authorizes annual adjustments by the greater of 1% or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as reported in June of the levy year for each of the five succeeding years. The maximum allowable levy in 2028 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.



You will be voting to
Approve or Reject
Proposition No.1

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Renton Regional Fire Authority (Renton RFA) provides fire protection and emergency medical services to its citizens. This proposition will authorize the Renton RFA to restore its regular real property tax levy rate (currently approximately \$.61 per thousand of assessed valuation) to its 2018 levy rate of \$1.00 and will authorize an annual growth rate greater of 1% or the annual CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue as reported in June for each of the five succeeding years to allow the RFA to keep pace with inflation.

Renton RFA has a two-part funding system including this property tax in combination with a benefit charge. The benefit charge is a service fee based on the square footage of your structure and the amount of resources needed to extinguish a fire. Due to voter approved limits, property tax collections cannot exceed a 1% increase per year. As a result of this limitation, the benefit charge portion of our funding has gradually increased. If this measure is approved with the restoration of the property tax to \$1.00 per thousand and the use of a CPI annual adjustment, the department will be able to reduce the benefit charge applied to all parcels in the RFA based on size and use.

This rebalancing of the two-part funding system will allow the Renton RFA to maintain and improve fire protection, prevention, emergency medical services and the protection of life and property in the Renton RFA response area.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

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Proposition 1 is a crucial measure that will significantly impact the safety and well-being of our community. By voting "yes" to restore our fire levy to its original, voter-approved rate, we can secure the necessary resources to ensure effective emergency response, enhance our fire department's capabilities, and fortify their indispensable services.

This measure addresses financial challenges set by WA State's 1% revenue growth cap and rising inflation, ensuring Renton RFA secures the funds necessary to maintain operations effectively.

Our community's rapid growth amplifies the demand for reliable emergency services. Proposition 1 provides Renton RFA the means to meet this increasing demand, sustaining our community's high safety standards and supporting the replacement of Renton's oldest fire station with a new, 50-year station in one of Renton's fastest growing areas.

Proposition 1 signifies our pledge to protect our community, businesses, homes, and families. In emergencies, every second is crucial. This measure will allow Renton to maintain our high-quality response times, state-of-the art resources, and expert personnel while saving taxpayer dollars long term.

We implore you to vote "yes" on Proposition 1. It's not just a ballot measure – it's a crucial investment in our shared safety, peace of mind, and prosperous future.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1**Re-Establishing
Property Tax Levy
Rate of up to \$1.50
per \$1,000 of Assessed
Valuation for a Six Year
Period (2024-2029)**

The Board of Fire Commissioners for South King Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 629, concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. Proposition No. 1 would restore the District's regular property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024, and permit annual revenue increases of up to 6% for each of the succeeding five years, with the levy never exceeding the \$1.50 per \$1,000 rate limit. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Shall Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.



You will be voting
Yes or No
to approve Proposition No.1

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

South King Fire and Rescue (SKFR), serving the citizens of Greater Federal Way, Des Moines, and North/South Lakeland Unincorporated areas is placing a multi-year lid lift proposition on the August 1, 2023, primary ballot. SKFR responded to the community's requests for emergency medical care, fire suppression, rescue, and other emergencies, 24,429 times in 2022. This is a 20% increase in calls for service since 2018 when voters last approved a lid lift. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the \$1.50 regular levy rate previously approved is projected to fall below \$1.25 due to statutory limitations.

This lid-lift proposition is presented to allow voters to override the 1% growth limitation imposed by Initiative 747. If the lid lift does not pass, the total property tax revenue of SKFR would be limited to 101% of SKFR's previous year's revenue after 2024.

If this proposition passes, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$500,000 would anticipate an increased tax of \$10.00 per month.

Passage of this proposition will reauthorize the property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2024, coupled with annual increases of up to 6% in each of the five subsequent years. This will maintain an effective level of service. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Victor Pennington, Ted Colby
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South King Fire & Rescue (SKFR) needs your support to reinstate the previous fire district levy rate. The lid lift allows the district to collect what is allowable by law to fund critical services.

Growing Demand for Service. Development and population growth contributes to more 911 calls daily. SKFR has seen a 20% increase in emergency responses since 2018. Calls for fire, medical, and other life-threatening incidents now near 25,000 a year!

Not a New Tax. This is not a new tax. It re-establishes the previous levy rate of \$1.50 per thousand of assessed property valuation (currently \$1.25) and re-authorizes the "lifting" the lid on the one percent limitations imposed by Initiative 747 in 2001. Lifting the lid allows district funding to adjust with inflation, but not exceed six percent each year.

Support Fire. Despite increasing demand for service, funding options for fire districts are limited. Without this critical funding, SKFR would be forced to limit growth and resources at a time when our community requires more. Strained resources ultimately result in slower response times and a lower quality of service.

Vote Yes! Please *Vote Yes* to maintain high quality fire department services to our community!

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

The Board of Vashon Island Fire and Rescue (also known as King County Fire Protection District No. 13) adopted Resolution No. 23-414 concerning a proposition to maintain and adequately fund District operations. For the purpose of maintaining current levels of fire and emergency medical services, Proposition No. 1 would restore the District's regular property tax levy to the previous voter-approved rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024 and set the limit factor at 6% for each of the succeeding five years. The maximum allowable levy in 2029 shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations as provided by Chapter 84.55 RCW.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.



You will be voting to
Approve or Reject
Proposition No.1

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Vashon Island Fire and Rescue ("District"), serving the citizens of Vashon and Maury Islands, is placing a multi-year lid lift proposition on the August 1, 2023 Primary ballot. The district responded to the community's requests for emergency medical care, fire suppression, rescue, and other emergencies, 1,629 times in 2022. This is a 9% increase in calls for service since 2017. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the \$1.50 regular levy rate previously approved by voters is projected to fall to \$1.24 in 2024 due to statutory limitations.

This lid-lift proposition is presented to allow voters to override the 1% growth limitation imposed by Initiative 747. If the lid lift does not pass, the total property tax revenue of the District would be limited to 101% of the Authority's previous year's revenue, even though District voters approved the \$1.50 per \$1,000 limit in 2017.

If this proposition passes, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$600,000 would anticipate an increased tax of \$18.60 per month.

If approved, this measure authorizes District to restore the levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value as approved by voters. This would allow the levy dollar amount to increase by up to 6% in the succeeding five years, but the rate cannot exceed \$1.50 even if properties increase in value. The dollar amount of the levy in 2029 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

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Statement in favor

Ron Smothermon, James Bristow, Gary English
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Every six years we make a decision about funding operations and maintenance at Vashon Island Fire & Rescue, just like our parks and school districts. This year we can choose to improve our 911 ambulance and fire emergency service or we can let emergency services degrade through neglect.

The levy lift doubles the first responders on duty to answer your 911 call for an ambulance or a house fire. Newly hired first responders from the levy lift will be housed at the currently unstaffed Burton firehouse, cutting 911 response time in half for most of south Vashon and Maury. Those golden minutes give responders the best chance to save a life or knock down a fire. The levy will prevent fire insurance increases of 30% to 100% for hundreds of island households -- more than covering the cost of the levy restoration. About four times a week, all available first responders are dispatched on simultaneous 911 calls. That's dangerous. Passing the levy means more responders, ready to save your house or your life when you call for help.

Remember, VIFR is our island's only 24-hour medical response. We ask you to join us and *Vote Yes for a Safer Vashon.*

Statement in opposition

Scott Harvey
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The survey results in the VIFR Strategic Plan found 77% of islanders who had received/ witnessed services during the past 5 years rated the service *excellent*. The survey indicated 78% of islanders believe a response time of 5-15 minutes after a 911 call is appropriate, and 92% of Vashon firefighters/EMTs agreed. Since the average response time on the island is 7 minutes, expectations have been met/exceeded! Please note, this survey was conducted *before* the firefighters' staffing was increased by 56%.

VIFR has plenty of money to continue to deliver superior service. In just 6 years, the levy has grown from \$2.4 million to \$5.4 million. As a result, reserve accounts have ballooned from \$1.9 million in 2017 to \$5.9 million in March 2023. After increasing salaries and benefits by \$800,000 in the current budget, there still will be an additional \$700,000 available for future salary increases, capital expenditures and the reserves, with financing available for vehicles, if needed.

The 7 new firefighters/EMTs starting *before* the vote, will make it possible to staff 2 firefighters/EMTs in Burton immediately, thereby keeping homeowners insurance low and improving south end response time, with no new taxes.

No levy lift is needed to remain *safe!*

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

It's no surprise that islanders love our VIFR emergency responders. The challenge is getting those firefighter/EMTs to emergencies in sufficient numbers to save lives and homes. The levy will modernize the oldest fire engine fleet in the county, provide much-needed additional emergency responders to staff Burton and lower response times.

Saying yes to Proposition 1 makes our investment in a sustainable future for our island's only 24-hour medical service. Get additional accurate information at *ForASaferVashon.org*

Rebuttal of statement in favor

If you call 911 for a life-threatening emergency, 24 hours/day, the paramedics of Medic One, funded by a separate levy, provide your primary care, *not VIFR.*

While medicals calls have remained constant, and actually were 14% higher in 2016 than 2022, VIFR levy taxes have increased by 125% and the proposed levy will add another 70%! With millions in the bank and 56% more staff, there is no chance our services will "degrade through neglect".

Full text of Ordinance No. 19604

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 1, 2023, a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitations contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a consecutive six-year period at a rate of not more than ten cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year, and limiting annual levy increases to three and one-half percent in the five succeeding years, all for the purpose of supporting veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families; seniors and their caregivers; and resilient communities in King County by funding regional health and human services and capital facilities to promote housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement and health and human services system improvements and system access; providing for a resident advisory board; and directing proposal of an implementation plan for the veterans, seniors and human services levy, contingent upon voter approval of the levy.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. After approving the first six-year veterans and human services levy in 2005, King County voters have since voted twice to maintain levy-supported services for veterans and human services in King County, including adding seniors and their caregivers as a population explicitly served by the levy in 2017. Ordinance 15279, which created the initial levy for 2006 through 2011 and placed the levy on the ballot for King County voter consideration, was approved by fifty-eight percent of voters. Ordinance 17072, which placed the second levy on the ballot for King County voters, was approved by sixty-nine percent of voters, renewed the levy for 2012 through 2017. Ordinance 18555, which placed the third levy on the ballot for King County voters, was approved by sixty-eight percent of voters, renewed and expanded the levy for 2018 through 2023. This ordinance is the fourth time King County will ask voters to consider the veterans, seniors and human services levy.
2. Since its inception as the veterans and human services levy in 2006 and through its renewals in 2011 and 2017, the veterans, seniors and human services levy has served hundreds of thousands of veterans, military servicemembers and their families, as well as seniors, individuals, and families in need. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy has served more than one hundred and eighty-five thousand people, including more than twenty-seven thousand veterans, servicemembers or their families, and more than one hundred thousand seniors.
3. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy has supported more than three hundred programs led by more than one hundred fifty community-based organizations, of which more than a third are small organizations. More than seventy-five percent of levy-supported programs offer services countywide, with physical service sites available throughout the county and some programs specifically provide mobile services.
4. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports programs that contribute to outcomes in the following five result areas: housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and service system access and improvement.
5. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human service levy contributed to the creation of more than one thousand two hundred units of affordable housing and one hundred ninety-eight new shelter beds for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in King County through its housing stability strategies to help prevent and reduce homelessness and to address the shortage of affordable housing.
6. In 2021, King County partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and King County Housing Authority to increase the use of federal housing vouchers to help house low-income veterans in King County experiencing homelessness. The partnership is a first in the nation pilot program using King County veterans program social services staff to support veterans finding and maintaining housing using federal housing vouchers. From its launch in April 2021 through September 30, 2022, the levy-supported collaborative case management program helped one hundred sixty-four veteran households obtain vouchers, with one hundred households moving into permanent housing.
7. King County tracks the number of veteran households experiencing homelessness through the Homeless Management Information System. On March 31, 2017, one thousand two hundred fifty-two veteran households were active in the homeless system. As of November 30, 2022, the system showed an estimated seven hundred forty-four veteran households actively experiencing homelessness in King County, a reduction of more than forty percent since the peak in March 2017.
8. King County is home to one in five veterans living in Washington state according to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. More than two-thirds of

the veterans residing in King County are fifty-five or older.

9. King County veterans program uses levy proceeds to create veteran service hubs that connect more than two thousand veterans and their families each year to the services supported through the levy's financial stability strategies that support King County residents in gaining and maintaining self-sufficiency. These service hubs coordinate with other veteran service providers to provide access and connection to an array of services at the King County veterans program sites.
10. In 2019, veterans accounted for six thousand two hundred sixty-one suicides in the United States, or more than thirteen percent of the total number of people dying by suicide nationwide, according to a 2021 report on veteran suicide by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Veteran suicide-related deaths are increasing at a greater rate than that of the general United States population. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide risk factors include mental health conditions and substance use disorders, as well as economic insecurity, housing insecurity, isolation and stress.
11. More than two hundred thirty veterans and thirty military family members receive counseling each year supported through the levy's healthy living strategies to help them manage the effects of trauma in healthy ways. Those counseling services add relief to an already stressed mental health care system by providing an additional thirty-two licensed mental health counselors who focus on the impact of military service.
12. Overall, more adults report feeling anxious or depressed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic according to public health - Seattle & King County data. According to a 2020 Washington state Department of Health community recovery-oriented needs assessment survey for King County, twenty-five percent of respondents reported that they had experienced poor mental health on at least fourteen days in the previous month. A Kaiser Family Foundation study on older adults in August 2020 showed rates of depression and anxiety are higher among adults ages sixty-five and older relative to rates in 2018. A Kaiser Family Foundation report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people reveals a disproportionate impact on their mental health.
13. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, thirteen percent of Americans report having started or increased substance use as a way of coping with stress or emotions related to COVID-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In King County, overdose deaths across all substance types reached an all-time high during and after the pandemic, with data from the King County medical examiner's office showing a 137 percent increase in overdose fatalities between 2019 and 2022 and a 551 percent increase in overdose fatalities caused by fentanyl.
14. The Washington state Office of Financial Management estimates twenty-five percent of King County residents were aged fifty-five or older in 2020 and estimates that proportion to increase to thirty percent by 2040. As the population of older adults increases statewide, so does the population of older adults from racially and ethnically diverse communities or backgrounds.
15. The responsibility to care for vulnerable seniors impacts all generations according to a research report conducted in 2020 by the American Association of Retired Persons. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, adults ages sixty-five and older have a seventy percent chance of needing some type of long-term care service. That work will in many cases require assistance from unpaid caregivers, including spouses, adult children and acquaintances.
16. Eighty-five percent of persons sixty-five or older nationwide have one or more chronic health conditions, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, cancer or arthritis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention behavioral risk factor surveillance system. Racial, ethnic and place-based disproportionalities unevenly distribute these conditions and risk factors across King County.
17. Actual and perceived social isolation are both associated with increased risk for premature death, according to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine study on social isolation and loneliness in older adults. The influence of social isolation on the risk of death is comparable with risk factors for mortality such as smoking. Older adults who are immigrants or a part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex and asexual plus community may be at higher risk for social isolation and loneliness due to factors like discrimination and barriers to care. Social isolation is also associated with a fifty percent increased risk of dementia. Poor social

Full text of Ordinance No. 19604

relationships are associated with a twenty-nine percent increased risk of heart disease, and a thirty-two percent increased risk of stroke.

18. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports thirty-nine senior centers to form twenty-two senior hubs as part of the levy's social engagement strategies to improve King County's senior residents' feelings of engagement in community. More than twenty-eight thousand seniors each year receive nutritious meals and connections to critical services to combat social isolation since the senior hubs program launched in 2020.

19. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy also supports the geriatric regional assessment team to deliver home-visiting behavioral health and human services intervention to more than three hundred fifty seniors total since the levy supported the assessment team's relaunch in 2020.

20. Ordinance 18555 and the veterans, seniors and human services levy implementation plan adopted by Ordinance 18768 dedicate support for vulnerable populations through the 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy. The department of community and human services reframed the population served by that levy's proceeds as resilient communities to emphasize community strength in the midst of vulnerability.

21. Of the twenty-one million people trafficked worldwide, approximately eighty percent are labor trafficking survivors and victims of forced labor, bonded labor and domestic servitude.

22. More than eighteen percent of King County adults have one or more physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, persons living with one or more disabilities may have reduced social participation, experience difficulties in mobility, lack of assistive technology and face barriers in access to care to include communication, policy and programmatic barriers, all of which contribute to poor health and decreased quality of life.

23. According to data from the National Domestic Violence Hotline, there was a thirteen percent increase in domestic violence calls between January 2020 and July 2021 in King County. Homicides resulting from domestic violence in King County increased by nearly four times during 2021 compared to 2019, according to the King County prosecuting attorney's office. A statewide survey commissioned by the Washington state Supreme Court in 2015 found that low-income survivors of domestic violence experience the highest number of civil legal needs per capita relative to any other group surveyed.

24. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supported mobile advocacy services through the levy's service system access and improvement strategy for more than one thousand two hundred survivors of gender-based violence from January 2020 to September 2022. Eighty-four percent of those survivors were connected to an advocate within one day of reaching out for assistance.

25. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supported a service system access and improvement strategy to streamline how domestic violence survivors access services, designed to meet their individual needs. The resulting creation of a twenty-four-hour, multilingual and multimodal domestic violence hotline is now a single-line access to domestic violence services available in King County. Since the hotline's launch in July 2021 through the end of September 2022, it received more than sixteen thousand calls or texts to assist those in crisis and referred nearly seven thousand of those contacts to additional support.

26. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy introduced new investments for gender-based violence, legal aid and senior center services, nearly tripling the County's annual investment in these areas.

27. In 2021, the veterans, seniors and human services levy supported a contract with 501 Commons to survey more than two hundred thirty nonprofits based in and serving King County, employing more than twenty thousand people, to better understand the array of influences that contribute to employee recruitment, retention, and satisfaction in the nonprofit sector. Survey findings show that many nonprofit employees delivering critical human services earn wages at levels that make it difficult to live in the communities they serve, doing community-based work in King County.

28. According to the 2021 King County nonprofit employee engagement survey conducted by 501 Commons, sixty percent of surveyed staff would consider leaving the nonprofit sector to get better pay and fifty-four percent would consider leaving the nonprofit sector because of burnout or other fatigue. Nationally, turnover in nonprofits is nineteen percent, compared to twelve percent for all industries.

29. In Motion 16129, the King County council requested the executive to produce an assessment report providing information, analysis, and recommendations to inform deliberations about a possible renewal of the voter-approved veterans, seniors, and human services levy. The assessment report drew upon program performance measurement data, feedback from levy providers and community input from fifty-two community engagement meetings. The executive transmitted the report to the King County council on September 6, 2022.

30. In addition to describing the impact to veterans, seniors and resilient communities served by the levy, the assessment report recommended continuing the 2018-2023 levy's five result areas and commitment to the three service populations, increasing levy resources to better address the scale of community needs and creating a regional impact initiatives fund within the levy to address regional human services priorities whose effects span the levy's priority populations.

31. In 2010, Ordinance 16897 established the King County Strategic Plan. In 2015, the King County council passed Motion 14317 updating and revising King County's vision, mission, guiding principles and goals. Included within the county's goals are improving the health and well-being of all people in King County, increasing access to quality housing that is affordable to all, implementing alternatives to divert people from the criminal justice system and ensuring that county government operates efficiently and effectively and is accountable to the public. The guiding principles set out by the county's strategic plan provide a framework to guide the county's actions: "address the root causes of inequities to provide equal access for all; engage with partners, community and public and private organizations to achieve goals; align support, policy and operational goals of King County government; and provide effective, efficient local governance and services to unincorporated areas."

32. In 2010, the county adopted Ordinance 16948 establishing definitions and implementation steps for the county's work related to equity and social justice to achieve the "fair and just" principle. King County applies the principles of equity and social justice to eliminate racially and ethnically disparate health and human services outcomes in King County. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy supports community-led and community-informed organizations that are reflective of and embedded in the communities they serve, advances equitable access to levy resources for community providers and communities, and ensures that investments are focused on communities that have been impacted by historic and ongoing inequity, discrimination, isolation and lack of resources. Equity and social justice shall continue to guide the council and the executive in the process of designing, administering, and evaluating the policies and programs related to the renewed veterans, seniors and human services levy, if it is approved by voters.

33. It is the intent of the county that over the course of the six-year levy the majority of levy proceeds expended to build capital facilities under authority of this ordinance shall be for low-income households. Specific low-income threshold levels are defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or its successor agency and vary according to household size.

34. It is the intent of the county to continue to strengthen the human services network to ensure that services supported by a renewed veterans, seniors and human services levy are integrated and working together as a complete system that is responsive to communities seeking access or support in navigating resources.

35. It is the intent of the county to continue, without interruption, critical regional health and human services to veterans, military servicemembers and their families, seniors and other persons in King County from the 2018-2023 levy; to provide substantial investments in housing stability; and to engage in planning activities until the new implementation plan is adopted in accordance with section 7 of this ordinance.

36. The 2018-2023 veterans, seniors and human services levy will expire at the end of 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "Caregiver" means a person who cares for or supervises another person who requires care or supervision due to disability, chronic illness or a need for support in activities of daily living. "Caregiver" includes individuals providing care for a family member or someone with whom they have an ongoing personal relationship independent of their caregiver roles.

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B. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes for the specific purposes and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.

C. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy and any interest earnings on the moneys and the proceeds of any interim or other financing following authorization of the levy.

D. "Limit factor" for purposes of calculating the levy limitations in RCW 84.55.010, means one hundred three and one-half percent.

E. "Military servicemember" means a person who is serving as either an active duty, national guard member or a reservist member of the United States armed forces.

F. "Priority populations" means veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, and resilient communities.

G. "Regional health and human services" means a wide range of those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote outcomes relating to healthy living, housing stability, financial stability, social engagement, service system improvement and service system access to meet basic human needs and promote healthy living and healthy communities including, but not limited to:

1. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote housing stability or that contribute to making homelessness rare, brief and one-time by creating housing, preserving or modifying existing housing, or supporting persons in gaining or maintaining housing, including an assistance program to support persons who qualify to apply for a property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.381;

2. Those health care and health promotion services, programs and operations that encourage healthy lifestyles and wellness, support food security, promote healthy aging, support recovery, reduce unintentional injury, support survivors of gender-based violence, promote suicide prevention efforts, and improve physical and behavioral health for individuals and families including, but not limited to, substance use disorder initiatives such as public awareness campaigns, substance use disorder professional workforce resilience, or peer navigators and upstream mental health care such as counseling and other therapeutic services;

3. Those services, programs and operations that address and support efforts to address firearm violence intervention and injury prevention to promote safe and thriving communities;

4. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote social engagement and community building, such as senior centers for individuals and groups in culturally, geographically, economically or linguistically isolated communities, and for others, such as seniors experiencing or at risk of social isolation and its health-harming effects;

5. Those services and programs that promote financial stability or financial mobility, including access to, preparation for, and assistance in, gaining or maintaining employment, income, education and financial literacy, including an assistance program to support persons who qualify to apply for a property tax exemption under RCW 84.36.381;

6. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that promote and support diversion away from the criminal legal system and its impacts, and services and programs that assist individuals recovering from the effects of their involvement with the criminal legal system, including services that promote restorative justice or returning to community after incarceration or detention, such as services aimed at supporting criminal legal system-involved individuals to attain or retain housing;

7. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that improve or expand the delivery of health and human services, improve health and human services system access and navigability, reduce or prevent the disparate or traumatic effects of systems upon resilient communities, build the capacity of communities to partner with King County and build the capacity and support the operations of health and human services providers to serve their clients and communities, including strategies to promote retention, recruitment and pay of high quality service providers;

8. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that improve or expand the delivery of civil legal aid to veterans, seniors and resilient communities;

9. Those services and programs that promote, encourage and support employment opportunities for veterans and military servicemembers, including employment opportunities in King County government such as the veterans internship program, a version of which has also been known as the Vets 4 HIRE

program established by Ordinance 17450;

10. Those services and programs for veterans and military servicemembers involved with the criminal legal system, including assessment and referral to behavioral health services, housing resources, and other social service supports;

11. Those services, programs and capital facilities that further a goal of allowing seniors to age in place and enjoy a high quality of life in their own homes or where they reside;

12. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that provide education and workforce development and training for resilient communities; and

13. Those services, programs, operations and capital facilities that mitigate and offset the impacts of gentrification, including geographic displacement, on resilient communities.

H. "Regional impact initiatives" means those regional health and human services that provide or support responses to issues that affect all three of this levy's priority populations and which regional health and human services can help address such as, but not limited to, nonprofit health and human services workforce stability, language access, responding to the regional homelessness crisis or addressing community safety.

I. "Resilient communities" means persons or communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes due to systemic and historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination, disability or chronic illness. Examples of resilient communities include, but are not limited to: communities of color; immigrant and refugee communities; persons with disabilities; survivors of domestic violence and other gender-based violence; persons who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex or asexual; and survivors of human trafficking.

J. "Senior" means a person who is at least fifty-five years old.

K. "Substance use disorder initiative" means those regional health and human services that provide or support responses to issues relating to substance use disorders and recovery from substance use disorders.

L. "Technical assistance and capacity building" means assistance for providers of regional health and human services responding to requests for proposals or assistance to implement, improve, or expand their delivery of regional health and human services in King County.

M. "Veteran" means a person who has served as either an active duty, national guard member or a reservist member of the United States armed forces.

SECTION 2. Levy submittal. To provide necessary moneys to fund, finance or refinance the purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2024, at a rate not to exceed \$0.10 per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. The dollar amount of the levy in the first year shall be the base upon which the maximum allowable levy amounts in years two through six (2025 – 2029) shall be calculated. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, the levy shall be a regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor as defined in section 1 of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited into a dedicated subfund of the veterans, seniors and human services levy fund, or its successor.

SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures.

A. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, the sums from the first year's levy proceeds as are necessary may be used to provide for the costs and charges incurred by the county that are attributable to the election.

B. After the amount authorized in subsection A. of this section, the remaining levy proceeds shall be divided in the following proportions and used for the following purposes:

1. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate regional health and human services for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families;
2. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate regional health and human services for seniors and their caregivers and to promote healthy aging in King County;
3. Thirty percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate regional health and human services for resilient communities;

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4. Ten percent of levy proceeds shall be used to plan, provide, administer and evaluate regional impact initiatives and technical assistance and capacity building, of which at least ten percent of the levy proceeds identified in this subsection B.4. shall be used to support technical assistance and capacity building;

5. At least twenty-five percent of the levy proceeds described in this subsection B., including a portion from the thirty percent of levy proceeds to support each of the three priority populations identified in subsection B.1. through 3. of this section and a portion from the ten percent of levy proceeds to support regional impact initiatives identified in subsection B.4. of this section, shall be used to support those regional health and human services that promote housing stability; and

6. Levy proceeds may be used to mitigate the levy's impact on metropolitan park districts, fire districts or public hospital districts in King County to the extent their levies may be prorated, as mandated by RCW 84.52.010 and to the extent the levy was a demonstrable cause of the prorating and only if the county council has authorized the expenditure by ordinance. Metropolitan park districts, fire districts or public hospital districts receiving levy proceeds shall use the proceeds for the purposes stated in subsection B.1. through 4. of this section.

SECTION 5. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with the primary election on August 1, 2023, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the director of elections in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

PROPOSITION ___: The King County Council passed Ordinance ____ concerning replacement of an expiring veterans, seniors and human services levy. If approved, this proposition would fund capital facilities and services for veterans, servicemembers, and their families; seniors and caregivers; and resilient communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability outcomes. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2024 at \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the 2024 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases by 3.5% in 2025-2029; and exempt eligible seniors, veterans and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:

Approved? ____

Rejected? ____

SECTION 6. Governance.

A. If the levy is approved by the qualified electors of the county, the King County veterans, seniors and human services levy advisory board shall continue to serve in its capacity in accordance with K.C.C. 2A.300.540 now existing or hereafter amended.

B. Beginning in 2025, the executive shall provide an online annual report to the council and community which shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The levy's fiscal and performance management and accomplishments during the previous calendar year;
2. The expenditure of levy proceeds by result area by ZIP Code in King County; and
3. The number of individuals receiving levy-supported services by result area by ZIP Code in King County of where the individuals reside at the time of service.

SECTION 7. Implementation planning.

A. Contingent upon voter approval of the ballot proposition described in section 5 of this ordinance, and by no later than October 31, 2023, the executive shall transmit for council review and adoption by ordinance an implementation plan for the veterans, seniors and human services levy. The implementation plan shall:

1. Describe the forecasted expenditure of levy proceeds to achieve results related to the levy's five result areas of housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, service system improvement and service system access for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities, and regional impact initiatives, consistent with the eligible expenditures described in section 4 of this ordinance;

2. Describe the planned portion of levy proceeds for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities and regional impact initiatives to fund those regional health and human services that promote housing stability as required in section 4.B.5. of this ordinance;

3. Identify and describe the levy strategies to stabilize the nonprofit regional health and human services workforce;

4. Identify and describe the levy strategies to expand access to counseling or other behavioral health services, including for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families and seniors and their caregivers who are not otherwise sufficiently served through community behavioral health providers;

5. Identify and describe measurable results expected across each of the levy's five result areas for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families, seniors and their caregivers, resilient communities and regional impact initiatives due to the expenditure of levy proceeds;

6. Identify and describe a regular performance monitoring framework that will be used to assess and report on how well the veterans, seniors and human services levy is achieving those results identified and described in section 7.A.5. of this ordinance, including how the results will be evaluated for geographic distribution;

7. Describe how the veterans, seniors and human services levy program-specific performance monitoring and reporting will be coordinated with performance monitoring and reporting on other dedicated human services funds such as the best starts for kids fund and the mental illness and drug dependency fund;

8. Make recommendations for any refinements to the levy's governance described in section 6.A. of this ordinance and transmit separately for council review and adoption any applicable ordinances that would accomplish the recommended changes upon the effective date of those ordinances; and

9. Describe how the executive shall make each online annual report described in section 6.B. of this ordinance digitally available to all councilmembers, to all members and alternate members of the regional policy committee, or its successor, and to the public.

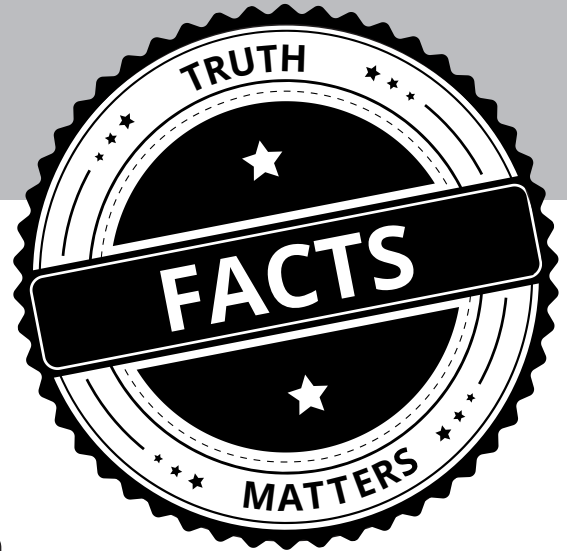
B. Until the council adopts by ordinance the implementation plan referenced in subsection A. of this section, subject to appropriation, levy proceeds may only be expended to continue existing levy-supported services into 2024 and consistent with the veterans, seniors and human services levy implementation plan adopted by Ordinance 18768.

SECTION 8. Exemption. The additional regular property taxes authorized by this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW 84.36.381.

SECTION 9. Ratification and confirmation. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the county council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the primary election on August 1, 2023, and any other act consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 10. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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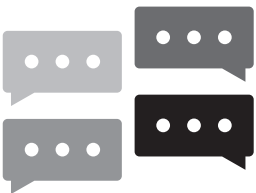
Question the source.

Whether you see something confusing online or hear it from a friend, family member, or colleague, take a moment to find out where the information came from. Learning whether the source is known and trusted can help you figure out whether the information is true.



Think critically.

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Seek diverse opinions.

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