

November 7, 2023 General and Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

vote!

 Your ballot will arrive by October 23

206-296-VOTE (8683) | kingcounty.gov/elections



one thing your
ELECTION WORKERS
want you to know...

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We can easily solve most issues by phone or email - no need to come by in person! - when voters provide us contact information. We can also quickly let them know if there is an issue with their signature.

Payton C.
Voter Services Lead



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We're committed to making voting easier and more accessible! We review every process and interaction after every election to continually improve, and make registering to vote and returning your ballot easier.

Steve B.
Ballot Collection &
Logistics Supervisor



"
Ballot alerts let our voters know - in close to real-time - where their ballot is in the process. We are so proud to be able to bring this service to our voters. We hope to see everyone sign up for ballot alerts!

Asera K.
Master Applications Developer



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Data helps us make decisions that will make the biggest impact for the most voters. And, we never forget that behind that data are the voters that we serve.

Katrina S.
Geographic Information
Systems Specialist

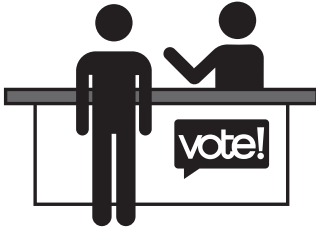


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It's so empowering to be able to vote in the language that works best for you. You can get your ballot in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, or Vietnamese. We also have staff that speak those languages fluently and can answer questions or talk through the process. ¡Mi nombre es Kathy, ¿cómo le puedo ayudar?!

Kathy S.
Assistant to the Director



We're Here to Help!



- 206-296-VOTE (8683)
1-800-325-6165
TTY Relay: 711
- elections@kingcounty.gov
- kingcounty.gov/elections



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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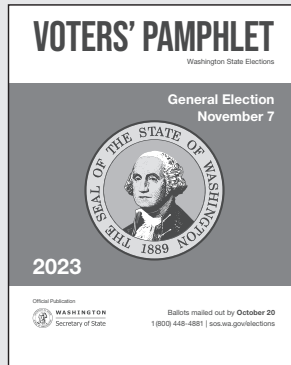
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You will receive two voters' pamphlets

In addition to this voters' pamphlet, you will receive one from the Secretary of State. If you didn't receive a State Pamphlet, call 1-800-448-4881.



Spread the word!

You can receive ballots, voting materials, and correspondence in Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese. See page 7 to learn more.



Visit a Vote Center

Need in-person help? Voters who need assistance can use 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;
- 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 General election, register online by October 30.



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 October 30.



In person

Register in person at one of our Vote Centers through **Election Day, November 7**. 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, October 18 – 27, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Weekdays, October 30 – November 3, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, November 7, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue	Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Ave NE, 98004	Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Federal Way	Federal Way City Hall 33325 8th Ave S, 98003	Monday, November 6, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, November 7, 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.

Student Engagement Hubs

Never miss an election just because you're away from home! All public universities in Washington now offer student engagement hubs. For more detailed information on location and hours, please visit kingcounty.gov/elections/student-hubs.



University of Washington Bothell Campus


Any student registered to vote can use the online ballot marking program to access and print their ballot. Students can also drop their ballot off during hours of operation.


University of Washington Seattle Campus


Located in the Husky Union Building (HUB), the UW Seattle Student Engagement Hub will provide students an opportunity to get registered for the first time, update their registration, receive a replacement ballot, or use an assistive device. Elections staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist students as needed.


How to




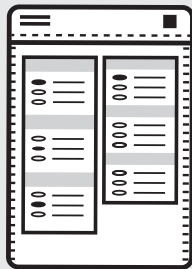
1 Read the statements in this pamphlet about the contests you're voting on. 

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 is my ballot?

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

With ballot alerts, you'll know where your ballot is during every step of the process, from mailing to counted 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.



Materials available in 7 languages!



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

Visit kce.wiki/languages to sign up.



King County Drop Boxes

Now 78 Locations!



All drop boxes close
at 8 p.m. sharp on
Election Day,
November 7th.

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

NEW Bothell Library, 18215 98th Ave NE, 98011
*The drop box formerly at Bothell City Hall has moved to the
Bothell Library.*

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
NEW Safeway - Star Lake, 28810 Military Rd 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

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

Crown Hill

 Safeway - Crown Hill, 8340 15th Ave NW, 98117

Downtown

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

List of locations continued



Fremont/Wallingford

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

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 - Building 406, 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

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.



Update your *x signature*



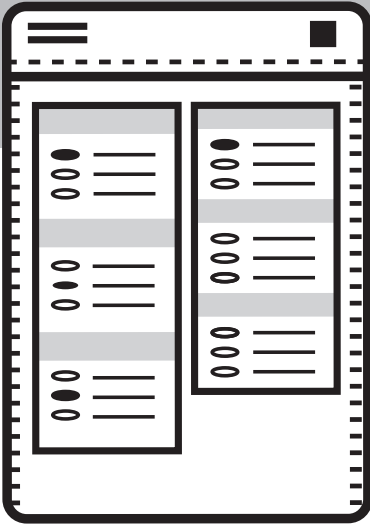
to make sure your ballot counts!

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.



Scan to learn more



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 78 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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.



Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures.

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov
Toll Free 1-877-601-2828

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

Conducted between Election Day and certification, this auditing system checks a random sample of ballots to reach statistical confidence in the results of the election.



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.

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.



Salary (2023):
\$211,795

Serves for 3 years¹ *Elected by voters in King County*

King County Assessor

Oversees assessment of residential and commercial properties in King County.



Salary (2023):
\$211,795

Serves for 3 years¹ *Elected by voters in King County*

King County Director of Elections

Conducts elections and oversees voter registration and voter education in King County.

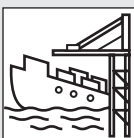


Salary (2023):
\$172,789

Serves for 3 years¹ *Elected by voters in the King County council district*

King County Councilmember

Sets policies and enacts laws, develops and adopts county budget, and oversees county services.



Salary (2023):
\$57,867

Serves for 4 years *Elected by voters in King County*

Port of Seattle Commissioner

Operates, manages, equips, and maintains the port, and establishes port policy.



Salary (2023):
Varies by city

Serves for 4 years *Elected by voters in the city*

City Mayor

Works with the city council to enact legislation. Runs the day-to-day business of the city government.



Salary (2023):
Varies by city

Serves for 4 years *Elected by voters in the city*

City Councilmember

Approves the city's budget, develops laws and policies, and oversees public services.



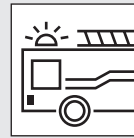
Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Serves for 4 years

School District Director/Position

Sets policies for schools, provides oversight for the operations of the school system, and represents the interests of the community on public education issues.

Elected by voters in the school district²



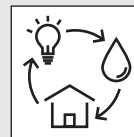
Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Serves for 6 years

Fire District Commissioner

Oversees fire services, including fire response and protection, emergency medical aid, and more.

Elected by voters in the district




Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Serves for 6 years

Utility District Commissioner

Oversees the utility district to maintain properties, conserve energy, and monitor use of different types of energy.

Elected by voters in the district




Water District Commissioner

Oversees the water district to provide clean, safe drinking water.

Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Serves for 6 years *Elected by voters in the district*

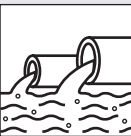


Airport Commissioner

Oversees county airports.

Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Serves for 6 years *Elected by voters in the district*

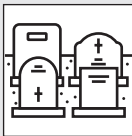


Sewer/Wastewater District Commissioner

Oversees the sewer district to keep up facilities, meet water needs, and meet environmental requirements.

Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Serves for 6 years *Elected by voters in the district*




Cemetery Commissioner

Oversees the maintenance and operation of district cemeteries.

Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Serves for 6 years *Elected by voters in the district*




Public Hospital Commissioner

Oversees hospital operations and delivers services to promote health.

Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Serves for 6 years *Elected by voters in the district*



Park District Commissioner

Develops goals, sets policies, and oversees regulation of district parks.

Salary (2023):
No annual salary

Years of service varies *Elected by voters in the district*

¹In 2022, voters approved King County Charter Amendment No. 1, moving this race to even years. After this election, this race will be decided in even years instead of odd years. As a result, the person elected in 2023 will serve for 3 years.

²In the Primary Election, Seattle School District races are voted on by the voters within each director district. In the General Election, all registered Seattle voters may vote on all Seattle School District races.



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



Assessor

John Wilson



info@wilson4assessor.com
www.electjohnwilson.com

Education: Graduated from University of Washington with dual major in journalism and political science

Occupation: Assessor, King County Department of Assessments

Statement: When King County voters elected me, I promised to be an “activist Assessor.” *I have been.* We have fought to protect senior homeowners from soaring values, make it easier to get your refund, and see how much that ballot measure is going to cost.

But more should be done. That's why I am asking for your vote again.

I'll fight for a truly fair and equitable property tax system. We're in a housing crisis. Housing affordability threatens everyone – whether homeowners, seniors, renters or small business owners. Our homeless crisis leaves women and children to sleep out on the street because there is no room in the shelter.

An “activist” Assessor can help. We've gone twice to Olympia to reform the senior and disabled property tax relief program. Now thousands of our neighbors can stay in their homes.

Responding to our homelessness crisis, we found surplus public and vacant private property, which can be used for housing solutions. We have identified the land. We should put it to use.

The housing shortage makes homes and apartments in King County so expensive. Smarter density can bring us more housing at a more affordable price. But our property tax system was never designed to handle annual assessed value increases of up to just over 50%. And while actual taxes, including those voter approved, are considerably less, in these inflationary times it literally hits home. I've been a tireless taxpayer champion. Homeowners, renters, and small businesses deserve a tax break. I'm working with Assessors statewide to save everyday people real money without gutting vital local services. I am proud to be endorsed by Democrats and Republicans, labor and business, and folks in Seattle and the suburbs. While much has been done, we must do more. I ask for your vote.



Director of Elections

Julie Wise

wise.julie@me.com
www.juliewise.com



Education: Proud Graduate of Green River Community College; Certified Washington State and National Election Administrator

Occupation: Current King County Director of Elections and 23-year election administrator

Statement: Your confidence in our elections is crucial - to me, to my team and to the future of democracy. I am committed to removing barriers to voting and work each day to ensure our elections are secure and accessible. I have spent the last 23 years as an election administrator and bring the experience and depth of knowledge needed to run successful elections for all 1.4 million voters in our county.

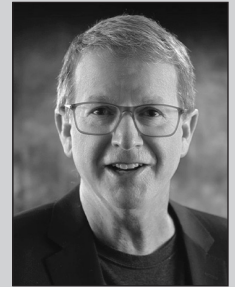
Since taking office, I have overseen more than 30 elections, earning the trust and respect of voters and colleagues from across the political spectrum. I bring a passion for fostering an inclusive and transparent democratic process. Under my leadership, both our voting system and community outreach have been modernized to enhance accessibility and voter participation. The Voter Education Fund has set a new model of community partnership by providing funds and training to community organizations doing non-partisan voter registration and education in historically marginalized communities. I've increased the number of ballot drop boxes from 10 to nearly 80 and advocated in Olympia and in D.C. to ensure every person has meaningful access to their right to vote.

I have brought in experts from the Department of Homeland Security to audit our practices and increase security. I have partnered with leaders of both political parties to ensure consistent, bipartisan oversight of our elections. We have developed an incredible team of trained, professional election administrators who work tirelessly to ensure absolutely every ballot has been counted and is accounted for.

As we move forward, I remain committed to improving our voting experience and maintaining a steadfast, transparent, and nonpartisan department. Thank you for participating in our democratic process and exercising your right to vote. I ask for your vote and your continued support as we forge a path forward together.

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Education: Central Valley HS Spokane Valley, WA. Multnomah University Portland, OR

Occupation: President at Prologue Digital Inc

Statement: Democrats, Republicans, and Independents all agree on one thing: Our elections need to be transparent, secure, and publicly verified. It's no secret that a large cross section of the voting public has questions regarding the overall election process. Doug Basler is committed to restore trust in our voting system through responsible transparency and by actively working to include citizen oversight, balanced audits of our systems and processes, and properly maintained voter registration rolls so that everyone is confident that our elections are free, fair, and verified.

Doug Basler has been a corporate business leader for many years and is uniquely qualified to lead and properly administrate the team of professionals who work at King County Elections to ensure every vote is counted exactly as the voter intended.

Election integrity is key to maintaining our citizen-led democratic republic. I am committed to be sure that every aspect of the election process is overseen with energy and professionalism so that King County Elections will be viewed nationwide as a pristine example of the way elections should be held. I will work to quickly answer public requests for information while maintaining strict voter anonymity and privacy.

If you believe that our elections are worth rigorous oversight, vote for Doug Basler.

If you believe that every legal vote should be counted exactly as the voter intended, vote for Doug Basler.

If you believe that citizen oversight is critical to maintaining the integrity of our elections, vote for Doug Basler. If you believe that elections should be transparent, secure, and publicly verified, vote for Doug Basler Please vote for Doug Basler for Director of Elections in King County.



Council District No. 2

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Education: Stanford University (B.S.), University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D.), Franklin High School

Occupation: King County Councilmember

Statement: I have the honor of representing the district that raised me. When I drive south on Rainier, it feels like I'm watching a highlight reel from my life. I catch glimpses of myself learning how to ride a bike at New Holly, playing high school basketball for Franklin, and renting movies with my family at the old Hollywood Video.

When I take that drive these days, I see all the opportunities and challenges before us in District 2. The skyrocketing cost of living is forcing people to work double shifts to pay for half the groceries. The lack of affordable homes has pushed our neighbors to live on street corners. Staffing shortages have led countless people to live in crisis without the immediate attention of first responders.

In my first four years on the Council, my team and I have led major efforts to address these problems. My office formulated and passed one of the largest investments in mental health and addiction recovery in our state's history with the Crisis Care Centers initiative. My office uplifted Skyway, leading to unprecedented investment in this neighborhood's housing, transit, and community infrastructure. My office championed the building of thousands of homes across King County by co-sponsoring Health through Housing, home ownership initiatives, Tiny House villages, the Youth Achievement Center, and more. My office passed historic tenant protections to keep people in their homes in the wake of a global pandemic. My office created new gun violence prevention strategies to reduce the shootings in key areas around the district. These are just a fraction of our efforts but much more is needed.

I am running for a second term on the King County Council to continue the work of keeping our communities safe, housed, and healthy. I hope to earn your vote.



Council District No. 4

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Education: J.D., Yale Law School; Bachelor's in Economics and History, Duke University

Occupation: Executive Director, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (2008-2023)

Statement: For the past 17 years, I have been at the forefront of the fight for immigrant rights and working to serve marginalized communities. From successfully halting deportations after Trump's travel ban to serving on the State Taskforce on Use of Deadly Force in Policing, I have consistently made a tangible impact by working alongside diverse communities to develop solutions. Now, I aim to bring this same commitment to equity and justice to the King County Council.

My vision for King County is rooted in our shared values of integrity and service. I will invest in preventative and data-driven approaches to improve public safety; climate resilience initiatives; universally affordable childcare; expanded behavioral health services; and a robust transportation system. I am determined to develop affordable and dignified housing for all and lead on comprehensive strategies to support our unhoused neighbors.

The Seattle Times: *"The challenges require bold, creative leadership from the Metropolitan King County Council. Barón has the experience, skills and passion needed to help craft policy for county government. ... Barón's experience with effecting change for marginalized communities gives him the edge in this race."*

The Stranger: *"Jorge Barón's nearly two decades of battle on behalf of immigrants, who compose nearly one quarter of King County's population, stood out above his competition. ... Vote Barón."*

My wife and I have raised our three children in Queen Anne, and are proud public school parents. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed by The Seattle Times, The Stranger, Pro-Choice Washington, Washington Conservation Action; labor unions representing healthcare, homecare, childcare, maritime, and grocery workers, among others; business and community leaders; elected officials including Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Senator Noel Frame, Representatives Liz Berry, Frank Chopp, Darya Farivar, Nicole Macri, Cindy Ryu; King County Councilmembers Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Claudia Balducci, Girmay Zahilay; and more.

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Education: Law Degree and Master's Degree in Public Administration, University of Washington; BA, Smith College

Occupation: Managing Assistant Attorney General, Washington State Attorney General's Office

Statement: I'm an Assistant Attorney General who protects vulnerable communities, stands up to opioid manufacturers, and holds polluters accountable. I've spent my 20-year public service career building coalitions and delivering results. I'm a public school mom, union member, transit rider, and 25-year District 4 neighbor running for King County Council because *we need bold and transformative action to urgently improve public safety, and make real progress on homelessness, affordable housing, transit, and climate justice.*

I'm the only candidate in this race committed to protecting our public safety budget and I'll improve staffing and upstream solutions that reduce crime and gun violence. I'll deliver on a regional plan to reduce homelessness by increasing accountability and rapidly expanding affordable housing and emergency shelter. I'll build on my work as Chair of the County Women's Advisory Board expanding services for survivors of gender-based violence, childcare, behavioral, and reproductive healthcare. I'll champion reliable and safe transit, bold climate action, and protect forests and Puget Sound. As King County faces revenue shortfalls, I'll seek progressive revenue solutions.

"Sarah is a proven progressive leader and advocate who has stood up to powerful interests and protected our environment, working people..." – Attorney General Bob Ferguson

"Sarah's track record advancing progressive policy and budget solutions, and work with communities across King County, make her the clear choice." – County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles

"Sarah will be a bold progressive leader on the Council who is unafraid to....do the real work of problem solving..." – Councilmember Girmay Zahilay

Endorsements: Washington Conservation Action; Women's Political Caucus; 36th, 46th, 32nd, County Democrats; MLK Labor Council, Machinists, Building Trades, State Employee Unions; Alliance for Gun Responsibility "Approved Candidate"; AG Ferguson; Lands Commissioner Franz; Treasurer Pellicciotti; County Councilmembers Kohl-Welles, Zahilay, Dembowski, Upthegrove, Perry, Phillips (fmr); Port Commissioners Mohamed, Calkins, Cho, Felleman. I'd appreciate your support!



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 safe, healthy, housed, and resilient. We can do this by expanding behavioral and public health systems and addressing root causes of crime and violence. We must also build workforce housing and invest in workers and small businesses through job training, accessible transit, and affordable childcare.

I started my career in community and public health and later worked to improve children's health and early learning with the Children's Alliance. At the State Labor Council, I fought for worker rights and helped lead the statewide minimum wage and sick leave initiative. On the Seattle City Council, I've built coalitions and delivered on progressive revenue, affordable housing, safety investments, small business support, and groundbreaking worker protections. At King County, I'll build on this record.

Safety and health: address gun violence, behavioral health crises, and substance abuse by increasing support for upstream investments and interventions; protect victims of abuse and crime; invest in our public health and safety workforce; and implement the new Crisis Care Levy.

Housing: improve coordination to house people in crisis without political barriers; expedite solutions and funding to grow housing; prevent displacement and sprawl; and support walkable and livable neighborhoods, helping address global warming.

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

Endorsed by: U.S. Representative Jayapal; Governor Inslee; Attorney General Ferguson; County Executive Constantine; Seattle Mayor Harrell; MLK Labor Council, SEIU, UFCW 3000, Seattle Firefighters Local 27, Seattle Building Trades; King County & 33rd, 11th, 37th, and 43rd Democrats; Pro-Choice Washington; Progreso: Latino Progress; Washington Conservation Action; WA Housing Alliance Action Fund; Women's Political Caucus; The Stranger; Alliance for Gun Responsibility "Approved Candidate"; and more!

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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, a registered nurse, and experienced legislative advocate. I'm running for King County Council because *our region's leaders need to do better*. King County should be a safe, healthy, and inclusive place. Unfortunately, some of our elected leaders have put political grandstanding before results. As your Councilmember, I will focus on proven, commonsense solutions on crime, homelessness, and public health.

As an immigrant child from the Philippines who grew up in south Seattle, I've seen firsthand our community's biggest challenges. I was fortunate to have access to quality healthcare, thanks to my mom's union. Inspired by her, I chose nursing as my profession, serving a diverse community, including those experiencing homelessness and addiction. As Mayor, I take action to prevent and address drug deaths: the fastest rising numbers in the nation. On County Council, I will focus on housing and treatment services. I will push for increased accountability from our troubled Regional Homelessness Authority.

Countywide, communities are struggling with crime. This is especially true for our most economically vulnerable neighborhoods. When people call 911, they deserve a fast, effective response. *I am the only candidate in this race who has consistently opposed defunding the police.* As Mayor, I worked to increase law enforcement staffing. On King County Council, I will deliver both commonsense reforms *and* more first responders.

King County has a lot to be optimistic about. To get there, we need leadership that's willing to take a stand for what works. You have my pledge: I'll always put results above politics. *I ask for your vote.*

Endorsements: Seattle Times (sole endorsement); Governor Gary Locke; NW Women's Political Caucus; State Representatives Orwall, Gregerson, and Former State Representative Eileen Cody; Mayors of Bellevue, Normandy Park, Renton, SeaTac, and Tukwila; business (AGC); labor; first responders; and more.



Commissioner Position No. 2

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Education: BA American University; MSc The London School of Economics

Occupation: Entrepreneur and Public Policymaker

Statement: Four years ago, I ran on a platform that committed to creating a *“port for the people.”* It was a platform based on the principle that *people* should come over politics. As soon as I was sworn in for my term in January of 2020, this was put to the test.

COVID-19 was a once-in-a-generation pandemic that truly shook the foundations of our society. We saw chaos in supply chain logistics and travel through the airport came to a screeching halt.

I’m proud that despite COVID-19, the port weathered the pandemic without laying off a single port employee and saved every small and minority dining and retail tenant at the airport from going out of business. We were able to do this because we made *principled decisions that put people first.*

Despite the pandemic, we were able to invest in the airport to get upgraded from 3 to 4-stars by Skytrax and we won “Best Airport in North America” in 2022 and 2023. We were also the only port on the west coast to add container terminal space during the pandemic. I have worked tirelessly to ensure the growth and economic prosperity of King County, promote sustainability, and combat human trafficking.

I’m asking for 4 more years because the job’s not finished. In a post-pandemic world, we must build the *“port of the future.”* A future where we create the next generation of strong family wage jobs; A future where we are the greenest port in North America; A future where we usher in new technologies such as hydrogen and offshore wind. With your support, we can build a *port of the future* that we can all be proud of.

Endorsed by over 50 local elected leaders, Seattle Building Trades, ILWU, Washington Conservation Action, King County Democrats and many others.



Commissioner Position No. 5

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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's been an honor to serve King County residents for 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 public 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 and small, minority owned businesses. My experience is needed to exercise policy direction over a fast-growing airport, homeport for Alaska cruise ships and fishing fleet, marinas, parks, and marine cargo Alliance with the Port of Tacoma.

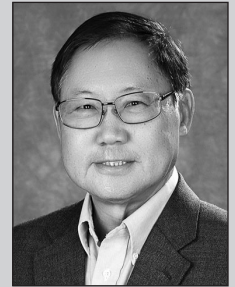
The Port generates 121,000 jobs. The airport and seaport have won customer service awards even during major construction. But Port activities also impact communities and the climate. That's why I'm leading initiatives to electrify seaport and airport operations and transition to alternative fuels for trucks, ships, and planes. I'm also working to protect parks, advance bicycle safety and Duwamish River cleanup.

I'll continue reducing the Port's carbon footprint by directing significant state and federal funding for clean energy projects; Inspiring youth to pursue Port-related careers through apprenticeships and internships; and expanding partnerships with Tribes and the Seattle Aquarium for projects from help 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: Seattle Times, The Stranger, MLK Labor Council, Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell, Governor Inslee, Attorney General Ferguson, King County Executive Constantine, County Councilmembers Balducci, Zahilay, Upthegrove, McDermott, Kohl-Welles, Dembowski, Seattle Port Commissioners Mohamed, Hasegawa and Cho, Senators Saldana and Keiser, Sierra Club, King County Democrats and Republicans, Puget Sound Pilots, Pacific Maritime Shipping Association, Planned Parenthood.

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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; Business Consultant

Statement: The port is our gateway to the world and economic engine in our region. Since 1911, it has promoted economic opportunities and quality of life by advancing trade, commerce, travel, and job creation in an accountable and responsible manner. As a resident of King County for four decades, I've experienced the port's impacts. The port has failed us; environmental issues are hurting low-income communities in South County and it's time to set a new course with integrity.

We have shared goals: *A thriving economy, a cleaner environment, increased family-wage jobs, and a fair and equitable society.* We must stop the path of mismanagement. With my extensive career in banking, finance, and real estate, I am ready to steer the port in the right direction as a steward of your hard-earned money.

As an immigrant who arrived with \$300, I've worked my way up from the mailroom to the boardroom, I've founded two Washington state community banks to create jobs for small, women- and minority-owned businesses. I am a staunch promoter of fiscal responsibility with accountability, working closely with stakeholders, labor unions, industry, and trade partners to regain trust in our port. I will promote transitioning from fossil fuels to sustainable green energy.

If elected, I will bring engaging management and open financial positions with transparency to our port community. 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.

Endorsements: 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/Seattle Councilmember Jan Drago, former Seattle Councilmember David Della. Thank you for your support.



Council Position No. 2

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Public Administration Associate of General Studies Early Childhood Education

Occupation: Nonprofit Consultant, CEO and Owner of Competent Assistance for Nonprofits

Statement: I serve on the Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership, the Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce, and the Burien Creative District. As a consultant, I help non-profit organizations start and operate successfully. I understand how much we need collaboration to tackle the challenges we face in Burien. I will bring professionalism and healthy communication to the City Council.

Once elected, I will work to ensure first responders have the resources they need to do their jobs and expand community policing, ensuring accountability and transparency. I will work to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness and support the creation of substance abuse, mental health treatment centers, and transitional housing. I will work to protect our environment, improve public transportation, and support living wages. I will also work to bring more businesses and jobs to Burien. With your support, we can build a safe, livable, and welcoming Burien for all.

Cydney Moore



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Education: C.E.R.T. Certified, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, and Lane County Community College

Occupation: Burien City Councilmember

Statement: As a councilmember, I have created affordable housing, defended workers rights, improved infrastructure (sidewalks, parks, etc.) and expanded the human services budget for healthcare, education, and assistance programs. I recognize the need to create safer neighborhoods, increase economic growth, and support underserved groups, including youth and seniors.

I remain deeply committed to our community. I currently serve on the board of four local nonprofits, and regional committees focused on environmental sustainability, public transportation, and public safety. I want to use my experience and dedication to move our city forward. Together we can build a brighter future for Burien!

Endorsements: King County Democrats, 33rd District Democrats, MLK Labor, Highline Education Association, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, SEIU 925, IBEW Local 46, Transit Riders Union, King County Councilmembers Joe McDermott and Dave Upthegrove, Senator Karen Keiser, State Representatives Tina Orwall and Mia Gregerson, Burien City Councilmembers Sarah Moore and Hugo Garcia, and more.



Council Position No. 4

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Education: St. Francis, Aviation HS, Washington State University, Columbia, London School of Economics, Harvard Kennedy School

Occupation: Political Director, Congressman Derek Kilmer

Statement: I love serving my hometown. Growing up in Burien, I worked for local businesses to put myself through school. Now, I get to help working Burien families like my own. As your City Councilmember, I've worked hard on pandemic recovery, lower utility tax bills for seniors, and funding police and emergency services.

I'm running again because City Council needs to do better. Burien is facing challenges around gun violence and homelessness. I'll push for more first responders, treatment programs, and housing, while holding our homelessness programs and government officials accountable. I'll work to bring more living-wage jobs, and make Burien the best place to live, work, own a business, and raise a family. Together, we can build a community that's safe, prosperous, and vibrant!

Endorsed by: Congressman Adam Smith, County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, Senators Joe Nguyen and Karen Keiser, unions including Carpenters, Food & Commercial, Laborers, and neighbors across Burien.

Patricia Hudson



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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Psychology (University of Washington) Master of Arts, Management (University of Phoenix)

Occupation: Director of Human Resources and Operations, SEIU 775, Mother, Volunteer

Statement: I'm running to improve the lives of the people in Burien by working *with* you to strengthen our community *throughout the city* - celebrating our unique diversity. I will support small business development, increase housing for all, and protect our environment, with a focus on making us all safe in a city where our needs are met.

We need leaders who understand the challenges of working families, listen to your voices, and act, to find the best solutions for our city. A single mother who raised two sons in Burien; I know what it's like to struggle. My professional negotiation and conflict resolution skills uniquely prepare me to lead. I have the experience and training to be effective. I will elevate individual voices, support community, and make tough decisions.

Endorsements: KC & 33rd Democrats, Executive Dow Constantine, SEIU, Working Families Party, Senator Karen Keiser, Representatives Tina Orwall & Mia Gregerson.



Council Position No. 6

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Education: A.A. from Highline College, Sociology

Occupation: fmr Burien Councilmember, Deputy Mayor; VP Business Operations, Seattle Seawolves

Statement: I had the honor of representing Burien and its people on the Council once before. I am running again because we are sliding backwards, and our working families deserve representation by leaders who know how to collaborate with regional partners and take decisive action on issues that affect us directly: homelessness, public safety, affordable housing, and the environment.

I'm proud of my work to establish tenant protections during my previous term, and am committed to taking action on our issues rather than push problems to another city. I fully support Burien's commitment to 'lead with services' in order to shape a city where we can all feel safe, and that includes opposing efforts to criminalize homelessness instead of finding solutions.

Endorsed by: 33rd/34th LD & KC Democrats; Working Families Party; County Councilmember Joe McDermott; Burien Councilmembers Hugo Garcia & Sarah Moore; MLK Labor; Highline teachers, Burien business owners & more.

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Education: South Seattle College, School of Visual Concepts, Columbia Basin College

Occupation: Small business owner, Citlali Creativo, Burien; Wedding Officiant; Civic Volunteer

Statement: I'm running for City Council for the same reason I'm active in our community: because *I want Burien to flourish!* If you've been to any city event, you've probably seen me—serving popcorn at Drive-in Movies on 153rd, emceeing B-Town Fiesta, or serving on the Discover Burien Board.

The truth is that our City's struggling. Homelessness, crime, and drug use are out of control. People are frustrated by the Council's lack of action. *I know;* my business was broken into twice—by the same person. I was told by the police they weren't able to do anything.

I'll bring a collaborative approach to Council and real, effective, and responsible policy solutions: increasing funding for community-based policing, partnering with the County and State to increase affordable housing and mental health & addiction treatment services, and growing our local economy by supporting small businesses across the city. *I ask for your vote.*



Council Position No. 2

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Education: BA Music Wayne State University, MS Computer Science University of Michigan

Occupation: Licensed Professional Engineer, Musician

Statement: Since 2020 it's been my honor to serve on your City Council. To get there I knocked on 6,000+ doors because Des Moines is at a turning point, including *the largest public spending in history* at the Marina, Pacific Highway, Redondo, SR-509, and a huge expansion of Sea-Tac Airport. Back then residents had almost no voice in those decisions. So I've worked hard to improve transparency, accountability, and above all, give you a voice.

Together, we've accomplished some good things. We've also been able to *stop* some very bad ideas like a Hotel in the Marina Parking Lot. Together, through better oversight, we made a difference.

So I humbly ask to continue to be *your* voice. Together we can (finally) make *real* improvements in public safety, retail business, housing costs, parks and programs for kids and seniors, public outreach, customer service, and reducing the noise and pollution from the airport.

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Education: B.S. Business Administration, Griffin College, 1990; Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Association of WA Cities

Occupation: 35 years Maintenance Contractor and Property Manager

Statement: While I served on the Des Moines City Council, our city was facing bankruptcy. In response, we worked hard together alongside a new City Manager and a restructured City Administration, to bring our city into financial health, and set the stage for economic success. That's why the Des Moines Police Guild and local business owners are supporting my campaign.

I believe Des Moines would benefit from my respectful, collaborative dedication. With an uncompromising and independent approach to policymaking, I promise to bring honest deliberation to issues that matter most, including *public safety, marina redevelopment, airport impacts, economic development, and transportation.*

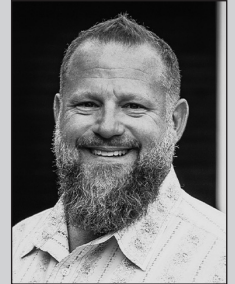
Your vote for me would bring four years of council experience to the table, and work to move Des Moines forward. I will listen to what residents have to say and encourage meaningful and transparent communication between our community and our city government. Thank you for your vote of confidence.



Council Position No. 4

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Education: Clark Community College, Highline Community College

Occupation: Construction Superintendent and City Councilmember

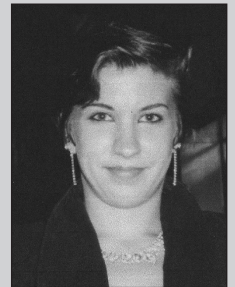
Statement: A 21yr resident and dedicated family man, my wife, Yvonne, and I live here with our daughters, Natalie 17yr & Lilah 15yr. I am a loyal community steward and an active member of multiple City and Charitable Foundation Events and Programs. I pride myself on my commitment to our Students and Seniors who suffer first and most during tough times such as the recent pandemic.

During my 10yrs on the council, I have worked to simplify processes, refine regulations & ordinances and update building & zoning codes, all in an effort to ensure safety for our residents and to attract & retain businesses & jobs in Des Moines.

My focus is to support government services that keep our community safe and running smoothly. Encourage business development and economic growth in our community. Continue to build relationships with residents and businesses to understand their concerns and ensure transparency within the community.

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Education: Highline High & the school of life - guided by Amazing Mentors

Occupation: Serial Entrepreneur, Property Management (HOAs), Construction, Renton/Riverview School Dist.

Statement: Des Moines citizens need to be able, once again, to trust our leaders. Trust that they they'll use data, not opinion, to make crucial decisions about Our future. Trust that they will be transparent and open to our concerns: that our leaders won't withhold vital information about projects such as the 100-unit, three-story hotel proposed for the middle of our Treasured Marina. Trust that our Kids' welfare, Our future, Must come first.

As a former successful business owner, I know that the Trust of My customers is Vital. Open communication is crucial & We must treat everyone equally. Businesses outside the Marina District are just as important as those within. Our leaders must care about the welfare of All kids, Seniors and the Vulnerable.

I pledge to be beholding Only to you, transparency, the law & The Truth. Trust me: It time for change! Please trust Me with your vote.



Council Position No. 6

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Education: Bachelor's in American Cultural Studies & Master's in Education, Western Washington University

Occupation: Public Safety Exams Administrator

Statement: I have spent over a decade dedicating my life to public service as a Public Safety Exams Administrator for the City of Seattle, and as a Water District Commissioner. I'm running for Des Moines City Council to cultivate a more transparent and collaborative City Council. I am deeply invested in the safety and care of Des Moines, and will work every day to uplift the voices of community members to push for a more inclusive, community-centered Des Moines.

To increase engagement in the decision-making process, we have to build relationships, trust, and communication to have a better understanding of the needs of our community. We have a lot of work to do but together we can find creative, bold, and collaborative solutions to address our toughest problems. I humbly ask for your vote.

I am proudly endorsed by City Councilmember Gene Achziger and 33rd & 30th LD Democrats!



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Council Position No. 1

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Education: Kentwood High School; B.A. Communications and Non-Profit Management, University of Washington

Occupation: Director, Content Services, Concentrix Consulting

Statement: In my first term, I earned a reputation for reading thoroughly, asking tough questions, and even stopping votes to get more information. I'm known to listen to and consider my constituents' input, and I use that input to make informed decisions and vote for what's best for our community.

I've voted to provide direct funding to struggling small businesses during COVID, to fully fund public safety while expecting greater accountability, to make public drug use illegal, and to protect green spaces by managing housing density and growth in a responsible and sensible manner.

I've also introduced and passed legislation to enhance our city's renter protections, which serves to improve the lives of our working families.

As Kent's representative on King County's Aging and Disabilities Advisory Council I bring important updates and service connections back to our senior, disabled, and caregiver communities. I'm also a busy working mom and private-sector business leader and bring these perspectives to council as well. It has been an honor serving you and the city of Kent for the past four years, and I intend to build on our past success as well as work toward improving our future. With your vote, we can succeed together.

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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.

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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.



Council Position No. 5

Bill Boyce

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Education: City University, Bachelor of Science.

Occupation: Human Resources Leader, The Boeing Company.

Statement: I have lived in Kent for over three decades and raised my four kids here. I have watched Kent grow and change during those three decades. I am very proud of what we have accomplished, but there is still more to be done.

We need continued leadership to prepare our city for the additional residents expected to come to Kent. Housing is and will continue to be an issue that we must address. I will work hard to ensure we bring affordable housing for all in our community.

I will work to continue to keep taxes low while making sure that we provide the services that our families and business need to stay in Kent for a long time. I will work to not only keep Kent safe but look towards improving our public safety and continuing to improve our community.



Council Position No. 7

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Education: Kentwood High School; B.A. American Studies, University of Washington-Tacoma, summa cum laude

Occupation: Kent City Councilmember; Business Manager, Nana's Southern Kitchen; Army Veteran

Statement: As a longtime resident, volunteer, mother, veteran, police officer spouse, and former KSD employee, I know Kent's challenges and have a proven record of advocating for our city's residents.

As your councilmember, I played a key role in transforming our police and parks departments. *Kent PD is now fully staffed* for the first time in years. KPD now has *co-responders*, connecting those in need with resources, and new recruits go through a *Community Immersion Program*. Council's also enacted new drug and camping laws. As a member of the Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee, I continue to *address public safety* in Kent. With renewed investments, our parks are winning awards and bringing vitality to our city. We now have a hugely popular space-themed park downtown. Van Doren's Landing Park combines renovated recreation with wildlife habitat restoration, and board game-themed West Fenwick Park is a regional destination for parents.

Additionally, as a member of Kent's Human Services Commission, I will continue investing in those in need, ensuring they receive mental health treatment, shelter, employment training, and basic needs support.

Let's continue moving Kent forward, ensuring Kent is the place you want to live, work, and play. *Thank you for your vote!*

Darryl Jones

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Education: California State University Hayward: Major: Computer Science, Minor: Mathematics

Occupation: Customer Service Representative for a local multi-million-dollar business

Statement: I am not a politician and will not provide a cookie cutter statement. I am a customer service professional and have been one for more than 25 years. This makes me the most qualified candidate for this position. Why? It's my job to listen and formulate solutions to resolve matters that trouble my customers. If elected, then you would all be my 'customers'.

Unlike others, I can't tell you what I'm going to do for Kent. It's because that depends on what you want me to do for Kent. I would like to reduce the number of homeless people in the city, as opposed to pushing them down by the river. I would like to examine police efficiency to see if there is a better way to provide police coverage. I also would like to see the revolving door of the criminal justice system welded shut. That is what I want, but my desires are secondary to yours.

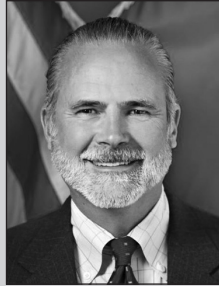
Elect me to office, tell me what *you* want, and I will advocate for *your* stated priorities. Politicians have long since stopped listening to the people, but I am not a politician.

Check my website for more information.



Mayor

Tom French



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Education: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) A.C.E.; Eckerd College, BA Management/ International Business; Shorecrest; Kellogg; Brookside

Occupation: Lake Forest Park Deputy Mayor; Strategy and Innovation Consultant

Statement: *Being Successful Together-* As your Deputy Mayor and Budget Chair, I have brought meaningful reform to city government and collaboratively tackled the City's tough issues. I will redouble these efforts as your Mayor.

Preserving the Character of LFP- I will continue to work with you to improve our code to protect the natural environment and character of LFP as we face increased density and Sound Transit expansion.

Pedestrian Safety- I will keep on advocating for reduced speeds, safer crossings and sidewalks to help mitigate the rising tide of traffic. *Championing the Environment* – I will persist in ensuring additional protections to our natural environment. With strong support from the community, I authored of one of Washington's most comprehensive plastics ordinances and facilitated the acquisition of nine acres of parkland. I would be honored with your support. Endorsements: King County Democrats, First Legislative Democrats, Humane Voters of Washington, LFP Town Crier.

Jeff R. Johnson



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Education: Arizona Automotive Institute, FBI Citizen's Academy

Occupation: Mayor of Lake Forest Park, Owner - Johnson's Auto Repair

Statement: LFP looks a bit different than it did 8 years ago when I became your mayor. We've accomplished quite a bit: Added 3 new parks; Earned safest city ratings; Installed critical culverts; Navigated COVID with no layoffs and minimal service disruption; Stabilized finances; Created a new environmental task force; Brought back community-building events

But there's still much to do: Complete more upstream culverts; Minimize the impact of Sound Transit; Develop the waterfront park property for everyone; Fund our police department and city safety; Address local environmental issues (trees, etc.)

Our city remains a destination for people and families seeking a safe and friendly place to live. My job is to keep it that way, and be there for all 13,500 of you. You should all feel safe when you go to sleep at night. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Let's continue working together to move our city forward.



Council Position No. 2

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Education: BA (summa cum laude), MS University of Pennsylvania, JD (cum laude) George Washington University

Occupation: LFP Councilmember; Executive Manager, Conservation Director, Environmental Attorney (retired)

Statement: My vision for the future of Lake Forest Park focuses on preserving our neighborhoods, environment, and quality of life, while balancing challenges of growth, transit, climate change, and affordability. I'm a dedicated supporter of our local schools and neighborhoods, and raised my family here. My professional career emphasized public service, conserving land and water, and managing large budgets. I am a communicator, collaborator, and, importantly, I get things done.

On Council, I've listened to the community and positioned LFP for the future. I've ensured wise use of city financial resources for essential services. I support enhanced streams and green spaces, affordable housing incentives, public safety improvements, zoning to guide balanced growth, and development of a climate action plan.

I will continue to work to keep LFP welcoming, safe, and green. I promise to stay transparent, listen to you, and represent your interests. I will be Your Voice on City Council.



Council Position No. 4

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Education: Studied at U. of Texas at EL Paso, Technical and Professional Development courses throughout career

Occupation: Property Management, Engineering - Retired

Statement: I'm asking for your trust and vote. I will serve as a fiduciary and defend property rights. I will not ignore you.

Over the last decade I have witnessed the gradual degradation of governance including the Public Schools. *Woke* politicians, administrators and academics are engaged in social engineering, some dedicated to the corruption of school children. Agendas such as CRT, ESG, DEI, ESJ, BLM, Antiracism, LGBTQ+, Trans Affirming, Equity and Marxist ideology are being indoctrinated into the workplace and schools. American virtues and values are under attack. My concerns have fallen on deaf ears.

I campaigned against the City's Prop 1 in Nov. 2000 and again in Nov. 2021. The City's initiatives failed decisively. The City's arrogance of silence was deafening. My public service career spanning 48 years was with the City of Seattle, King County and the State of Washington. My expertise included Real Property Admin./Mgmt. and Engineering.

Ellyn Saunders

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Education: Associate Degree in Nursing, Shoreline Community College

Occupation: Registered Nurse, University of Washington Medical Center

Statement: Dear Lake Forest Park residents,

I have lived in Lake Forest Park for 17 years with my husband, Brian, where we have raised our twins. I am an active community volunteer with the arts, education, LFP Stewardship Foundation and have served on the PTA Board of Directors.

The past 3 years of my 25-year nursing career have been the most challenging, yet the most enlightening as it has taught me the significance of being an advocate. I am running for City Council because I am passionate about serving all the people of our community and want to work together to find solutions that are equitable and environmentally sound. I care deeply about our community and specifically ensuring we have safe streets and sidewalks, clean and accessible parks, affordable housing, and mental health support. I know we can solve our challenges together while maintaining our beautiful environment and quality of life.



Council Position No. 6

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Occupation: Owner Direct Sales, Johnson Controls; Owner, Sheridan Market

Statement: Lake Forest Park is our home. When the Sheridan Market closed in 2017, we invested our life savings in purchasing the Market to preserve its unique place in local history and re-establish it as a place for our community to meet and connect with one another.

With a keen eye on fiscal responsibility and accountability, I will work diligently to protect our unique environment, watershed, and tree canopy; to maintain and improve our parks, streets, and sidewalks; develop housing policies that balance population density with the unique character of our community. And, for this to work, there must be solid alignment between the city council and city administration.

These are real challenges that require hard decisions, prioritization, and tradeoffs. If elected, my promise is this: the beneficiaries of this challenging work will be, first and foremost, the citizens of our community. That is my promise to you.

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Education: Shoreline School District, Shoreline Community College, University of Washington Major: Environmental Studies/ Minor: Marine Biology

Occupation: Licensed Realtor Keller Williams Greater Seattle, affordable housing landlord

Statement: As your councilmember, I will champion equity, protect biodiversity, advocate for safe streets and low-impact development that preserves character, beauty, and quality. My passion is community building, centered around meaningful outreach to both active residents and less engaged communities in need of a seat at the table. To go beyond discussion into action, I host community picnics and festivals, advocate for individuals experiencing disability and low-income, and educate on advocacy.

I love living in Lake Forest Park with biodiverse ecosystems, splendid open spaces, parks, and phenomenal volunteers. We must support and improve on these admirable qualities, work diligently for outside funds, to maximize impacts of City expenditure and ensure our City's active waterfront park rapidly becomes a natural treasure.

Proudly endorsed by our 1st Legislative District Democrats and LFP Councilmember Semra Riddle among others. The most important endorsement I seek is yours! I would appreciate your vote this November.



Council Position No. 1

Sheri Healey



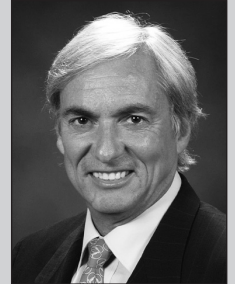
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Education: Art Institute of Seattle - Marketing & Merchandising
Occupation: Small Business Owner, Retired Non-Profit Behavior Health Executive Director
Statement: Normandy Park has been my home for over 30 years and holds a special place in my heart. Together with my husband, we have raised our two daughters here and I am deeply invested in the welfare of this community. As a small business owner, I understand the challenges and opportunities which have strengthened my commitment to fostering a thriving business environment for all.
 Being appointed to the City Council last fall has been an honor. Working alongside other dedicated council members and city staff has been a rewarding experience. I am committed to preserving our unique community spirit, ensuring that Normandy Park's strong values and culture remain intact. By engaging in open dialogues, we can strike a balance between progress and preservation, building a sustainable future for generations to come.
 Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve this incredible community.



Council Position No. 3

Shawn McEvoy



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Occupation: Construction Specialist, Small Business Owner, Real Estate Broker
Statement: It's been an honor and a privilege to represent our values and views for nearly 20 years as Councilmember - five of these as your Mayor. We've faced many challenges, fought hard, and managed to protect and preserve this wonderful City and Community.
 Our financial standing is excellent and we have a strong Strategic Reserve fund now. Our roads and infrastructure are well maintained and we have a good plan to keep it that way. Our Police force is up to strength now. It is well funded and doing a great job. In short, our City is Safe, Clean and Green.
 There is still much to do. We must develop strategies so that locally owned and operated businesses can thrive and therefore contribute to our tight budget. We need to find a sustainable alternative to the Levy Lid Lifts. I look forward to energetically serving again as your Councilmember.



Council Position No. 5

Jack Lamanna

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Education: Bachelor's Business Management

Occupation: sr. project manager

Statement: I live in Normandy Park for the quality of life and the amazing community that is here. As a husband and father with parents also living in Normandy Park, it has given me a unique viewpoint on the challenges cities face in King County. Maintaining the character, safety, and way of life we enjoy is my mandate. Driving the right kind of businesses to our city and the right kind of growth is a critical concern for me.

I have had the pleasure of serving as an appointed member of the council and have not taken that responsibility lightly. I pledge to keep bringing community voices forward and make practical decisions to support all generations living and thriving in Normandy Park. Decisions I make on your behalf will always be guided by the impact this will have on you today and tomorrow. Thank you for your vote.



Council Position No. 7

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Education: BA Education, MA Teaching Language Arts- NelU, Certificate of Municipal Leadership

Occupation: Educator, Child/Youth Advocate, Public Servant, Volunteer, Life-long Learner

Statement: Thanks for trusting me as your Normandy Park Council representative. It has been a great pleasure to serve the Council as Mayor since 2020. I'm proud of all we've accomplished together in that time including pivoting during the pandemic, elegantly transitioning new key staff, eliminating debt, increasing our credit rating, financing an 11 member Police Department, establishing significant contingency funds and a building fund that positions us well for a future City Hall. We've celebrated our city's 70th anniversary, unveiled a new logo, purchased new street signs, acquired park property, achieved Tree City USA status, added quality Commissioners to our Arts, Parks, and Planning Commissions, and shared the journey through our City Scene magazine. As we look ahead, my approach remains one of balancing practical, time-tested values, and treasured traditions with forward-thinking concepts that ready us all to embrace a thriving future together. I'd love to continue moving us forward!



Mayor

Armondo Pavone



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Education: Attended Shoreline Community College, Graduate of Renton High School
Occupation: Current Mayor of Renton, Co-Owner of The Melrose Grill
Statement: As a lifelong Renton resident and local business owner, I've served our community for more than 35 years. It's been an honor to help build an inclusive city where more people have a voice in our government. I've worked with business and community leaders to create more affordable housing options, and we've reversed homelessness trends in our city. We've made investments in public safety by hiring 20 police officers who secure our neighborhoods. We're revitalizing our downtown core and have thriving public spaces for our residents. We've balanced budgets while working hard to recover from the pandemic. I'm running for re-election because I am committed to finishing the important work we started to keep Renton a place where everyone is welcome and has a high quality of life. Serving as your mayor's been an honor, and I hope to earn your support for another term.

Kim Monroe Bass



Education: Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Youngstown State University
Occupation: Product Manager for Neilsen Media
Statement: Renton is a bold, dynamic, and diverse city that deserves a leader that will listen to all of the community in order to drive growth and equity. I want to set a place at the table for all the people of Renton at City Hall, and I am passionate in ensuring we have safety at home and in public spaces so we can do that. I am a single mother with two kids who graduated from Hazen, I was PTSA President, volunteered for Planned Parenthood an ally to the LGBTQ+ community. I am ia founding member of the Renton's Moms Demand Action. I work as a Product Manager, keeping multiple projects on the rails, and I built a career in Radio for many decades. Let's make Renton the best city to live in; let's work together to make a difference. I ask for your vote on November 7.



Council Position No. 3

Valerie O'Halloran



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Education: Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership from Association of Washington Cities; Senior Finance Systems Analyst, Retired
Occupation: President, Renton City Council; Chair, Renton Fire Authority Governance Board
Statement: It is no secret that our beautiful city has been impacted by regional problems. As Council President I am fully invested in making life better and safer for Renton. I have listened and worked full time for you on many issues including public safety, climate change, transportation, housing, economic opportunity, senior security, and equity. My 30+ years of finance experience have been put to good use ensuring your tax dollars are spent effectively. I am committed to sustainable budgets that provide the quality services you deserve. I serve on several regional committees to ensure that decisions impacting our life in Renton meet our needs. I believe working together is key to finding solutions. I humbly ask for your vote. Endorsements: Mayors Pavone and Law (former); Councilmembers Alberson, Perez, Prince; Renton Firefighters; Community Leaders Jason Parker, Teodoro Rodriguez, Mary Clymer, Pam Miller; KC Democrats, LIUNA; Rep Hackney; more on my website.

Erica J. Conway



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Education: Virginia Union University BA, Sociology w/minor in Criminal Justice. Lindbergh High School.
Occupation: King County Superior Court, Criminal Department Supervisor.
Statement: Renton is in need of positive change. As a long time resident, I've dedicated my life to advocating for improvements in our city, and I believe there is always a way to solve our greatest challenges. They can be solved by working collaboratively with and centering impacted communities like seniors, veterans, small businesses, and marginalized populations. As a supervisor at KC Superior Court, I serve the public with impartiality, managing organizational logistics and creating workplace policies. On the Police's Chief Community Council, I apply my lived experience to build bridges between our community and officers for a holistic public safety approach that works for everyone. I'm committed to finding innovative solutions for expanding workforce housing options. We can address the rise of homelessness through compassion, accountability, and community support. Together, we can make a positive difference for our community. Endorsements: 11th LD & KC Democrats, Rep. David Hackney, and more!



Council Position No. 4

Ryan McIrvin

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Education: Bachelor's of Arts in Politics/Philosophy/Economics and Communications, Western Washington University

Occupation: Renton Councilmember; Director of Government and Community Relations, UW Bothell

Statement: Ryan is a proven leader who has represented you on council since 2016. He has 18+ years' experience working in government and community advocacy.

When passing City and Fire Authority budgets, Ryan has consistently prioritized law enforcement training and public safety resources needed to improve safety in our neighborhoods. Representing Renton on regional affordable housing and transportation committees, Ryan worked to plan for and fund the creation of affordable housing and focus future growth around transit and employment hubs. Ryan is a champion for outdoor recreation and natural spaces and has supported improvements in our parks and regional trails network as well as funded salmon habitat and floodplain restoration projects.

Endorsements: Renton Firefighters IAFF Local 864; Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton Councilmembers Ruth Pérez, Ed Prince, Valerie O'Halloran, Carmen Rivera; Renton School Board Directors Avanti Bergquist and Alisa Louie; State Representative Steve Bergquist; King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove & more!

Sanjeev Yonzon

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Education: Bachelor's Degree, Education

Occupation: Small Business Owner; Former Civil Contractor; Former Educator

Statement: I'm a small business owner, education leader, and father focused on safe and healthy communities, affordability, and creating opportunity.

Public Safety: As a Regional Fire Authority Civil Service Commissioner, I work to ensure training and resources for first responders. On the Council, I'll coordinate with law enforcement, service providers, and community leaders to improve response times, reduce crime, and achieve long-term safety.

Endorsed: Councilmember Marcie Palmer, *fmr*.

Economic Vitality: As a small business owner, I understand post-pandemic and public safety challenges. On the Council, I'll apply my experience to improve conditions for local businesses, foster workforce development, and spur investment in our region. **Endorsed:** Diane Dobson, *Small Business Leader*

Sustainable Renton: I've helped pass investments in our schools, safety, and infrastructure. I'll apply this experience on Council to expand affordability, improve transit and roadways, and preserve parks and open spaces.

Endorsed: Aerospace Machinists 751; SEIU Healthcare 1199NW; Carpenters Unions



Council Position No. 5

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Education: Franklin High School, Washington State University

Occupation: Executive Director, Washington State Commission on African American Affairs

Statement: Twelve years ago you honored me by allowing me to serve as your representative. My priorities are the same as they were when you elected me:

Public Safety: Support resources for our police and fire so they can keep our neighborhoods safe.

Growth: Plan for smart growth that protects the character of our neighborhoods while providing options for affordable housing. Quality of life: Continue to provide first class services to our seniors, youth, and vulnerable populations. I continue to be a voice for Renton regionally. I was elected President of the Sound Cities Association. I have been elected to the board of the Association of Washington Cities and I have been working with leaders across King County to find solutions to the gun violence plaguing our communities. Endorsements include: Renton Firefighters, Laborers Local 242, and the Affordable Housing Council. more endorsements are listed at www.edprinceforrenton.com. I appreciate your vote!

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Education: Renton High School; Bachelors, University of Washington; Masters, Seattle University; Doctorate, University of Southern California

Occupation: Renton Arts Commissioner; Educator; Non Profit Program Manager

Statement: In this crucial election, Renton deserves a leader with unwavering judgment and a clear vision for progress—qualities that define my commitment to service. Several questionable decisions by our Council have jeopardized Renton's future Sound Transit funding and neglected our own human service and security needs. I will prioritize Renton's well-being.

I bring over 12 years of invaluable experience in non-profit and government sectors, complemented by 15 years in the private sector and 20 years of community leadership, including membership in Rotary, Save the Cedar River, and the Renton Chamber of Commerce. I will *fortify public safety, fervently advocate for improved human services, while enriching our parks, public art and public works* that define the heart and soul of Renton.

I ask for your vote on election day. I look forward to working with you to make decisions that steer our city towards a better future, and a stronger Renton.



Council Position No. 7

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Education: BAs, Sociology and Law, Societies, & Justice, University of Washington; JD, University of Dayton

Occupation: Renton Councilmember, Small Business Owner, Judge Advocate General, and Attorney

Statement: As a refugee, I want everyone to have access to the American Dream. As a RTC Foundation Board Member, I've expanded access to apprenticeships and careers. As a PTA leader, Rotarian, Scouts mom, and community leader, I've worked tirelessly for healthy, thriving kids and families.

On council, I've led on *public safety for all* investing in officers and training, funding mental health navigators and the Downtown Patrol Unit. I've *prioritized Renton kids, seniors, and veterans, and economic opportunities for local businesses*, leading on affordability, protecting our Cedar River and open spaces, and serving neighbors in need. I would be honored to earn your continued support.

Endorsed: Renton Firefighters, Aerospace Machinists, MLK Labor, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Congressman Smith, Executive Constantine, Fmr CM Gossett, Fmr Superintendent Gibbons, Senator Hasegawa, Estela Ortega, Steve Randolph, Veterans Stephen "Dutch" Deutschman and Martin Tamayo, Sandra Bensley, Dr. Linda Smith, Mark St. Peter, democrats!

Randy Corman

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Education: Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering, University of California, Davis; Continuing City and Boeing training

Occupation: Retired Boeing Engineering Manager and former Renton City Council Member

Statement: Renton needs experienced leadership. I have a strong record on community safety, and I delivered outstanding results as Council Member and six-time Council President. I'll improve access to rehabilitation services, move people indoors, enhance police funding, reduce traffic, get Renton light-rail, protect our environment, and deliver cost-effective solutions.

While on Council I drove major improvements in public safety, including hiring additional police officers and social workers. I prioritized production of affordable housing, assisting hundreds of families. I advocated for Renton regionally. I led in adding parks, trails and amenities including Henry Moses Aquatic Center and the Eastrail rail-trail. I helped bring new businesses, including IKEA, The Landing and Seahawks. I embraced our rich diversity by implementing measurable programs of inclusion and equity that remain a model nationwide.

Endorsements: Mayor Pavone, most Renton Council Members, former Mayor Denis Law, retired Fire Chief Wheeler, Nancy Sivitilli, Steven Vargas, Camila Lagow, many more!



Council Position No. 1

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Education: University of Washington; Masters, Education Policy & Leadership, B.S, Speech/Hearing Sciences, B.A, Early Childhood Education

Occupation: Deputy Mayor, Councilmember City of SeaTac; Program Manager, King County

Statement: As your Deputy Mayor, my goal is to create a safe, accessible, and welcoming community. Throughout my term, I made *real* progress for SeaTac. I increased access to affordable housing and spearheaded public safety initiatives, such as the life jacket station at Angle Lake and a business watch program. I focused on making our communities more walkable, livable, and inviting.

During the pandemic, I led workforce development initiatives to increase access to family-wage jobs and secured grants for human services and local businesses, *all while maintaining a healthy city budget and without increasing your city taxes*. I understand the challenges residents face. SeaTac needs leadership that listens and values different perspectives. Together, we can make SeaTac stronger, safer, and more welcoming. I hope to earn your vote.

Endorsements: King County Democrats, 33rd District Democrats, National Women's Political Caucus of Washington, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, Teamsters Local Union No.117, Highline Education Association.

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Education: Highline Public Schools, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Training, Agility Training, Human Centered Design

Occupation: Director of Operations; Director of Transformation; Program Manager, Operations Technology

Statement: As a third-generation SeaTac resident, I want to see our community thrive and reach its full potential. I want to give back, to my children and yours.

With three decades of professional experience managing organizations, from a small local shop to today, where my work impacts hundreds of thousands worldwide, I understand what's needed to implement change. I've spent 20 years leading major corporations in transformation. People are at the heart of every change, and SeaTac residents and neighbors want enhanced neighborhood security and improved public safety. Change is never easy, but it is possible. Bringing people together and creating change is what I do best; it's what I've brought to every job I've ever held, and it's what I will bring to SeaTac if elected.

Peter Kwon convinced me to run for City Council to continue improvements and enhance positive transformations in SeaTac. Please give me that chance.



Council Position No. 3

Peter Kwon

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Education: Network Services and Computing Systems, Bellevue Community College, University of Washington, Certificate of Municipal Leadership

Occupation: Systems Engineer, Public Servant, Volunteer

Statement: Thank you for sizable victories in prior elections as Councilmember. I'm humbled by your trust, yet proud of making SeaTac a welcoming place where everyone can thrive. People now choose SeaTac *because* we have a diverse, inclusive community.

For over a decade I've listened compassionately and delivered real solutions, reducing both crime and hunger. Starting with the locking mailbox program, recovering revenue from the airport, increasing funding for public safety and human services, making improvements to parks, roadways, and sidewalks, all without increasing city taxes. SeaTac is now the most affordable in King County. Holding weekly coffee chats and pizza nights, connecting neighbors, opening dialogues, and forging new relationships. I love SeaTac and I love bringing people together.

I'm truly non-partisan, with endorsements spanning the political spectrum, including your neighbors, local businesses, and community leaders. We should be free from partisan bickering and keep SeaTac independent. Please trust me again.

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Education: Masters of Social Welfare, University of California- Berkeley; Bachelors, Montana State University

Occupation: Learning Experience Designer, Amazon (2022-Present); Social Worker (2009-2022)

Statement: SeaTac is growing and evolving, and we have an opportunity to create a welcoming community where everyone thrives. My wife and I chose SeaTac as our home because we found a diverse, accepting community. As a social worker by trade, I face problems by tackling their root causes; I'll bring this leadership style to the Council.

I'll boost our local economy with policies that strengthen our small businesses and prioritize union labor for city projects. I'll increase neighborhood safety by addressing crime and community violence head on. I'll expand affordable housing by incentivizing developers and landlords. I'll protect our local environment by ensuring responsible development that supports our neighborhood infrastructure, preserving greenspaces, and working with the FAA to reduce airport pollution and noise.

I'm proud to be supported by MLK Labor and King County Democrats. I'm committed to helping SeaTac reach its full potential and hope you'll join me.



Council Position No. 5

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Education: Bachelors Degree in International Studies, University of Washington

Occupation: Chief Community Development Officer, Chief Seattle Club

Statement: My wife and I have proudly called SeaTac home since 2011. Our three kids attend Madrona Elementary, where I've served as PTA president. I've served on many regional & county boards, including King County's Children & Youth Advisory Board. As a Native person (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) bilingual in Vietnamese, I value diversity and accessibility in our community.

SeaTac needs partners at all levels - public, private, and nonprofit. My skills & experience will support SeaTac's growth with affordable housing, small businesses, and community engagement. I will promote walkability and safety, especially near schools and the airport. I will balance compassion and safety serving unsheltered people, and will thoughtfully and proactively address these issues.

Endorsed by: Councilmember Upthegrove, Mayor Simpson, Deputy Mayor Negusse, Councilmember Mohamed Egal, Washington Democrats Native American Caucus, King County Democrats, Washington/Highline Education Association PAC, KC Young Democrats, Teamsters Local 117, OneAmerica Votes, Working Families Party & more.

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Education: Computer Science & Business Administration, Bellevue College; Diversity Equity Inclusion Training; Lean Leadership Practice

Occupation: Insurance Underwriting Operations Manager; Community Organizer; Waste Reduction Specialist; Volunteer

Statement: My wife and family are proud to call SeaTac our home, now for three generations. Including extended family we have deep roots in SeaTac, so I'm invested in seeing everyone thrive. Professionally, I'm in the business of understanding and reducing risk. I'll bring these skills and experiences to reducing crime in SeaTac.

Our city with an airport serves the entire Northwest region, but while serving this wider community we can't forget the needs of our own people. Keeping our families, neighbors, and loved ones safe is top priority for me. For nearly two decades my career and volunteer work has given me the skills to assess risk and protect our community while increasing affordability and accessibility to make SeaTac welcoming for all.

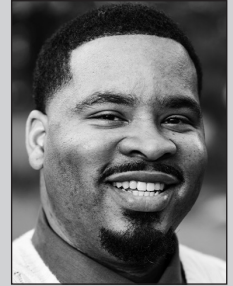
I'm proud to be endorsed by Peter Kwon and look forward to working with him to keep our city safe, strong, and welcoming. I'm asking for your vote.



Council Position No. 7

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Education: Public Schools Graduate, Business Administration, South Seattle College, City University

Occupation: Government Operations, Maintenance Manager; Community Development and Safety Advocate; Volunteer

Statement: With 18 years in public service leading diverse, multidisciplinary teams, from first responders to skilled tradespeople, I'll bring proven leadership and hands-on experience to our City Council.

As your councilmember, I'll harness this experience for a data-informed, community-focused approach, prioritizing public safety, affordable housing, and environmental preservation. This commitment means ensuring working families and seniors aren't priced out of our communities. It means safeguarding North SeaTac Park, our cherished green spaces, and improving public transportation. It involves investing in safe, welcoming neighborhoods where everyone in SeaTac can thrive.

My career has taught me to listen then act - an approach I'll carry into council. Devoted to our community, your feedback will guide my council work. With your support, we can shape SeaTac into a community that benefits everyone: seniors, workers, youth, immigrants, businesses, and all who call SeaTac home. *Proudly Endorsed by SeaTac Councilmember Peter Kwon and LiUNA Local 242*

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in US History, University of Oregon

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Volunteer Planning Commissioner, Primary Family Caregiver

Statement: As a mom, small business owner, SeaTac volunteer and longtime resident, I am committed to building a community that is safe, healthy and vibrant for my family, and yours.

My priorities as a City Councilmember will focus on improving public safety and livability. I believe that everyone should feel safe in their homes and on our streets, and I am dedicated to working with law enforcement, community organizations, and residents to achieve this goal. Whether through traffic and speed enforcement, fast-tracking pedestrian safety improvements, protecting housing affordability for working families, or programs to reduce the impact of the airport on residents, I am committed to making our city a safer, healthier place to live.

Proudly supported by Labor Unions, King County Democrats, County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, Port Commissioner Hamdi Mohamed, Mayor Jake Simpson, Deputy Mayor Senayet Negusse and Councilmember Mohamed Egal. I would be honored to earn your vote.



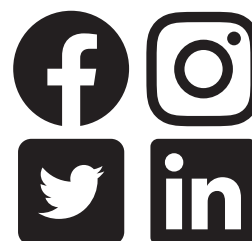
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Council District No. 1

Maren Costa

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Education: B.A. in English & Women Studies; post-grad certificate in User-Centered Design, UW

Occupation: Senior Leader in Tech and Mom

Statement: We'll all face the choice to put others first someday. In 2020, Amazon put warehouse workers in deadly conditions and was failing to act on climate change. As a dedicated employee and mom, I wanted Amazon to do better, and wanted to show my kids the importance of doing what's right. I put my career on the line and led thousands of my coworkers to take an unprecedented stand. I outlined a plan to win, did the work, and delivered results. Our actions led to Amazon's Climate Pledge, Bezos's \$10 billion Earth Fund, and increased worker safety.

Now I want to help Seattle rise to the challenges of our times. We must make rapid and meaningful progress on safety, homelessness, affordability, and climate change. There are more unsheltered people on our streets than ever. Immediately, we need to increase stable permanent housing and coordinate with regional partners to ensure that those experiencing homelessness have paths to necessary resources.

We need to feel safe in our neighborhoods and parks. We can have police and alternative responses; lead with compassion and refuse to tolerate harmful behavior; and tackle poverty, mental illness, and addiction so that crime decreases. I will be a strong advocate for bringing response times down, while ending racial bias and excessive force.

Climate change is here and our city isn't ready. With new federal funding, I will help lead our city to reduce emissions and protect residents from heatwaves, smoke, and flooding.

My vision for Seattle is to establish holistic public safety, end homelessness, and lead the nation into the new green economy. Together we can build a safe, equitable, sustainable city for all. I hope to earn your vote.

Endorsements: King County Democrats, MLK Labor, Councilmember Mosqueda, UFCW 3000, The Stranger, The Urbanist, Sierra Club, and many more.

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Education: UC Law San Francisco, J.D.; University of Washington, B.A. Political Science

Occupation: Attorney, Former Appointed Member of Seattle Police Chief Search Committee

Statement: My name is Rob Saka and I'd be honored to serve you. I am a public school dad of three, attorney, community safety advocate, Air Force Veteran, and the proud son of a Nigerian immigrant and former warehouse worker who rescued me from foster care and raised me as a single father.

I believe in safe communities and better policing. Everyone has a right to feel safe in their neighborhood, free of crime or unequal justice. We must enact *Both* effective prevention strategies *And* appropriate response capabilities to meet the realities of today's public safety challenges.

While growing up, I lived in public and low-income housing. These experiences taught me that everyone deserves safe, quality affordable housing in a thriving community. A severe lack of housing for people at all income levels means that those at the bottom are suffering the most. We must build more affordable housing, particularly low-income housing and workforce housing for middle income residents.

As a former foster kid, I know what it's like to be completely uprooted and swept away. We must do better for our unhoused neighbors. Sadly, the homelessness crisis in our city has devolved into a total humanitarian catastrophe. It is our moral imperative to take urgent action and find people housing and treatment now.

At City Hall, I'll normalize collaborating across differences, finding common ground, and getting bold things accomplished that work for everyone. I know there is a better way forward for Seattle, and I couldn't be more energized at the opportunity we have to do it together!

Endorsed by The Seattle Times, 34th District Democrats, King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, State Representative Chipalo Street, former 34th Rep. Eileen Cody, Cameron Moores (Owner of C&P Coffee), John and Amy Bennett (Owners of Portage Bay Cafe), and many more!



Council District No. 2

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Occupation: Current Seattle City Councilmember, former Rainier Beach Action Coalition organizer

Statement: It's been an honor to serve as your Councilmember, and I'm running again so that, together, we can continue to build a future that includes all of us. I've got the experience to organize community-centered approaches *and* I secure the investments to match. I deliver on progressive values rather than simply profess them.

My office has a proven track record of taking action. I committed to investing in historically under-funded schools, so I funded mental health and leadership programs in Southend schools. I said I would prevent displacement, so we won tenant protections, monumental worker protections—like paid sick leave for gig workers—and rent control for small businesses. I secured permanent funding for community-driven development, *and* for the Green New Deal.

I envision housing abundance, affordability, and vibrant small businesses within reach of all generations who *stay* rooted in their community. Children with full stomachs and single mothers with full wallets. Community networks *preventing* violence rather than only *reacting* to it. I've only just begun building alternatives to punishment and incarceration—especially for our Black and brown neighbors, who suffer from the paradox of over-policing and under-policing.

We all deserve to feel safe in our neighborhoods. As a mom with two kids in Seattle Public Schools, it's important that all our children feel safe, protected, and cared for. We've only begun that work by investing in the resources District 2 needs to improve our community health, joy, and safety.

Thank you for electing me to serve D2's vibrant communities. I hope to earn your vote for re-election.

Proudly endorsed by The Stranger, MLK Labor, King County Dems, Progreso Latino, Rep. Jayapal, Sen. Saldaña, and over 40 more.

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Education: University of Washington, Bachelors of Arts in Communication

Occupation: Business Owner, Community Advocate

Statement: I grew up in Beacon Hill, work at my family business in the Chinatown International District and now live in Rainier Beach. I've seen how South Seattle has changed, and I've seen what happens to neighborhoods who don't have a voice. I want to change that.

As a community advocate and proven leader I have fought against continued discrimination from the city towards one of the most endangered neighborhoods in America, and I've seen that fighting for our voice and community based solutions is a fight we can win. I'll bring that same passion to fight for all of south Seattle.

We can have better public safety. Every week, my watch group works side by side with community and unhoused neighbors providing mutual aid and helping connect people to essential services. I have administered Narcan, CPR and fought for our most vulnerable, marginalized communities. We need a balanced approach that invests in community programs and works in collaboration with city agencies.

We can have more affordable housing while fighting displacement and gentrification. My family renovated the historic Louisa Hotel into workforce housing which only charges residents a percentage of their income so nobody is charged rent they cannot afford. I have the experience to build more homes and social housing.

Our community is tired of elected officials always responding with words and good intentions that yield no results. Things aren't getting better, it's time for a change. We need leaders who are not afraid of the streets of South Seattle, who will be there for our community when it's hard, to listen and make a real difference. I promise to show up, listen, and always be there to fight for you.

Endorsed by The Seattle Times, Rep. Sharon Tomiko-Santos, Port Commissioner Toshiko Hasegawa, former Governor Gary Locke, and more!



Council District No. 3

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Statement: My roots run deep in District 3. I'm a nonprofit food access leader, small business owner, and third generation Central District neighbor. I'm also a community connector, problem solver, and optimist. These are the perspectives - along with needed LGBTQIA+ representation - I'll bring to City Council where I'll build coalitions, provide tangible goals to measure progress, and amplify voices that have been historically excluded from policymaking.

Community safety rooted in solutions that reduce crime, prevent gun violence, keep our youth safe, and connect vulnerable people to care - not jail. I'll prioritize crisis response teams, and improve fire, EMT and police staffing to keep communities safe and reduce response times.

Affordable housing for all income levels, from students and young families to seniors, including the expansion of emergency shelter and permanent supportive and transitional housing. I'll promote housing affordability, workforce housing, address impacts of displacement and gentrification, and provide opportunities for first-time homebuyers and family housing options.

Healthy communities for current neighbors and future generations with thriving local businesses that anchor our neighborhoods and create jobs; affordable childcare and wraparound services; investments in parks, playfields, libraries, and community centers; and climate action centered in equity and justice.

Inspired by my family of public school educators, public servants, and civil rights leaders, I've dedicated myself to service and driving equitable policy. With your support, I will focus on solutions and treat all with respect.

Proudly endorsed: 37th LD and Metropolitan Democrats, LGBTQ Victory Fund, UFCW 3000, LiUNA, Iron Workers, Sage Leaders, Mayor Bruce Harrell, State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, former County Councilmember Larry Gossett, Colleen Echohawk, Dr. Harriet Walden, Andrea Caupain, Seattle Times, and 100+ community leaders, small business owners, housing, youth, climate advocates. "An excellent choice" - Fuse Progressive Voter Guide; Moms Demand Action approved "Gun Sense Candidate"

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Education: BA in Political Science, Minors in Sociology and Economics, Western Washington University - 2007

Occupation: Executive Director, Transportation Choices Coalition, First Hill Neighborhood Association (former)

Statement: I'm a progressive urbanist with a proven record of finding common ground, solving problems, and delivering results. I've already created positive changes in housing and transit, reforming enforcement and improving neighborhoods.

I led First Hill's neighborhood association, where we welcomed affordable housing, safer transportation, improved parks, and increased livability. As Executive Director of Transportation Choices Coalition I secured transformative transportation investments, expanded light rail and bus service, and made transit free for youth.

On the Council, I'll be progressive - and effective. Which is why the Stranger, PubliCola and the Urbanist endorsed me: "Hudson inarguably boasts the broadest and deepest technical knowledge of the housing and transportation issues that will come before the council... she knows how City Hall works..." wrote The Stranger. PubliCola added, "Hudson is the most qualified candidate for any of this year's open seats, blowing the rest of the field away..."

I offer substantive, constructive solutions to complicated problems like homelessness, public safety, and affordability. We can build more housing, care for vulnerable neighbors, and keep everyone safe. I understand how to make progress on our challenges. I've released extensive policy agendas and bring bold, sensible solutions to the table.

A first-generation college graduate, First Hill renter, public school parent, and transit rider, I was named one of "Seattle's Most Influential People" in 2015 by Seattle Magazine. I serve on the board of a major affordable housing non-profit and the Freeway Park Association. I'm endorsed by the Stranger, the Urbanist, PubliCola, Sierra Club, labor unions, progressive organizations, and community leaders.

I'm committed to listening, problem-solving, and making life better for us all. I'll hit the ground running and get Seattle on track to reach our full potential. It'd be an honor to serve you. I ask for your vote.



Council District No. 4

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Occupation: Entrepreneur, startup consultant, husband, father

Statement: I'm a dad, entrepreneur, and community advocate. For too long, I've watched politicians put rhetoric over results, while countless people have paid the price. Instead, I've got a serious plan to build the ambitious future we deserve.

I didn't start life in a place like Roosevelt. I'm the product of a teen pregnancy, but my parents managed to buy a house and build us a beautiful life. I got really lucky, graduated from Harvard Law School, launched a tech company, and have been a business leader since. Journeys like mine are impossible in Seattle today.

Seattle should be a place where people from any background can afford to raise a family, build a career, and age comfortably—and where no one lives on the street. Where it is as easy to get around without a car as it is with one, and where tomorrow's workforce has housing and childcare they can afford in tree-lined neighborhoods they love.

This means we have to fix our finances—from tens of millions in waste, to using revenue sources that don't take from young families or seniors on fixed incomes. We can't let the big-money PACs trying to buy this election cut *their* taxes and keep leaving the rest of us with the tab.

As a parent, I will always put results ahead of political theatrics when it comes to safety. Let's stop crime before it starts with evidence-based prevention, quickly send the right professional for each emergency, and rebuild trust in law enforcement through good governance and accountability.

I'm proud to be endorsed by the MLK labor council, the local Democrats, the Sierra Club, and political leaders like Darya Farivar, Nicole Macri, Hilary Franz, Toshiko Haswegawa, Ryan Calkins, Sam Cho, Teresa Mosqueda, Girmay Zahilay, and many more. I'd be honored by your support.

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Education: J.D., Fordham University School of Law, B.A., Skidmore College, The Bronx High School of Science

Occupation: Deputy Director, Office of Arts & Culture, City of Seattle

Statement: I'll never forget waiting and worrying outside Ingraham High as my teenage girls were in lockdown during the recent shooting. It really brought home that things are off track. Unfortunately due to poor decisions and performative posturing by the City Council – including pledging to defund the police – our quality of life has eroded and our streets are less safe. As your Councilmember, I'll listen and work with everyone to end the divisiveness and put Seattle back on track.

Endorsed by *The Seattle Times*, "Rivera has the experience, skills and values to be an immediate strength on the City Council." 6/30/23.

I'll make public safety my top priority. Five-minute response times for priority 911 calls, get guns off our streets, shut down open-air drug markets, help neighborhood small businesses recover, address addiction and the mental health crisis.

It's also unacceptable that three years after the murder of George Floyd, Seattle still has no alternative to armed response to 911 calls. Not all situations require uniformed police officers, but some do. I'll prioritize making this happen. I will also bring people together to build more affordable housing and address the homelessness crisis.

My parents moved from Puerto Rico to the Bronx in search of a better life. My dad was a welder and proud union member, and my mom worked at a factory. I moved to Seattle twenty years ago after working in the Clinton White House as the Hispanic Community Liaison and for the ACLU fighting Islamophobia. I currently serve as Deputy Director of the Office of Arts & Culture.

I am honored to have the endorsements of Attorney General Bob Ferguson, City Councilmember Sara Nelson, former Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, the Seattle Building Trades, and many of our neighbors. With better governance, Seattle can be both progressive and safe.



Council District No. 5

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Education: JD, Albany Law School; BA, SUNY Binghamton

Occupation: King County Superior Court Judge (ret.), Legal Counsel Small Business

Statement: District 5 needs an experienced leader in City Hall focused on safety, housing, and affordability. As a former King County Superior Court judge, public defender (SEIU 925), and Seattle Human Rights Commission Chair, I've tackled tough issues, partnered with first responders, service providers, and community leaders to improve safety, services, and accountability. I bring proven experience making and upholding laws, advocating for marginalized individuals, and reforming broken systems.

As a mother of Ingraham and Nathan Hale graduates, a long-time renter, mother's caregiver, and small business owner, I know firsthand the challenges facing many in our community. On the Council, I'll prioritize policies and equitable investments that build a healthy, thriving, and welcoming community for all.

Safety & Healthy Communities: I am the D5 candidate who supports Mayor Harrell's plan of hiring more Seattle police officers as well as instituting a robust civilian responder program. I'll advocate for D5-specific mental health and substance abuse treatment resources. I'll champion gun violence prevention and intervention efforts, particularly in and around schools. And hold firm on police accountability measures.

Housing & Homelessness: I support dense, equitable, and environmentally sound development of the Aurora Corridor, 130th St Station, Northgate, and Lake City, along with workforce housing. I'll work for 24/7 shelter access, more tiny homes/RV spaces, and permanent supportive housing.

Neighborhood Priorities: I'll work for comprehensive bus service, bike routes, and sidewalks. I'll champion a new Lake City Community Center, and be a voice for local small businesses, particularly immigrant, minority, and women-owned.

Endorsed: Mayor Bruce Harrell; Executive Dow Constantine; 46th LD Rep. Gerry Pollet; Senator David Frockt (fmr.); Reps. Cindy Ryu, Chris Stearns; 32nd Democrats; National Women's Political Caucus; Moms Demand Action "Gun Sense Candidate;" *"Cathy Moore will eschew ideological debates and hit the ground running for District 5 residents."* - *The Seattle Times*

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Statement: I am running to promote upstream solutions that deliver effective, collective, and sustainable results. I'm determined to help mend our policy systems to be more interconnected. If elected, I will assure that city government centers and amplifies the needs and voices of the community. Together, we'll make sure Seattle works better for *All* people in our city.

From direct social and housing service work to social equity and policy advocacy consulting, I've advocated alongside hundreds of community members and helped bring transformative change to over 200 organizations and government agencies throughout my career.

Additionally, I am the former co-chair of the Seattle Disability Commission and Renters Commission, a board member of BASE: Building Art Space Equitably and UW CREATE, and a member of Transit Riders Union and Green Party WA.

To find sustainable solutions to persistent problems, we must start with policies and systems as root causes of inequity. We must enact pragmatic policies for sustainable solutions for accessible and affordable housing, increased wage parity, and improved working conditions for working families; Achieving multiple pathways toward shared goals around community safety; Improved multimodal transportation systems focused on pedestrian safety; Small business support focused on economic recovery and growth; Fixing infrastructure gaps throughout our city; Disability Justice and Intersectional Civic Empowerment.

My policy change background includes co-organizing the passage of one of the nation's first bans of sub-minimum wage; successfully advocating for the adoption of Disability Justice principles at the Seattle Office of Civil Rights; co-organizing the fight for rent control, resulting in the six-month advance notice legislation passed by the council; and endorsing the Jumpstart Tax as a small business owner.

We *can* find collective, effective, and sustainable policy solutions that get to the heart of the issues facing our district. I humbly ask for your vote.



Council District No. 6

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Whittier College; Master of Public Administration, University of Oregon

Occupation: Working for the residents of District 6

Statement: I'm running for reelection because the status quo is not good enough. Working with Mayor Harrell, I've prioritized moving homeless people from parks and sidewalks to housing without sweeps, making our communities safer, and building more affordable housing. I work at my district office and hold weekly office hours to hear from you directly.

Public Safety: Yes, "defund the police" was a mistake. I've supported fully funding the police staffing and hiring plans every year, created a public safety coordinator in Ballard, increased Harbor Patrol, and funded Mobile Crisis teams. I'll continue fully funding the police and working to make policing better and safer.

Homelessness: I resolved the Woodland Park and Ballard Commons encampments without sweeps, expanded outreach teams working with people living in cars, and created neighborhood-based homelessness response teams. We need to expand our efforts to get homeless people into housing, build and buy permanent housing, and push regional partners to act faster.

Housing: I cut red tape to build housing faster and launched audits on our permitting process. I reduced eviction threats for tenants while ensuring landlords are made whole. We must increase the stock of family-size units so people of all income levels can afford it here.

Raised in District 6, I'm committed to our community's success. I want to raise my kids in a neighborhood that is safer than the one I grew up in. I've dedicated my life to public service, serving with AmeriCorps and working to combat gun violence. I've delivered for our city by bringing people together to find common ground. Things are better, but better's not good enough.

I ask for your vote to keep the momentum. Endorsed by MLK Labor Council, Seattle Building Trades, 36th and 46th Democrats, UFCW 3000, Mayor Harrell, and AG Bob Ferguson.

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Education: Franklin High School. Attended Shoreline Community College

Occupation: Executive Director, Fremont Chamber of Commerce. Former owner, Red Door.

Statement: Seattle is a beautiful city with a lot going for it. That said, the incumbent City Council has hindered our progress by focusing on divisive, performative politics. Seattle City Council should focus on addressing critical issues. Our city is at a crossroads. It is imperative that we elect a pragmatic Council, committed to real solutions for addressing homelessness and public safety.

I love Seattle. I grew up here and ran Fremont's iconic Red Door for two decades. Now, I serve as Executive Director of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, working on issues for small businesses and neighbors. I understand the critical ground-level needs in our neighborhoods. I'll take bold steps to improve Seattle. Simply put, Seattle deserves better leadership.

My priorities are clear:

Community Safety: The incumbent City Council needs to be held accountable for their vocal support to defund the police. We need a council that makes responsible decisions, even in difficult situations. I'll focus on restoring police staffing levels, and I'll push for alternative first responders for situations that don't require armed interventions.

Housing & Homelessness: The homelessness crisis demands swift and effective action. Our incumbent City Council has failed to act on this urgent issue. Short-term, we need to increase shelter availability, establish additional tiny home villages, and improve mental health and drug treatment services. In the long run, we must expand housing options and expedite the permitting process. We need to act urgently to provide much-needed support for our most vulnerable citizens.

Our current city council can't be trusted to make the tough decisions necessary to keep us moving forward. I'm running because we need a more pragmatic, problem-solving approach to shape Seattle's shared future. Endorsed: Seattle Times and hundreds of your neighbors who want change. I'm Pete Hanning, and I ask for your vote.



Council District No. 7

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Education: BA History and Political Science, University of Washington; JD University of California, Berkeley

Occupation: Seattle City Councilmember; Attorney

Statement: As the parent of a nine-month-old, I'm more determined than ever to build a Seattle we can be proud to pass on to the next generation. In my first term, I brought together unlikely coalitions to deliver results and I'll continue that work if re-elected.

Public Safety: In my first term, I increased our park ranger program from two to 28 rangers, fully funded the police hiring budget each year, passed an ordinance protecting firefighters from harassment in the line of duty, and worked with Mayor Harrell to create a civilian behavioral health response in lieu of police involvement. If re-elected, I'll increase these alternative responses, continue the shared commitment of the Council and Mayor to recruit and retain police, and support community programs proven to reduce repeated criminal behavior and interrupt gun violence.

Housing And Homelessness: We need to get people out of encampments and into stable housing immediately. Working with Mayor Harrell, my office helped create the Unified Care Team, a one-stop, no-excuses shop to navigate people experiencing homelessness into shelter and resolve encampments. Encampments have been reduced by 42%, but much work remains. Over the next four years, I'll increase enhanced shelter options like tiny houses so people experiencing homelessness have a stable shelter, rather than being displaced to another encampment. I'll also work with city partners to build and acquire social and non-profit housing so more people can afford to live in our community.

Climate Change: We are running out of time to combat climate change. Seattle must confront the emergency with housing planning that emphasizes dense, walkable communities, electrification of buildings, and safe, reliable public transportation.

Rated *strongly aligned* by the Downtown Seattle Association.

Endorsements: MLK Labor, 36th and 43rd Democrats, Alliance for Gun Responsibility Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Executive Dow Constantine

Bob Kettle

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Education: Executive Master of Public Administration, UW Evans School; MA, Georgetown University; BA, Boston University

Occupation: Career Naval Intelligence Officer, Community Leader, Stay-at-home Dad

Statement: I'm running for Seattle City Council because I'm concerned about the incumbent Council's inaction and failure on the most important issues facing our community. I'll help lead our city to meet the challenges we face on public safety, public health, and homelessness. *Seattle can feel like a thriving, vibrant community again.*

I'm a first-generation American, civic leader, and stay-at-home dad supporting my wife's work as a Civil Rights Attorney – including the landmark case with the ACLU overturning “Don't Ask, Don't Tell.” I volunteer with several neighborhood-level public safety and community organizations, including as former Chair of the Queen Anne Community Council's Public Safety Committee.

We need to get serious about crime reduction. The Council's pledge to defund SPD by 50% was irresponsible and undercut our public safety *and* our ability to implement reform. I support allocating additional resources to recruitment, retention, training, and community policing – including non-police responders – *to prevent crime and decrease response times.*

We cannot solve our public safety issues without addressing public health. The City Council has enabled open drug use and dealing in our neighborhoods including Downtown, which claimed the lives of 500+ Seattleites last year and is contributing to violent crime.

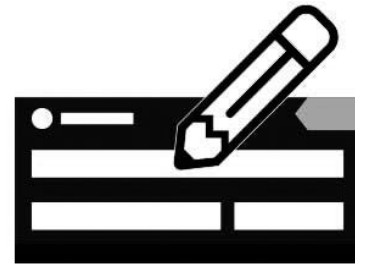
We must add mental health hospital bed capacity and addiction treatment centers, but we also need principled leadership to build partnerships and demand accountability. I'll prioritize programs and service providers that *prove they work.* With increasing shelter space, it's time to restore our public spaces and stop relying on unsafe, inhumane encampments. I'll partner with the Mayor and focus Seattle government on saving lives, keeping the vulnerable safe, and restoring our beautiful city.

I'm a *pragmatic progressive* who believes that ground-level results are more important than political platitudes. *We can* do this! I'm Bob Kettle, and I ask for your vote.

Have you used your Democracy Vouchers?

What is the Democracy Voucher Program?

All registered voters in Seattle and those who applied for the program receive four \$25 Democracy Vouchers they can use to donate to participating candidates running for Seattle City Council in 2023.



Where can I find the list of participating candidates?

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When should I use my Democracy Vouchers?

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The longer you wait to use your Democracy Vouchers, the more likely your preferred candidates may have reached their fundraising limits.

What happens if I do not use my Democracy Vouchers?

If you do not use your Democracy Vouchers, the funds will carry over to the next election cycle. You will receive new vouchers for the next election.

I lost my Democracy Vouchers. Can I request new vouchers?

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Can I give my Democracy Vouchers all to one candidate?

You can give one or more democracy vouchers to candidates who are participating in the program. Democracy Vouchers can be given to Seattle City Council candidates within or outside your council district.

If I use my Democracy Vouchers, is that information made public?

Yes, contributions to campaigns, including Democracy Vouchers, are public information. This means your name (and possibly your address), who you contributed to, and the amount will be posted on the internet.

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Council Position No. 2

Keith Scully



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Education: BA in History, UCLA, MA, Middle Eastern History, Tufts, Juris Doctor, NYU

Occupation: Shoreline Councilmember and Mayor, Attorney

Statement: Shoreline is an amazing place to live and I've been honored to serve on the Council for the last eight years. I'm proud of the work we've done bringing new sidewalks to Shoreline, assigning mental health professionals to work with police on behavioral health emergencies, working with partners to open a homeless shelter, concentrating development near light rail, and mandating affordable housing in all new large apartment buildings. I'm also proud of the fact that we've continued to provide high-quality services like police, utilities, and road maintenance while still keeping taxes fair and reasonable.

I'm looking forward to continuing to work with everyone in Shoreline to preserve our urban forest, encourage more affordable housing, and move the unhoused population into housing without allowing unsanctioned encampments. I'm also looking forward to working with our community to make real our promise to be an anti-racist city.



Council Position No. 4

Doris McConnell

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Education: Bachelor's of Science in Psychology (WSU)

Occupation: Shoreline City Council Member and Retired Real Estate Agent

Statement: As Shoreline prepares to open two light rail stations, it's vital that our leadership is fortified with my experience of guiding the city through developing community and transportation-oriented neighborhoods. I've spent years building relationships that move our city forward, and I promise to continue this work.

My story mirrors yours in many ways. I'm a Japanese American who grew up modestly. My father's military career meant we moved often - a tough childhood. Putting myself through college and later moving to Shoreline, I became a wife, a mother, and then a widow with young children. But through it all, my commitment to Shoreline never wavered. Since the beginning, I've promised to be a listener first, and vow to continue engaging with you to authentically represent our community.

I humbly ask for your vote. Endorsements: KC Democrats, KC Councilmember Demboski, Shoreline DM Robertson and CM Mork. Complete list at www.DorisMcConnell.com.

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Education: Environmental Biology, Bachelor of Science. Eastern Illinois University.

Occupation: Environmental Specialist, WA State Department of Ecology; Affordable Housing Landlord.

Statement: Shoreline faces many opportunities and challenges in the next four years. We must address the interconnected issues of *affordable housing, health, and the environment*. We must refocus our infrastructure to be resilient with our changing climate. We must protect our tree canopy to prevent heat islands. Access to behavioral health care and addiction treatment is essential. And I will advocate for housing for young families, seniors, the work force - people who want to live in the same city where they work.

I have the energy, experience, and passion to meet the challenges we face as a city and a region. I'm a 25 year resident and will listen to businesses and residents to build the thriving, diverse community we deserve.

I'm proud to be endorsed by the 32nd LD Democrats, Senator Jesse Salomon, Representative Cindy Ryu, Councilmember Eben Pabee, and WFSE Local 304. I ask for your vote.



Council Position No. 6

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Mayor

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Education: Bachelor's degree in business, City University of Seattle; AA Degree in Marketing, Highline College

Occupation: Tukwila Councilmember, Past Council President; Tax Accountant, Goldstein & Associates

Statement: It's been an honor to serve as your Tukwila City Councilmember, I'm now running for Mayor to continue our important work. I'm committed to keeping Tukwila a community where everyone feels safe, can afford to live, work, and raise a family here.

As your Councilmember, I've worked to create affordable homes, improve rental standards, raise the minimum wage, and build responsible budgets. I've worked to provide rental and small business assistance. Our neighborhoods will remain my priority with more police support and accountability. As your mayor, I will keep improving our streets and infrastructure, bolster public safety, continue creating more affordable housing and building a budget reflecting our community values.

I'm endorsed by former Councilmembers V.Seal, D.Robertson, J.Duffie, and current Councilmember De'Sean Quinn. Also, Joint Council of Teamsters #28, and Mayors from Renton, Kent, Auburn, and Burien, along with former Rep. Zach Hudgins, current Rep. Steve Bergquist, and local Councilmembers.

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Education: MBA - Engineering/Technology Management, BA - Communications, Project Management Professional (PMP) Credential

Occupation: Information Technology Manager

Statement: Thank you for the honor of serving you on Tukwila City Council for 12 years. With *your vote*, I pledge to serve you with integrity, hard work, and common sense as your next Mayor.

Priorities: Affordable housing and safe family neighborhoods; Reliable public safety services; Improved transportation options in our city; and Responsible city budgets prioritized to best serve you.

As a *strong, experienced leader*, I'll run an open, accountable government that respects every taxpayer, provides high-value, and stretches your tax dollar. I'll build up our community through inclusive involvement with neighborhood groups, seniors, students, veterans, and businesses. I'll make informed decisions by listening to our diverse community. I'll amplify Tukwila's voice at regional and national levels. I'm devoted to representing what the people who *live* in Tukwila want, and what makes sense for *us*. I ask for your vote, because *together* we can build on Tukwila's progress and success!



Council Position No. 2

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Education: Master's of Public Administration and Bachelor's in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Occupation: Campaign Manager and Senior Administrator

Statement: My commitment to the City of Tukwila runs deep through my active engagement with local organizations, non-profits and initiatives. I have worked on addressing issues regarding food insecurities, housing, homelessness and public safety. I am looking forward to serving my community in this new capacity on the Tukwila City Council.

I consider Tukwila my home, I have attended Tukwila Elementary School and graduated from Foster High School. I am invested in this city and I firmly believe that together, we can continue growing — a place where every voice is heard, perspectives are valued, and residents thrive. I am committed to being a tireless advocate for the community, leveraging my position to enact positive change and drive advancement for the betterment of our city.

I will be honored to have your vote. Endorsements: Congressman Adam Smith, MLK Labor, IBEW Local 46, SEIU 1199NW, IAAF 1747, Washington Education Association and more



Council Position No. 4

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Occupation: Retired Steamfitter, Tukwila Planning Commissioner

Statement: I have lived in Tukwila for over 30 years and I raised my family here. I truly understand the needs and concerns of my neighbors. We as a community are approaching an uncertain budget cycle that will need real experience and leadership. I'm someone who understands how important it is to fund law enforcement and who can guide us through this historic transition of our fire department to a new agency. I promote new housing development and support maintaining our infrastructure. I will work to keep Tukwila affordable.

Tukwila needs a direct and honest individual that will share with them what is really going on in our city. My word to you is that I will be the calming voice that you can rely on to represent you.

Supported and Endorsed by: King County Democrats, current and former elected officials, labor groups and your friends and neighbors.

Melissa McMahon Do



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Education: Bachelor - Political Science/International Relations, University of California, San Diego; Bachelor - Nursing, National University

Occupation: Registered Nurse and Pulmonary Clinic Nurse at VMFH

Statement: As your council member, I will be devoted to building a healthy, affordable, and safe Tukwila. I will prioritize funding vital human services, promote housing affordability and protect our green spaces. My experience as a nurse for over a decade will help me collaborate with regional partners to tackle homelessness, improve mental health, and address drug treatment.

My commitment extends to creating living wage jobs, ensuring public safety, and reducing barriers for small businesses to enhance economic opportunities for everyone. Listening to the community and seeking your input is my core value. I will proactively respond to your needs, address rising living costs, infrastructure concerns, and revitalize our local economy.

Together, we can bring new ideas and perspectives to benefit Tukwila and create an inclusive and thriving city we can all take pride in. I humbly ask for your vote for Position 4.



Council Position No. 6

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Education: MBA, Leadership, City University of Seattle. BA in Management, City University of Seattle.

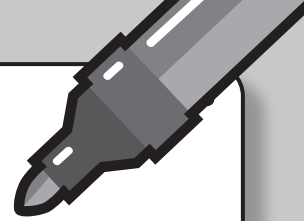
Occupation: 25 years at Boeing, HR - Executive Talent Management Specialist

Statement: It would be an honor for me to serve our community. As a long-time resident of Tukwila, I am committed to making our city a better place to live, work, play and raise a family.

I was born and raised here in Tukwila. All my best memories as a child and as an adult were in this community with my family and friends. I hope that I can help you have cherished memories in this community as well.

My priorities include ensuring public safety, housing and homelessness, updated infrastructure, and fiscal responsibility. As an employee for 25 years at Boeing, I will bring business acumen, collaboration, commitment, critical thinking, integrity, leadership, and listening skills to the council. I love my town, my community, and the grit we have as Tukwila residents. I promise that I will always listen to your concerns, fight for our community, and be inclusive to all.

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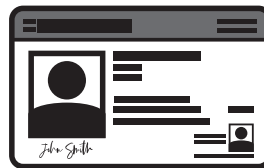


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Director District No. 2

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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. As a School Board member for the past four years, I have worked hard to make sure the district provides a safe, quality education for all.

In my 25 years at Highline College, I have taught thousands of college students, and I know that the school district needs to prepare our students for their next steps, whether college or careers. I want all families—including those 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.

As a School Board member, I will to continue to help our schools be a stable foundation for the future of our students and their families. That is why I am running for re-election to the Federal Way School Board. I ask for your support.

Endorsed by Federal Way Education Association, MLK Labor Council, Sen. Claire Wilson, Rep. Kristine Reeves, Rep. Jamila Taylor, State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, 30th and 33rd District Democrats, National Women's Political Caucus

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Occupation: Manager; Kukhar's Build Inc

Statement: When I was 3, my parents brought me to the United States as refugees. We moved to Washington and became Americans. As the most diverse nation, and the second most diverse school district in the state we have a lot of challenges. Schools all over the nation are lower their standards, in certain areas private schools are doing better than public schools, and we need to fix that here.

Virtue seems to be long gone, and it needs to be brought back. The Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and our Constitution are rarely taught in school as I don't remember a time that I was taught it in school. As someone who has lived here most of my life, I want the best for my community, I want safe schools and safe homes. Places where everyone can come together and challenge each others thoughts.



Director District No. 3

Luckisha Phillips



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Education: Masters of Social Work and BA Social Welfare, University of Washington; AA Early Childhood Education

Occupation: Assoc. Professor of Early Childhood Education; FWPS Board Director; Mom

Statement: As a working mom and educator with children in the district, I'm invested in *ensuring our schools are welcoming, nurturing environments where every student thrives*. For the past four years, I've tirelessly worked, *prioritizing policies that keep schools safe, support teachers, and invest in special education*.

As a returning school board member, I will continue these efforts, advocating for greater investments in *mental health and special education programs*. Additionally, I strongly believe in the importance of family involvement in our schools and will continue *creating partnerships between families, the community, and the district*.

There has been so much happening on the national and local stage around school boards. We have seen an increase in crime, homelessness, and addiction. Rest assured, voting for me is voting for someone who believes in our children, our community, and a quality public education. *With your vote I will continue to use my voice to champion for the resources we need to address the challenges we see and advocate for every child to achieve their full potential*. I would appreciate your vote.

Endorsed by State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, Sen. Claire Wilson, Rep. Jamila Taylor, Rep. Kristine Reeves, and School Board President Trudy Davis and more.

Christopher Dowllar

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No statement submitted.



Director District No. 5

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Education: BA in Education, Masters in Education

Occupation: Teacher-Librarian and public school teacher for seventeen years

Statement: As a public school teacher and librarian, I am intimately aware of the needs of students, staff and community alike, and I am dedicated to making Federal Way a leader in public education. Every student in the Federal Way School District deserves contemporary opportunities to find success in our ever-changing world.

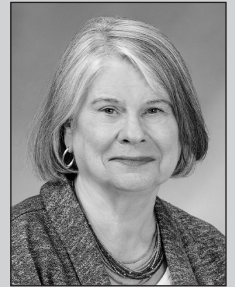
I am dedicated to ensuring that all students have access to a safe and equitable education. Federal Way Schools must help prepare every student for success. The working conditions of our staff are the learning conditions of our students. Competitive wages, benefits and healthy working environments for all staff will attract and retain quality educators. Having the best staff available in turn supports student success.

Federal Way must fully commit to strengthening and supporting our school libraries. Trained teacher-librarians help support success in every subject. A robust library program not only helps foster a love of reading and learning, but is foundational to long term student success in and out of a student's K-12 education experience.

I have been endorsed by the Federal Way Education Association, labor organizations, and local political leaders. I would be honored to earn your vote as your next school board director.

Joan Marie Murphy

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Education: Masters Education/ECE, Teaching Certificate, Special Education endorsement from Eastern Washington University; Seattel University: BA/Fine Arts-Art

Occupation: Former Special Education teacher, Rainier View, Federal Way Public Schools

Statement: A former Federal Way Public Schools Special Education ECE teacher. My focus will be on student academics and their ambitions. I am a bridge builder, an active listener and an advocate to give the community a greater voice. Transparency is essential for family involvement. Our city is a viable community with the potential to attract high wage jobs for our youth and young families - but *only if* we have strong vibrant schools!

A Teacher of Excellence, who received a *FWPS School Board Recognition Award* and *Providence Hospital's Community Award* for the Rainier View Sped PreK program. My focus in teaching was to encourage students to discover their "I Can" Mindset to create a "Love of Learning."

Vast experiences in *Head Start* with the *Kalispel Tribe*, teaching *Highly Capable, Art*, and being a *Parent-Volunteer Art Coordinator*, along with supporting the *Hmong Refugee Resettle Program* were high lights of my career. Being a *foreign student* in an *all German school* increased my understanding of the *learning process*. Life experiences of living in *Okinawa*, travel to *Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan*; summers spent in *Leon, Guanajuato* and *San Miguel de Allende, Mexico* provided invaluable insights of diverse cultures.



Director District No. 1

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Education: Associate of Arts in Psychology/ Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, University of Washington in progress

Occupation: LEAD Case Manager, REACH Burien

Statement: Highline deserves a leader who is deeply engaged in the community and committed to ensuring the voices of our families, students and educators are heard. A leader who will make sure our students receive the education they deserve and access to the resources to make that a reality. A leader who will advocate for educators to receive the support they need for success.

For nine years, I have been actively involved in groups that bring together Highline educators and parents, including the Family Action Committee, White Center Heights Dual Language Task Force, and SPEB (Supporting Partnerships in Education and Beyond), which advocates for communities of color in education. I also often volunteer my time at my kids' school events and field trips.

As a social worker for the LEAD program in Burien and White Center, I see the long-term effects that the lack of equity has on communities. Our children deserve equitable resources, facilities, and support. I work everyday to mitigate systemic barriers faced by marginalized communities; and as your school board director, I will bring the same dedication and vision to ensure the success of Highline students.

Proudly endorsed by King Co. Democrats, 33rd District Dems, OneAmerica, and more!

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Education: Bachelor--University of Nebraska at Kearney; Master--Lesley University; Master--University of Denver

Occupation: K-12 Educator

Statement: Respectfully, I acknowledge the Puget Sound Salish People, who are the the rightful stewards of this land that encompasses the entire Highline School District.

My name is Michael T. Lewis and humbly I am asking for your vote for the District 1 Board Director position. The Highline community deserves a board director who will listen to all stakeholders to help guide decision-making. Our students deserve a director who, as an experienced educator of 28 years, understands the needs of the classroom. Our district deserves a leader who builds relationships with local businesses, our community, and our families—a leader who has the knowledge to set the district on a successful course forward. I am that leader.

A current teacher in Kent, I have also worked in financial aid, mentoring, and I am a staunch champion for public education. I value solutions that help our students and community, as well as celebrate their successes. I have a vision for the Highline Community and pledge that I will serve the diverse young people of our community. I would like to make this vision a reality as I look forward to representing you and our students. Thank you for your vote.



Director District No. 4

Melissa Petrini



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Occupation: Dental Office Financial Manager, Home Educator, Autism/Down-Syndrome Advocate

Statement: Statement: I know it's not easy to hear, but our schools' educational report card signaled a steep decline *before* the pandemic, with 2 out of 3 kids currently falling below grade-level in Reading, Science and Math. *We can do better!* (OSPI.K12.wa.us)

As a mother of 6 children, I have great interest in their educational future and I believe we can get our children back on track and make up the significant learning-loss. As your School Board Director, I will strive to: bring back an *Academic Focus* that builds foundational knowledge, invigorates and challenges kids interests, and prepares them to be mentally resilient, emotionally independent, and academically balanced for their future. I will *Build Stronger Student/Parent/Teacher Relations* by providing our children with full communicative support, reinforcement, and mental health services. I will bring a *Balanced & Fair Approach* to ensure fiscal accountability, respecting all viewpoints, and advocate for policies that are thoughtful, fair, and sound.

Drawing on my experiences, education, and community outreach, I will do my best to represent parents and educators to build a stronger foundational future that we can all get behind. *I ask for your Vote!*

Proudly supported by parents, teachers, small business-owners and community members.

Carlos M. Ruiz



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Education: BA in Management, University of Phoenix

Occupation: Strategic and Operational Consulting

Statement: Carlos has lived in Normandy Park since moving there from New York City in 2011 with his wife of 14 years; his experience going through the NYC public school system is what drives his passion for access to a quality education for all.

Carlos has a technology and consulting background, having worked for large companies such as NBC Universal and Google. For the past 4 years he has served as the Board Chair for Seattle Credit Union helping the financial institution achieve its mission of serving communities traditionally ignored by large banks. Carlos is passionate about volunteering with community focused organizations of varying scope. He is currently a part of the Marvista Elementary PTSA, where his two daughters attend. He also volunteers his time as a board member with Southeast Effective Development (SEED), a non-profit focused on affordable housing, supporting the arts, and economic development. In the past he has served on the board of Pioneer Human Services and was appointed by Governor Inslee as a commissioner with the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, representing the counties of King and Pierce.

Carlos is excited at the opportunity to advocate for all the families served by the Highline School District.



Director District No. 5

Azeb Hagos

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Education: Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling, City University of Seattle

Occupation: School Counselor, mom of 2 Highline Public Schools students

Statement: Azeb Hagos is a 26 year King County resident and Des Moines community member of 16 years. She's a first generation American, high school and college graduate.

She believes public education is the means by which we collectively help children acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to build lives of great purpose. It is an economic necessity and fundamental civil right.

She has taught thousands of preschool-12th grade students as a school counselor. She's designed and delivered programs that promote academic/future readiness and personal development, advocated for student/staff well-being and addressed systems work such as trauma, safety and crisis recovery.

She has upheld high performing school board member principles and worked to adopt data-driven policies with a student outcome, safety and quality systems lens. She called for a shared vision driven, financially stable budget and contributed to thoughtful governance. Strong public schools promote strong cities and thriving communities enhance schools. She is aware of strengths and challenges we face and will work to identify solutions for the betterment of our neighborhood schools across our five cities that make up Highline Public Schools. Azeb Hagos is the right visionary leader to serve as your school board director and asks for your vote.

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Director District No. 1

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Education: MS Counseling, Ph.D Special Education/School Counseling

Occupation: Clinical Director and Co-Owner of a Counseling Clinic

Statement: I will be running for District 1! Quick background, I'm a dually licensed mental health therapist and behavior analyst. Currently a Doctoral Candidate for my PhD in Special Education/School Counseling. I run and operate a counseling agency and my primary focus is on low income and medicaid based families. Previously, I worked at DDA Headquarters where I managed a statewide budget for behavior health services. I also was part of the original design team for the autism/intellectual disabilities inpatient unit at Seattle Childrens Hospital. As a fiscally responsible business owner and mental health clinician, I hope to bring perspectives on influencing the way we spend our money while supporting the well being of our students and families. I cannot continue to sit and watch students receive sub par IEP/504 plans and contribute to a system that spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on sending our kids to out of state residential schools. I'm looking for your support in creating meaningful change for our community.

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2020-2023 Appointed member of Jay Inslee 'Governors Committee on Disability Issues and Employment'

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Occupation: Realtor. Mortgage Loan Originator.

Statement: I'm running for the Kent School Board because I know that KSD can do better for our children. As a parent, I want the best for my kids, which means I want the best for your kids, too. I believe we'll see more successful students if we shift focus to *students, staff, community*.

Students are our #1 priority. We need to address the equity gap between schools, ensure safety, and create opportunities to learn and grow.

Staff are key to student success. KSD needs fair-paid, well-supported adults inside schools: teachers, para-educators, counselors, nurses, office staff, custodians, etc. We need to retain staff.

An involved *community* builds a healthy, well-functioning, thriving school environment. We need the community to trust KSD. After the bond failed, the community called for new board leadership. *I want to be that change.* I am deeply committed to ensuring KSD prioritizes student needs, fully supports all staff, and advocates for our community. Please visit my website to learn more about the ways I am already involved in our community, and to see my many endorsements, including from the Kent Education Association and Washington Education Association. I would be honored to earn your vote for school board director.

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Education: Executive MBA and Bachelor of Arts – University of Washington; Diploma – Kentridge High School

Occupation: Director of Consumer Lending, BECU; 3-decade career in financial services

Statement: As a Board Director, and parent of two KSD students, my goals remain to make Kent School District the best place for students to learn, educators to teach, and community to engage. Since my appointment to the Board in September 2022, I worked tirelessly toward goals of stringent fiscal oversight and open communication. I prioritized expanding student voice, maintaining a sustainable fiscal balance sheet, equitable access and allocation of resources, and keeping excellent teachers. My passion for quality public schools, nearly 30-years as a leader in the financial services industry, and education in business have led me to this role.

I pledge to advocate for increased support for school safety, increased STEAM programing, more inclusive and robust Highly Capable programs, and increased extracurricular activities that enrich students' learning experiences. Collaboration with parents, teachers, and administrators will be the foundation of my approach to address challenges and seize opportunities effectively.

I am endorsed by the Mayor of Kent, 47th District Democrats, King County Council Chair Dave Upthegrove (D) and Vice-Chair Reagan Dunn (R), and many others. It takes all voices to make this a great district, and I want to continue to bring those voices and oversight to Kent School District.



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.

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

Occupation: Project Manager, Comcast Business

Statement: I'm running for the Kent School Board because I believe the board must improve in providing a safe and equitable environment for our students and staff.

KSD has a duty to provide for the free, appropriate public education of every student. As a project manager, I know the importance of effective communication in the workplace. I plan to listen and respond to the community in an effort to rebuild trust that has been missing between the district and the community they serve. I also served as a proud combat veteran of the United States Air Force. I hope to be given the opportunity to serve my community again in this new capacity.

My children are the 5th generation of my family to attend KSD, starting with my great-grandmother, who graduated from Kent High School in 1939. I want to show my children that improving communication leads to better outcomes for everyone. Our community is what we make of it, let's work together toward a brighter future.

I am honored to be endorsed by the Kent Education Association, Washington Education Association and the Washington Legislative District #33 Democrats. Join me in my effort to rebuild trust in the Kent School District.



Director District No. 2

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Education: Master's in Special Education, University of Washington, TSVI Certificate, Stephen F. Austin State University

Occupation: Teacher of Children with Visual Impairments, Kinderling

Statement: As a special educator, mother of a Northshore student, and community member, I am running for school board to enact positive change for each child in the Northshore School District. My time on the board will be guided by putting students' needs first.

In my role as an educator, I collaborate with families and other professionals daily to support children with visual impairments under three. As a member of the board, I will embrace community voices and actively listen to concerns. Together we will build the best path forward for Northshore Schools.

My priorities are fully funding special education, paying teachers and staff competitive wages, and equitable access to programs for children across the district. I ask for your vote and your support to make the next four years meaningful to our students.

My endorsements include the Northshore Education Association (NSEA), the Northshore Education Office Professionals Association (NEOPA), the 45th District Democrats, the National Women's Political Caucus, and the 1st District Democrats.



Director District No. 3

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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.

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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 a Spanish-speaking immigrant NSD parent and 10+ years volunteer with a Doctorate degree, I know the impact education can have on people's lives. I believe that 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 *all* students with *healthy, suitable challenges for all learning levels*, to create resilience, develop love for learning, and promote growth. We must prepare them for a competitive world through appropriate academic excellence and consistent opportunities. I believe in critical thinking, fact-based education, and open respectful debate on controversial topics to foster problem-solving and independent thinking.

Safety has to be our top priority. Amidst concerns with mental health, crime, bullying and drugs, we must restore *physical and mental safety* for our students and staff. We must adopt evidence-based solutions to keep our kids safe so they focus on learning to better their lives.

The *current budget deficit* calls for tough decisions and disciplined prioritization. Fiscal responsibility and long-term stability should be our guiding principles. *Please enable me to put my passion, energy and skills to serve you by trusting me with your vote!*



Director District No. 1

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Education: Associate's Degree of Business Administration, Bellevue College

Occupation: Office Manager, Seattle School District

Statement: I am running for School Board because I believe in our public schools. I am a proud product of Renton schools - Honeydew Elementary School, McKnight Middle School, Hazen High School. My educational experience along with 31 years of service in Seattle Public Schools, has given me a strong grasp of what educators and students need to be successful.

I believe that all students and families should be represented in the choices we make when it comes to curriculum, hiring, and safety in schools. And while I believe that each student reaching proficiency is imperative, I also believe that teachers and students must have the support to prepare them for state assessments. I believe in inclusivity and will advocate for all our students and families.

If elected, I will build strong community partnerships to fill the gaps that we are seeing in funding and equity so we can ensure that every student gets a high-quality education through the Renton School District and are successful when they graduate from school. I will use my robust experience in tandem with building strong partnerships with educators, students, parents, and the community to ensure every school and student has the tools to be successful.



Director District No. 3

Stefanie Mclrvin

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Education: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), University of Washington Tacoma; Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Seattle University

Occupation: Small Business Owner and Project Manager at Renton Technical College

Statement: Dr. Stefanie Mclrvin was elected to the Renton School Board in 2019. She brings over a decade of experience working in education where she has developed and implemented new programs and policies, managed budgets, and provided teacher support and supervision.

During her time on school board Dr. Mclrvin has worked to create partnerships with the City of Renton, the state legislature, and many local community organizations. She has worked to increase dual credit and Running Start pathways for high school students and is very proud to have supported the development of the new Family First Community Center. She continues to serve on the district's Citizens Bond Oversight Committee as well as the district Computer Science and Business/Marketing Advisory Boards. Prior to working in higher education, Dr. Mclrvin was an organizer for the successful Simple Majority for Schools statewide initiative campaign. She is also a former Vice-President of the New Horizon School Board and past President of the Renton Historical Society.

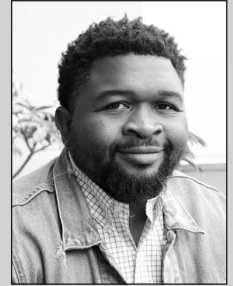
Stefanie owns a home in the Cascade neighborhood with her husband, Ryan, and two young daughters Molly and Lena. Molly and Lena attend Cascade Elementary and will begin fourth and first grade this fall.



Director District No. 4

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Education: Bachelor's in Political Science, University of Washington, Master of Public Administration, California State East Bay

Occupation: School Administrator, Seattle Public Schools

Statement: I am a proud graduate of Renton High School and have greatly benefited from my experiences of being a part of the beloved community at Renton High. Currently, I serve as a school administrator in the Seattle School District and have previously served as an elementary, middle, and high school teacher in the Oakland Unified School District. I am the parent of two children currently attending elementary and middle school in the Renton School District.

I am committed to building a transformational relationship between the community of District 4 and the school board who serves them. In July, I attended Nia Fest in Skyway Park and asked community members what their dreams are for their children and how the Renton School District can support their dreams.

Based on their feedback I will advocate for greater transparency in how board decisions are made, more inclusion of community voice in decisions regarding our children, expanded school programming to meet the interests of our children and bringing more joy to our children's educational experience. I will continue to look for ways to uplift the voice and values of the community and ensure they are represented in our schools.



Director District No. 1

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Occupation: School Board Director, Adjunct Lecturer, Mom, Community Organizer, Nonprofit Leader

Statement: As a School Board Member and PTSA leader, I've worked over a decade alongside families, educators, and communities across Seattle. I know the incredible successes of our schools, and the systemic and institutional challenges we face. I'm running to continue my work to improve experiences and outcomes for *all* our students, guided by community vision and values.

Over three challenging years, I have worked to make positive changes centered on student well-being. During the pandemic I volunteered at COVID test sites and in our schools. After the Ingraham High shooting I worked directly with students, parents, and staff to review district policies and champion gun violence prevention. I've led inclusive education policy changes in Instructional Philosophy and Special Education.

As the Board's Legislative Liaison, I helped secure additional state resources for special education (WA State is now finally in federal compliance!), as well as access to career and technical education, and needed behavioral health support for students. I led efforts to ban isolation and limit restraint in SPS- practices that disproportionately impact students of color and with disabilities. Our policy is now a state model for preventative and restorative practices.

Together, we can meet the needs of our diverse learners and make our public schools the top choice for education for Seattle's families. I'm committed to navigating budget and enrollment challenges with transparency, clarity, and community partnership- to maximize student benefit while operating within our means. I will continue putting my skills and experience to work to rebuild not only trust and confidence, but joy and excitement throughout our education system. I ask for your vote.

Endorsements: *The Stranger; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; Moms Demand Action "Gun Sense Candidate"; King County Democrats; OneAmerica Votes; Democratic Legislators; County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay; School Board President Brandon Hersey; National Women's Political Caucus; more!*

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Education: Western Washington University, Political Change through Feminist and Ethnic Studies; Seattle University, Teaching Certificate

Occupation: Educator (early learning), Parent, Advocacy Consultant, Washington Communities for Children

Statement: Our public schools have been critical to educating and creating opportunities for generations of Seattle's children, but we must work to increase academic achievement, foster a healthy and inclusive learning environment, and ensure the district is managed with transparency and accountability. *School closures have deep and lasting impacts on communities and should be an absolute last resort after exhausting all other options to balance the budget.*

The inequities in academic achievement need urgent attention and focus to make Seattle Public Schools the exemplary learning environment students deserve. *My priorities as a School Board Director will be:*

Calling for a district-wide audit to ensure dollars are spent with fiscal accountability; ensuring students can thrive and feel safe while gaining a high-quality education, no matter their identity; implementing a stronger community engagement process, especially when big district decisions are made, that centers communities furthest from educational opportunities; bringing transparency back in the budget and policy development processes.

Representation matters. I'm running to bring a strong LGBTQ+ voice to the school board and ensure students of all identities feel a sense of belonging at school.

I bring experience from the classroom, the workplace, and the community. I taught English as a second language in Renton. I have served on the Best Start for Kids Advisory Board, as Executive Director of an LGBTQ+ nonprofit, as an Interim Policy Director for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Washington, and as mobilization contractor for Children's Alliance. I've been the Advocacy Chair for the Olympic Hills PTA. I have a firsthand understanding of the challenges and opportunities in our schools - and how to successfully make change happen.

Endorsed: Seattle Times, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Teresa Mosqueda, Lorena González, MLK Labor Council, School Board Director Lisa Rivera Smith, and more. I'd be honored to earn your vote.



Director District No. 2

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Education: Doctoral Student

Occupation: New Mother

Statement: As a career teacher and principal, I've dedicated my time to schools and communities working with students, families and fellow educators. I am frustrated by the disconnect between Seattle Public Schools and our communities. As a mother, educator and dedicated member of my SPS community, I am here to change that.

I will work to improve the partnerships and relationships between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and our communities. We need greater presence from the superintendent and board leaders, transparency in decision making, and increased oversight and accountability on fiscal spending. We must be intentional with efforts to rebuild trust and communication. I will meet students, staff and families in their community. Together we can create understanding and process to address key issues impacting enrollment and funding.

We must stop making excuses and get to the heart of why families are leaving SPS. Providing for our students' academic and basic needs, including child care, transportation, and specialized services is the right thing to do and will increase enrollment in our schools.

Safety concerns must be met with action. Buildings need updating. Care for our communities must be present in the district's response to incidents and emergencies. Students need equitable access to social and emotional care, anti-racist environments, and culturally responsive academic supports.

I'm not a politician, I'm an educator. I know this district well and I am ready to have hard, respectful conversations with district and community members. I am equipped to help make positive change for our youth and city.

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Journalism/News Editorial; and Minor in Ethics, California State University, Chico

Occupation: School Board Director; Mom, Mutual Aid Volunteer; former Newspaper Reporter

Statement: These last few years have been hard for all of us – educators, principals, classified staff, parents, caregivers – but especially for our kids. I am running for re-election because I'm committed to ensuring Seattle Public Schools makes good on its promises of providing students a safe, inclusive and high-quality educational experience.

As the mom of two SPS graduates and one in 2nd grade, I know firsthand the challenges students and educators face in our district. While visiting and volunteering in schools, I have seen the importance of not just *attracting* qualified teachers, but of *retaining* them, by giving them the support they need to help students thrive. Every student has unique needs, and that is why I am committed to advocating for increased school funding, strengthening our partnerships with families and community organizations, and codifying every students' right to have a voice in the decisions that affect them.

Seattle Public Schools is facing a budget deficit over the next few years, and I want to continue to work with you, and our entire SPS community, to ensure that public input is actively sought out and utilized, in advance of looming tough decisions.

As a woman of color, who grew up poor and faced housing insecurity, I believe that every voice should be heard, especially those of our LGBTQ+, Black, Indigenous, families of color, and those who have historically been underrepresented due to obstacles in participating in our public systems.

I would be honored to have your vote.

Endorsements: King County Democrats; 36th District Democrats; 32nd District Democrats; Alliance for Gun Responsibility Victory Fund; State Senator Javier Valdez; Seattle School Board Director Vivian Song Maritz; Shoreline School Board Director Rebeca Rivera; Edmonds School Board Director Carin Chase; Education and Economic Justice Advocate Summer Stinson; *The Stranger*; and others. Visit LisaRiveraSmith.com



Director District No. 3

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Statement: At its best, education opens doors and unlocks potential. Yet in a city of abundant resources, we face persistent opportunity gaps that are among the worst in our nation. Essential to the project of systemic change is a commitment to centering families furthest from educational justice. As the parent of three SPS students, one of my core beliefs is that we advocate most effectively for our own children when we advocate for *all* children. I'm running for school board because I believe every child in this city is entitled to a high quality education- defined by *rigor, relevance and relationships*- no matter what neighborhood they live in.

In order to effectively address disparities in our schools we must align our district to focus on student outcomes, so that every child in this city receives the education they deserve. A system that is responsive to the needs of kids is, by definition, an equitable system. My top priorities include: 1) addressing the youth mental health crisis by increasing the number of trained mental health professionals in buildings, promoting mental health awareness and destigmatization, and using our schools as hubs to connect students and their families to wrap around services, 2) fostering transparency and responsible financial management through increased community engagement, seeking input from parents, educators, and community members to ensure that our financial decisions align with the needs and priorities of our diverse community, and 3) expanding equitable access to advanced learning opportunities for all students.

I chose a career in filmmaking because I believe stories shape how we see and understand the world. They have the power to transform. Together, let's create a new story about education in Seattle.

Endorsed by: The Stranger, King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay, Sen. David Frockt (former), Seattle School Board President Brandon Hersey and more.

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Statement: Seattle is a progressive, educated, and innovative city, but our Public Schools are facing a crisis: declining enrollment, budget instability, and widening gaps in equity and outcomes. I'm running for School Board because I believe that we can meet this challenge and build great schools for all families.

I've called Seattle home for 20 years- fighting for housing affordability as the Executive Director of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, and working at leading technology companies. I'm a proud SPS parent. I have been endorsed by the Seattle Times, the 32nd Legislative District Democrats, former Seattle School Board members, and SPS parents looking for change.

We need systemic change to address urgent needs. After a student died from gun violence at Ingraham High School there was little to no response. The Board and District intend to close neighborhood schools and have ended vital enrichment programs. Students furthest from educational justice are, using the District's own measures, worse off than they were in 2019. Budget concerns are a result of a fundamentally unsound financial footing. As a result, many parents who can are leaving for private schools.

We deserve a School Board that takes gun violence seriously. We deserve a Board that fights to keep neighborhood schools open and offer programs that draw students in. We deserve a Board that does more than *talk* about improving outcomes for kids most in need of help, but insists on results. I don't have all the answers, but I believe that bringing in new voices is the first step to getting back on the right track.

In their endorsement, the *Seattle Times* noted my "*willingness to speak truth to power and dive into the details.*" With your vote I'll be a strong, unwavering voice for accountability, results, and more importantly- our kids.



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Occupation: Lawyer and West Seattle mom; former Counsel, MLK County Executive

Statement: Growing up, I experienced the struggles of our underfunded schools. Still, my life was transformed by inspirational and supportive teachers and counselors. Now, as I prepare to send my daughter into the same underfunded system, like many other parents, I'm worried.

Seattle Public Schools faces a staggering \$104.4 million budget shortfall for the 2024-2025 school year. The board is discussing cutting buses and music programs, laying off teachers, and even closing schools. It's clear we need experienced leaders prepared to tackle these issues with innovative solutions and an unwavering commitment to our kids.

I am well equipped to help bring stability and transformation to our schools, restoring parental and community confidence. As chief legal counsel and policy advisor to the King County Executive, I managed complex policy and budget challenges - prioritizing equity, accountability, and delivery of services.

With your vote, my priorities will be: 1) *Ensuring equity* in education for all students, regardless of their background, so that every child has the opportunity to succeed; 2) Cultivating safe, inclusive, and *welcoming environments*, where every student feels valued and respected; 3) *Empowering educators* through comprehensive support and fostering professional growth, recognizing their critical role in shaping our children's future; 4) *Engaging parents* and communities to create a collaborative educational system that restores confidence in the governance of our district, and reflects the diverse needs and perspectives of our city.

Together, I believe we can create a Seattle Public Schools system where parents and students look forward to the start of each school day.

Endorsed by: The Seattle Times & The Stranger; Seattle Education Association; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; King County and 34th LD Democrats, Metropolitan Democratic Club; Women's Political Caucus; One America Votes; Seattle Student Union; County Executive Dow Constantine, Legislative Democrats, current and former School Board leaders, more!

Maryanne Wood

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Occupation: Advocate for Women in Recovery for 35 years

Statement: Statement: 40-year West Seattle resident, 3 grandchildren in Seattle Public Schools (SPS), 1 with special needs.

Restoring confidence in our schools that have lost the support of families and communities they serve is key. Parents, students, and teachers need to be better informed and consulted about education demands and budget priorities. *"Maryanne Wood's impassioned candidacy, spurred by her opposition to what she calls the "mega school" plan, should serve as a barometer of community sentiment...It is also a reflection of anger across the district at a marked lack of transparency around the current school board's decision-making."* - The Seattle Times Editorial Board. SPS's decision making process lacks transparency. Elect me to the School Board and I will work tirelessly to change that.

Seattle Public Schools faces declining enrollments, budget deficits, elimination of resources and programs, *possible closures*, consolidation, teacher and staff layoffs according to an article published by the Seattle Times in April of 2023. SPS is facing an estimated \$131 million deficit for 2023-24 and \$92 million for 2024-25 yet they are still planning to construct large, one-size-fits-all buildings to replace aging school. I live by the one planned for Alki Elementary. A consolidation is a closure.

These new schools provide no parking for staff or parents. ADA parking is insufficient. The Alki school rebuild and remodel is an example of this. I will work to make sure these projects are scaled back if they don't have full community support. ADA parking and transportation needs must be given priority because if you can't get your child safely to the school, they can't be educated.

As a grassroots candidate I would appreciate your vote,

Endorsed by Vicki Schmitz, whose family donated the land for Schmitz Park Elementary and Scott Pinkham (first Native American to serve on the SPS Board)



Director District No. 1

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Occupation: Federal Policy Analyst, Washington State Department of Health

Statement: The Shoreline School District has experienced many pandemic-related challenges over the past 3 years, but we have faced these challenges with flexibility, innovation and compassion. As your current board member, it has been an honor to work alongside our students, families, and educators. I am running to continue our work and advance our strides in special education and inclusive learning.

As a Citizen of the Choctaw Nation, raising two children in the district, I know first-hand that investments in equity require changes in our policies and practices. I co-authored the district's Ethnic Studies Resolution and I've demonstrated a commitment to transparency in budget decision making through the development of the Budget Advisory Team.

We've reenergized our commitment to inclusive learning practices by adopting Special Education Vision and Guiding Principles – a framework for needed investments. I am committed to building on our success and would be grateful for your vote.



Director District No. 4

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Education: Masters in Public Administration, University of Washington; B.A in Political Science, University of Oregon

Occupation: Director of Integrated Programs, Community Health Plan of Washington

Statement: The importance of equity is clear in our district, but recent budget constraints provide ongoing challenges to address disparities. I am committed to supporting community voices in the decision-making process, to ensure we have fiscal stability and support the broad range of needs among students. As a parent of a child in the district, I have seen schools face incredible challenges over the last few years. As we move forward, it will be important to develop a strategic plan to help guide prioritization.

I have previous experience as a teacher, in evaluation and for the last ten years have worked in health care administration; including roles in advocacy, strategy and leadership. In our community, I have been involved in the PTA. I will provide leadership that supports community building, transparency and prioritizes equity for students, families, and schools.

Endorsed by: 1st Legislative District Democrats and 32nd Legislative District Democrats.

Hazim Ghanim

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Occupation: Engineering Manager, The Boeing Company

Statement: I believe in the power of a diverse and inclusive school environment. As an involved father, PTSA treasurer, and person of color, I will infuse a fresh perspective into the School Board, elevate the voices of those who are underrepresented, and champion change by challenging the presence of hand-picked candidates or favoritism within the board. I'll prioritize educational equity, strengthen community engagement, and promote student growth.

My history of leadership roles in my career has honed my adeptness in problem-solving and uniting teams. I'll dedicate myself to crafting policies that boost academic achievement and prioritize our students' well-being. My profession has also given me the ability to meticulously scrutinize budgets and decipher complex government regulations.

Residing in Shoreline for nine years with my wife and second-grader, I am wholeheartedly committed to enhancing fiscal transparency and decision-making to safeguard our students' future. Thank you. Endorsed by 32nd LD Democrats



Director District No. 5

Sara Betnel

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Education: MFA in Theatre Education, Boston University; BA in Drama, University of Washington

Occupation: Online Communications Strategist/Developer; Parent of two Shoreline Schools students

Statement: It has been my deepest honor and privilege to serve our community during some of our district's biggest challenges as well as important moments of progress.

Through this term I've learned the legal, financial, contractual, and organizational structures that make our district work. I've sought diverse perspectives, visited our schools, engaged with our full school community, listened deeply, then applied insights and understanding gained to respond to needs, address disparities, and improve outcomes for our students; notably, by expanding our district's legislative advocacy, resulting in significant increases in special education funding, more inclusive learning, and expanded dual credit options.

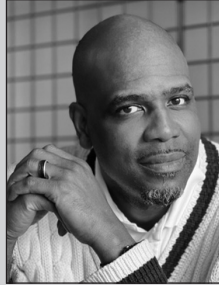
We have important work ahead as we continue to navigate the personal and academic impacts from the pandemic alongside ongoing budget challenges. I'm committed to partnering with students, families, staff, and community to create a shared way forward with clear guidance, communication, and accountability. I would be grateful for your vote.



Director District No. 4

Terrence Proctor

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Education: BA Political Science University of WA, Several Post Graduate Certifications

Occupation: Sr. Pastor, Church By The Side of the Road

Statement: Married 28 years to Arizona. 20+ years as educator, administrator, counselor, and athletic coach in both private and public sectors, Serving as Senior Pastor at (CBSR) for the past 15 years has afforded me a myriad of opportunities to serve collaboratively within the Tukwila Community.

I'm dedicated to supporting the Tukwila community and local partnerships in our ongoing efforts to promote equitable practices and culturally sensitive instruction for all students.

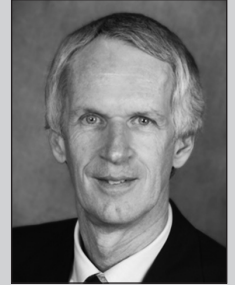
In my capacity as a Tukwila School District Board Member, I'll work to strengthen the board's ties to the surrounding community as well as cultivate meaningful relationships with educators, students, and their families. I will also maintain a focus on the development of student success as the Board spearheads the drive for building close ties across the education ecosystem. I want to assist Tukwila School District in reviewing the current objectives of the district and creating strategies with measurable outcomes.



Director District No. 5

Dave Larson

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Education: MS Computer Science UW, AB Math UC Berkeley

Occupation: Retired Software Engineer

Statement: I am committed to creating an educational experience for our students that will prepare them for success in the world. I have volunteered teaching math and robotics in the district for over 20 years. I have worked hard to provide our students with the technology that is critical to their success. As our district's Legislative Representative, I will continue to work at the state level to advocate for an equitable funding system based on student need. This is essential so that our district can be fiscally sound and educationally excellent. We have a wonderful, diverse group of students and they deserve a great educational experience.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Mike Ziegler

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Education: Renton Vocational Technical -Computer electronics, Bellevue CC -Fire Science, WA State Fire Academy -Firefighter1 -EMT

Occupation: Retired Firefighter - King County Fire District #2

Statement: The fire department is the life-blood of a community; and there is no better department to support that life blood than king county fire district #2. I know this because I have lived here, raised kids here, built a business here, and served as both a volunteer and career firefighter for 30 years. I've also had the opportunity of instructing many of you in the local CERT program.

It is a privilege to have grown up in this community and it was an honor to have served it. As I continue my service as commissioner, I will work to create policies that ensure that our community is kept safe through professionally trained personnel, properly equipped stations, and a fiscally responsible fire department.

I ask that you give me the opportunity to serve you by giving me your vote. Endorsed by Burien Firefighters Local 1461

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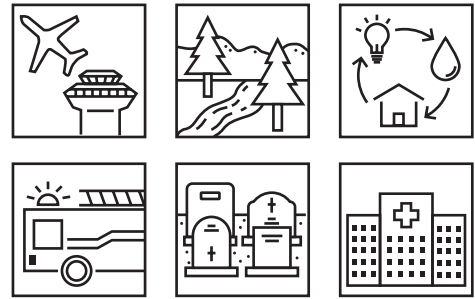
Education: MA Security, Diplomacy, & Counterterrorism -Tel Aviv University; BA Spanish, International Affairs -Florida State University

Occupation: Project Manager, Kaye-Smith Enterprise

Statement: As your Fire Commissioner, I will continue to ensure that our residents receive the highest level of fire protection and emergency services. As a taxpayer, I will be fiscally responsible and allocate funds appropriately.

I am a motivated and engaged commissioner who understands the responsibility of managing a multimillion-dollar budget. I will continue to ensure our firefighters have the tools and training needed to respond to the emergencies of our ever-growing community. I feel that I can best help in the decision-making process by valuing ideas and choices that reflect our communities' best interests without wasting money or underfunding our emergency responders.

My project management experience has given me almost a decade of knowledge in managing budgets, organizing projects, and working with stakeholders. I believe my project management experience and background are an asset to the residents of Burien and Normandy Park, and I respectfully ask for your vote.



Special Purpose Districts are Extra Special

Every election, voters get to make their voices heard about who they'd like to represent them at different levels of government. Local elections provide voters the chance to choose who will represent them in local government, from county and city councilmembers, to mayors.

Special Purpose Districts are particularly special parts of our local government. These districts take care of specific tasks for our communities, from parks to power (and more). When voters choose representatives for their Special Purpose Districts, they are influencing their communities in crucial ways.



Commissioner Position No. 1

**Eric L.
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No photo
submitted

Education: BA Economics, University of Washington; Paramedic certification, UW/Harborview Paramedic Training Program

Occupation: Firefighter/Paramedic

Statement: Thank you for your support of the Northshore Fire Department. I am happy to continue my position as Fire Commissioner. The Northshore Fire Department is now about two years into a long-term contract for service with our neighboring fire department, the Shoreline Fire Department. The net effect of this is that the two fire departments are operating as one. In conjunction with this change, we added an aid car to Station 57 in Lake Forest Park to better serve the community. We also now rely much less on private ambulance transport, and primarily transport via fire department staffed vehicles. All of these changes have improved and streamlined services. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions and concerns about your local fire and emergency medical services, and/or attend one of our board meetings. Meetings are on-line and in-person, on the first Tuesday of each month.



Commissioner Position No. 1

**Craig
Buckton**

No photo
submitted

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: I'm currently a fire commissioner for Fire District 20, I've enjoyed serving the last 6 years and look forward to continuing service to my community. I'm endorsed by IAFF local 3740 Skyway firefighters, and the Volunteer Association.



Commissioner Position No. 1

**Terri
Robison**



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Education: BA Western Wash Univ

Occupation: Mclendon's Hardware Garden Lead

Statement: As a 35 year resident of White Center, I have been actively involved with my community. I have been a volunteer at the WC Food bank, Little League, Jubilee Days and neighborhood PCO. During this time I have watched our community grow and evolve. My goal as fire commissioner is to ensure that the fire district continues to grow and evolve with the community and in doing so makes effective use of its' taxpayer dollars in a fiscally responsible way.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Barb Sullivan



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Education: Shoreline Community College graduate

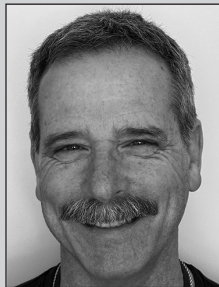
Occupation: Shoreline School District, Shoreline Fire Commissioner

Statement: It has been an honor serving on your board of Shoreline Fire Commissioners. During these years, we have faced a pandemic, explosive growth and increasing mental health populations. From new dwellings to light rail, the need for emergency services continue to increase. Throughout these challenges, we have maintained balanced budgets and lowered fire department tax rates, all while maintaining stellar emergency services. This proactive success, has been accomplished in a professional and collaborative manner. I will continue working to ensure your tax dollars are allocated efficiently, ensuring the highest level of emergency services.

Primarily, I am extremely grateful to the Shoreline citizens for their continued support of our Shoreline Fire Department.

Memberships: King County Fire Commissioners Association, Washington Fire Commissioner Association, National Association of Emergency Responders. **Endorsement:** Shoreline Fire Firefighters and Paramedics Local 1760. I am also supported by my fellow board members. Thank you for your vote.

Larry Hadland



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Education: Bachelors of Science in Government and Fire Administration

Occupation: Fire Department Community Resource Specialist

Statement: Hello, thank you for taking the time to read the candidate statements. The duties of a Fire Commissioner are setting policies, developing budgets, hiring the Fire Chief, and, most importantly, acting as the fiduciary for you, the taxpayer.

My experience as a healthcare professional, paramedic, and firefighter has uniquely qualified me to assist the Shoreline Fire Department with transitioning to the future.

Managing the exploding number of non-emergency calls to 911 requires staffing the dispatch centers with navigators trained in mental health and advanced nursing care. The best 911 call is the one not requiring a fire response. My nearly 48 years of experience in fire, EMS, and health services enable me to be the best candidate for this position. I will bring a fresh approach to budgeting and policy development. In addition to my experience, I served for over 11 years at the former Snohomish County Fire District One.



Commissioner Position No. 4

David M. Harris

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Mark L. Thompson



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Education: Cascade High (Everett) Graduate; Bates Fire Training Graduate; Misc. Fire Admin/Emergency Management Classes, Workshops

Occupation: Retired Firefighter Volunteer, Retired Career Firefighter and Fire Executive

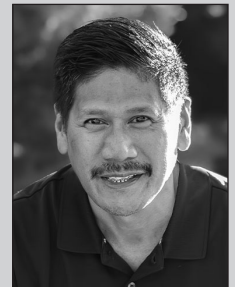
Statement: I have been your Fire Commissioner since 2000 and seeking to continue to provide vision, focus and fiscal responsibility while providing continued quality service to our growing fire district!

I have 50+ years collective fire service experience as a volunteer, career fire fighter and officer and former Fire Chief which started here in Federal Way in 1969, including 24 years as your Fire Commissioner.

Over the last 74 years South King Fire vision and goals, with your support, has strived to provide quality training, personnel and equipment which has enabled your fire district to meet the growing community needs and expectations of you the citizens, to be a Class 2 insurance rated fire district; deliver compassionate and professional emergency services that you support with your tax dollars; with expectations of timely response when you call 911 for help in your time of need.

Your vote for me is a vote for continued support for your fire fighters and commissioners to fulfill the ongoing goals to address the mission, vision and guiding principles of South King Fire with focus on "We Help People" in their time of need, yesterday, today and in the future, as we have done since 1949.

Gregory Baruso



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Education: AA Liberal Arts, SCCC, AA Fire Officer, Bellevue College

Occupation: Deputy State Fire Marshal, Washington State Patrol

Statement: Greg Baruso brings over 36 years of public safety experience to his candidacy for South King Fire Department's Board of Commissioners. He envisions a collaborative, service-oriented fire department with a focus on results for the community.

Greg's goal is to modernize and equip the fire department to meet the needs of our growing community. His proven track record ensures a transparent and engaged department. He listens and has a goal of creating a 21st-century fire department.

Greg's dedication to public service is apparent through his extensive community engagement, such as serving as President of Citizens for Federal Way Public Schools and his recent tenure on the Federal Way City Council.

Greg's proud to be endorsed by South King Professional Firefighters Local 2024 along with many elected officials & labor organizations. Vote for Greg Baruso as our Fire Commissioner by November 7th to bring his vision and experience to our community.



Commissioner Position No. 5

Craig Burrus

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Education: Bachelor's in Economics. University of Washington

Occupation: Retired Firefighter, Small Business Owner

Statement: I have lived in Federal Way for the last 20 years. I worked for South King Fire as a firefighter just short of 30 years, retiring recently as a Lieutenant in the Fire Marshal's office. For the last 25 years, I have also operated a successful small business in the real estate industry managing budgets and expenses. Through my unique insight into how our Fire Department operates and my management skills, I understand what is needed and how to keep South King Fire an exceptional organization.

For me, this is the next chapter of serving my community.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Todd Fultz



Education: Gas Turbine Engineering, United States Navy (Great Lakes, IL)

Occupation: Account Sales / Special Project Management

Statement: It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Commissioner Position #1 at Highline Water District and I ask that you Reelect me for this position.

As a member of the Highline Water Board of Commissioners and past President, my mission is to ensure you are provided the highest water quality at the lowest possible price. Through fiscal responsibility, I have helped guide the growth and environmental stewardship that all customers have come to know and deserve. The District's infrastructure is well maintained and positioned for the future.

As a district customer I have lived in the community for 19 years with my family. I serve our district through participation on the Washington Association of Sewer and Water District's Governmental Relations, Technology, and Emergency Preparedness Committees. I will continue to ensure your water needs are met through district planning, health/safety, and fiscal responsibility. I ask for your vote.

Brian Steenrod



Education: MBA, Colorado Technical University; BA in Accounting & Finance, American InterContinental University

Occupation: Accounting and Finance Analyst

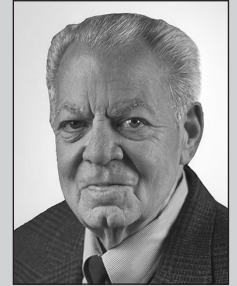
Statement: We cannot take our water supply for granted. The recent Des Moines e-coli water contamination was a stark reminder that our water supply is susceptible, as are those who depend on it. The harm to businesses and impact on residents demonstrated that. I want to serve as your water commissioner to help ensure our water remains clean, affordable, and abundant. I will work to help the district make good decisions that support our water system not just today but for our children's families in the future.

Des Moines is the community in which I grew up and where I choose to raise my family. I am confident my finance skills and experience, coupled with my community focus, will help Highline Water District continue to capably serve the needs of the public. Thank you for your support. I would appreciate your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Russ Pritchard



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Education: Highline, Seattle Community College in Law Enforcement, Fire Administration, Graduate of the Seattle Police Academy

Occupation: Retired Fire Chief – North Highline Fire Department

Statement: Russ has served your community faithfully for his entire life. Working for the North Highline Fire Department for 42 years. Serving as President or Vice President of many organizations including the White Center Chamber of Commerce, Fire Chiefs Association, Co-Founder of the King/Snohomish/Pierce County Arson Association, and the KC Fire Building Appeal Boards.

Russ has served as both President and Secretary of Water District 20. He has helped develop policy that improves your water system and capital improvement projects that included; installing over 400 new fire hydrants, replacing 25 miles of old pipe, and signing a water contract with the City of Seattle through 2063.

As a commissioner within Water District #20 Russ has continued to keep water rates in the top 5 lowest in all of King County. If reelected Russ will continue to insure safe, clean, water for all. A vote for Russ is a vote for us!



Commissioner Position No. 1

Ray Brickell

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Education: Highline High School 1979

Occupation: Puget Sound Energy Retiree

Statement: It has been my honor to serve as one of your Commissioners the last 18 years. The Burien I grew up in is not the same city we have today. A water district's first priority is fire flow. The large scale construction in Burien over the last several years, such as Burien Town Square, the Maverick and Merrill Gardens buildings and now the new Kenect project required the water district to add storage to meet those fire flow demands. With your vote, I'll continue using my 41 years of in-the-field utility experience to meet the challenges of providing safe and reliable water to all of our rate payers.

Thank You

Ray Brickell

Voting FAQ

○ HOW DO I VOTE? ●

Fill in the bubble next to the candidate or measure that you choose.

○ DO I HAVE TO USE A PEN?

You can use pen, pencil, crayon, or anything else that clearly fills in the bubble next to your choice.

○ DO I HAVE TO VOTE ON EVERY RACE?

It's up to you which races you vote on. You can vote on one race, two races, or all races. We will count whichever votes you make.

○ WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND OR MADE A MISTAKE?

Make a line through the option you do not want. Then, fill in the bubble next to your correct choice.

○ DO I HAVE TO SIGN MY BALLOT?

You must sign the outside of the return envelope for your ballot to be counted. Your signature doesn't have to be neat or legible, but it does have to match the signatures in your voter registration file.

○ HOW DO I RETURN MY BALLOT?

You can put your ballot into any USPS mailbox as long as it will be postmarked by Election Day. You can also return your ballot to any of the 78 ballot drop boxes around King County. We recommend mailing your ballot by the Friday before Election Day or using a drop box in the final days of the election.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Catherine Barashkoff



Education: Masters Education, Seattle University; BA Political Science, WWU; CTE-WBL, CWU

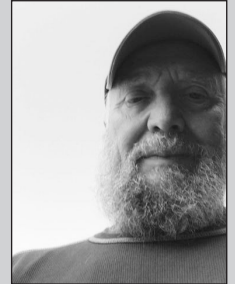
Occupation: Finance/Consumer Lending, BECU; former Des Moines Farmers Market Board

Statement: The Des Moines area is a great place to live. I moved here from the city of Seattle over twenty years ago to raise my family, and I found a wonderful community. I value an economy that encourages sustainable growth and development which, in turn, requires sound planning and continual investment in our utility infrastructure. As a water commissioner, I will strive to ensure that the water needs of our residents and businesses remain as plentiful, safe, and inexpensive as possible while preparing for the current upgrades and the future needs of our growing community. I am committed to Water District 54's success and confident that, with my fellow Commissioners and our dedicated district staff, we can help ensure that our water is managed responsibly and efficiently. I thank you for your support and will work to assure the resilience of our water system.



Commissioner Position No. 3

Jim Delvin



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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: With current District #54 staff and existing and new commissions, I hope to maintain safe water to residents of District #54.



Commissioner Position No. 1

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submitted

No statement submitted.



Commissioner Position No. 1

David A. Hammond

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Education: University of Washington, BA, MPA

Occupation: Financial Manager

Statement: It has been my privilege to serve as district commissioner the past twelve years. I am especially honored to work with the hard-working team at the district, including Alan and the crew, my fellow commissioners and the tireless volunteer citizen's advisory board members. This team is dedicated to maintenance of a complicated system of wells, pumps, testing and distribution of untreated water from our aquifer.



Commissioner Position No. 1

**Ronald F. (Ron)
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submitted

No statement submitted.



Commissioner Position No. 1

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submitted

No statement submitted.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Vince Koester

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Education: Education: AA, AAS Quality Control

Occupation: Occupation: Small Business Owner

Statement: Statement: Lowest Sewer Rates in Western Washington.

I am proud to be your commissioner at Midway Sewer District.

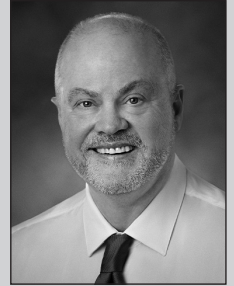
You can be proud of your management and staff in our district. They are fiscally responsible and customer oriented. I have been a resident of Des Moines for over forty years and have owned my own business here, maintaining some of the nicest retirement communities in the state. Thank you for your continued support.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Scott Hilsen

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Education: Seattle University; Master of Business Administration. University of Washington; BA Business Administration Finance.

Occupation: Manager of Information Technology.

Statement: It has been my honor to serve as your commissioner these past 19 years. Working with my fellow commissioners and district staff, we have made great strides forward in upgrading infrastructure, staff training, safety programs, security and technology; SW Suburban is second to none. *Our sewer rate is about 1/2 (50%) the average sewer rate in King County, and we provide excellent service to our ratepayers.* Raised in Normandy Park, I graduated from the University of Washington and received an MBA from Seattle University. I have 34 years of IT Management experience and 22 years of public service. I am active in the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts. The employee union (Local 21S) voted to support my continued leadership. We have a sewer district that is focused on the future - I ask for your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Deb McCaslin

No photo submitted

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Education: ATA Degree

Occupation: Analyst

Statement: I am a resident within the District and currently serve on the Board of Commissioners and I look forward to serving another term with the District and I would appreciate your vote this election.

How the Rate Payer's money is used by the District is an important factor in my decision to serve my community in this manner. I am a Rate Payer too.

I use sound judgement and appropriate critical thinking to make my decisions regarding District Policies that help to ensure the District will properly manage rate payer's dollars and has the ability to meet the needs of existing and new rate payers. I have and I will continue to support the transparency of District operations and the efforts to keep the District's Rate Fees the lowest in the area. I would be pleased to have your vote. Thank you.



Commissioner Position No. 3

Juan Jose Montelongo Jr.

No photo submitted

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No statement submitted.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Leonard (Len) Englund

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Education: Bachelor of Science Computing Systems

Occupation: Retired - Boeing Aircraft Company

Statement: For the past 14 years I have served the Lakehaven community as commissioner. During that time I have worked to keep our rates low and our water quality high as well as sewer service efficient and clean. As an elected official, I work for the rate payer (customers) of our district. One of my filters when making decisions on the board is to put myself in the ratepayer's shoes, asking critical questions of our staff to ensure we always get the biggest bang for our buck.

As commissioner I will continue to look after the well being of our ratepayers and promise to make sound business decisions for our community with a special eye for preservation and longevity of our water resources and efficient robust sewer infrastructure, all while striving for low rates.

It is my pleasure serving you, the citizens of Lakehaven and I will be honored to have earned your vote once again. Please vote for Leonard (Len) Englund. Thank you.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Trudy C. Rolla



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Education: Bachelor of Science Environmental Health, University of Washington; Master Business Administration, University of Puget Sound.

Occupation: Retired (Senior Environmental Health Specialist, Seattle King County Public Health)

Statement: You should expect safe and reliable drinking water and sewage disposal provided in an efficient, skilled and cost-effective way. Protecting the public health and meeting the growing needs of this area are challenges for the District.

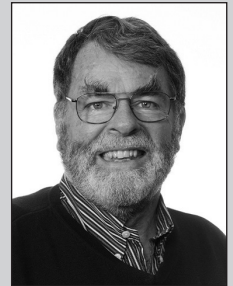
I am proud to have been able to help ensure these goals since 1996. My professional expertise helps guide the District in areas such as: Emergency Preparedness; Fats/Oils/Grease program; Community Outreach; Performance and Evaluation; Comprehensive Plans; fair wages and rate setting.

I will use my knowledge in public health and management to help NUD meet the demands of this growing community, while ensuring that you have safe drinking water and a reliable sewage system.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Bruce Gardiner



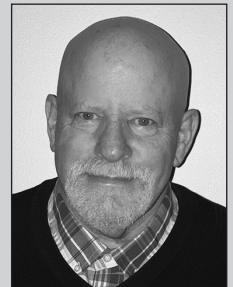
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Education: BA, Univ of Washington, JD, Univ of Puget Sound (Seattle U)
Occupation: Attorney; current Commissioner, Northshore Utility District

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: After serving 9 years as the Finance Director for the Northshore Utility District (NUD), and with over 35 years of total experience as a CPA in the public, corporate, governmental, and non-profit sectors, I am uniquely qualified for this position. I am a Director Emeritus at Kinderling (an organization for developmentally disabled children) and have served as volunteer Treasurer for multiple local organizations.

To protect customer interests at a business level, it is crucial to have a governing board member with financial expertise. This critical role has been missing from NUD's Board of Commissioners for many years.

My commitment to NUD's customers will be to preserve low rates, ensure clean and plentiful drinking water, provide safe sanitary sewer services, maintain strong reserves to meet the demand for growth and asset replacement, minimize operating costs, and help ratepayers become more involved with important issues at the District. I appreciate your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 5

Suzanne Greathouse



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Education: BS Computer Science, MA Technical Writing

Occupation: Owner REPSVR

Statement: Suzanne Greathouse, current Board President of Northshore Utility District, is a dedicated community professional who brings a vast amount of knowledge and experience to support NUD's continued ongoing mission to provide necessary services to the community in a safe, reliable, economical, and ecologically responsible manner.

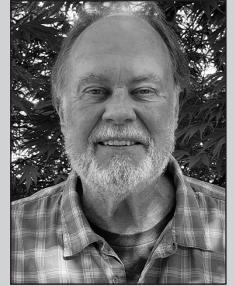
Suzanne is CEO/Co-Founder of REPSVR, a virtual reality skills training platform. As a business owner, educator/trainer, executive and consultant she developed and led multi-cultural/virtual teams and managed complex business environments. She is an expert at applying industry best practices and emerging research to specific challenges, enabling and empowering success while improving performance, motivation, and job satisfaction.

She worked for AT&T for nearly 20 years and led efforts in Construction and Engineering, Research and Development, Emergency Preparedness/ Disaster Recovery, Network Security, Network Operations, and IT Product Development/Support. In 2017, after a family tragedy, she decided to leave AT&T and focus on serving the community. Position:No. 5



Commissioner Position No. 1

Gary Schulz



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Education: BS in Science Interdisciplinary, University of Idaho

Occupation: Environmental Consultant

Statement: I am a Commissioner for the Skyway Water & Sewer District seeking re-election to a third term. For nearly 12 years I served the Community and the District. I participated with new growth and development and the setbacks caused by the Covid pandemic. Responsible development helps pay for necessary improvements including roadways, water and sewer projects, and other utilities. However funding opportunities for new utilities and revitalization are needed.

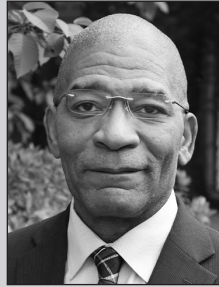
I have a strong interest in water quality improvement for both surface water and ground water. Everyone needs clean water! Your water & sewer District is responsible for providing clean water and reliable sewer service. The Skyway area has a significant amount of old water & sewer systems so the District is challenged to replace utilities annually to prevent unexpected failure or provide immediate repairs. I look forward to offering my experience with public project coordination, private contracting, and development permitting.



Commissioner District No. 1

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Education: Job Corps- St. Paul, MN GED 1988, Minneapolis Technical College- GPN 1990

Occupation: Licensed Practical Nurse at MCC, Small Business Owner

Statement: I've been a nurse for 33 years. Additionally, my wife of 29 years and I have worked side by side as owner/operators of Adult Family Homes, Nursing Personnel Service and currently a brick-and-mortar retail store. I'm proud to be an active member of my union, Teamsters 117, through my job as a nurse at Monroe Correctional Complex.

I am running because I believe bold new leadership is needed to take on the complex healthcare challenges our communities are facing. We must continue to protect a woman's right to access reproductive healthcare. We must prioritize access to behavioral health resources and address the opioid epidemic that has become far too pervasive in our community. And we must ensure people know what treatment options are available to them right here in our community.

As a nurse and union member I am proud to have the support of the healthcare workers at Valley Medical Center and their union, SEIU 1199. Far too often the expertise of those on the frontline providing our care is ignored in the decision-making process. I'll bring my years of healthcare experience and the voice of healthcare workers into the Boardroom to ensure we never lose sight of the goal—providing quality healthcare to our community.

Endorsements: King County Democrats, MLK Labor, MLK Working Families Party, State Senator Karen Keiser, State Senator John Lovick, SeaTac Mayor Jake Simpson, Tukwila City Councilmember Kate Kruller, Auburn City Councilmember Larry Brown, Seattle City Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, SEIU 925, SEIU 1199, Teamsters 117, IBEW 46, 11th LD Dems, 33rd LD Dems, 41st LD Dems, and many more unions, community leaders and healthcare professionals.

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Education: Graduate of Seattle Pacific University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Highline College; Kentridge High School

Occupation: Board of Commissioners (2018-present); Kent SD Staff (WEA-KAP)

Statement: A Strategic Alliance Agreement with UW Medicine was enacted by vote of the Board of Commissioners. This agreement has failed to create the positive impacts for Valley Medical Center which were envisioned 12 years ago. It's a 15-year initial contract which is soon up for renewal, or with changes, or we can end the partnership.

It provides scant community benefits and doesn't offer additional revenues. In fact, they're actually competing against Valley just like others in the region! *We'd rather invest in our facilities and our talented patient care professionals and providers to expand services to our patients!*

It's harder than ever to keep a provider, and even harder today to keep qualified patient caregivers such as nurses and assistants! There is a growing, culturally-diverse community in South King County who need specialized patient care more than ever, such as advanced cancer care which we've been building for on Valley's main campus, as well as the sense of community that Valley seeks to provide you and your family. We live in an increasingly competitive healthcare marketplace. The Board of Commissioners is committed to the future of healthcare access/equity in our Valley community, for our shared goals for improved health and inclusion of all whom we care!

I promise to continue this good work for the Valley community if re-elected. I appreciate you all. Staff members, I care about your wellbeing as you care for the community.

With the Board of Commissioners and Board of Trustees, we hired a new CEO, and we filibustered the vote until we were allowed by UW Medicine to hire her. I'm proud to have taken on such challenges in leadership for this hospital and it's people! They have saved my own life--twice!

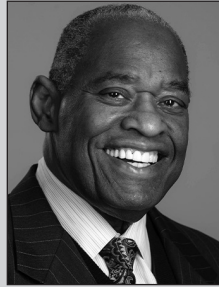
I respectfully ask for your votes, and I am proud to serve Valley!



Commissioner District No. 3

Norman Seabrooks

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Education: Bachelor's in History, The Citadel

Occupation: Retired Market President (Pacific Northwest), Aetna, Inc.

Statement: I retired from Aetna, Inc. after a 47-year career in the health insurance industry, beginning as a sales representative and ending my career as Market President for the Pacific Northwest market. In that role I had the responsibility for 1.2 million members accounting for billions of dollars of claim payments. I represented the employers who entrusted us with their employee health plans, and oversaw contract negotiations with hospitals, medical groups, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers etc. over 13 western states. This experience provides me with a comprehensive understanding of health care business operations.

I have been a resident of Redmond for 22 years, and have seen the region evolve, along with its needs for health care. While EvergreenHealth has grown and expanded its services to support those needs there is still more work to be done. My entire family receives care through EvergreenHealth. Since retirement I have been serving as a volunteer on EvergreenHealth's Planning Board. I know firsthand the challenges facing this extremely valuable community asset, as both a member of that board, and as a patient. I am personally invested in seeing responsible growth to support the continued growth and changing demographics.

In 2021, my alma mater, The Citadel, awarded me an honorary Doctor of Leadership and Ethics in Commerce degree, in acknowledgment of my "legacy of ethical leadership, sportsmanship, and service to his community." As your hospital commissioner on the board of EvergreenHealth, I will offer the experiences of my 47-year health insurance career, my continued commitment to responsible growth and development, recognition of the importance of effective and ethical leadership, and continued advocacy for the EvergreenHealth system and its constituents.



Commissioner Position No. 6

Jeffrey Cashman



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Education: BA Political Science, WSU; JD Seattle University Law School

Occupation: Investment Advisor/Retirement Plan Consultant

Statement: As a long time community volunteer, EvergreenHealth advocate and board member, it was an honor to be appointed to fill the open seat on the Hospital District Board of which I am now running to retain. My wife, Judy, and I have lived on English Hill for 35 years. EvergreenHealth has been our family hospital from the time our kids were young to the birth of our two grandkids. I have witnessed the important role Evergreen plays in our growing community and I am committed to its continued well-being.

Evergreen was front and center During the COVID-19 pandemic. The hard work and dedication of all—nurses, physicians, medical technicians, maintenance, and administration—as a team they worked together in the most difficult of circumstances. Our ability to survive during this crisis was a testament how leadership and front-line staff work together to meet our community needs. My commitment is to continue to foster this team-based approach to patient care, the wellbeing of our staff and transparency to our community.

In addition to my 15-years on the EvergreenHealth Foundation Board, I have served on Boards of Hopelink, Rotary, and United Way. My background in law and as successful business owner, I, most importantly, want to be of service to my community hospital. In doing so I will work collaboratively in helping steer Evergreen through whatever crisis might come our way so that we remain financially strong and continue to meet your needs.

Hospitals across the State are in difficult financial positions and Evergreen is no exception. Insurance companies and Medicare are limiting reimbursements, yet patients expect and deserve the highest level of care. It takes experience to navigate these waters and I have that experience. In my position on the Board, I work tirelessly to put the patient and our employees first.

Amber Wise



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Education: Meatcutter Apprentice Program, Sno-Isle TECH Skills Center

Occupation: Meatcutter Apprentice, PCC - Redmond

Statement: Being a woman meat cutter apprentice, I'm no stranger to hard work and what it takes to break down barriers. As commissioner, I'm able to bring a fresh perspective and deep passion for positive change to healthcare by creating a system that fosters collaboration, promotes mental health and creates connections toward a stronger, healthier community.

I'm dedicated to advocating for the hardworking employees within the hospital. I know firsthand the compassionate, quality care these professionals provide. By ensuring they have a positive, empowering work environment we can attract and retain the best talent so they can continue providing exceptional and timely care to our communities.

Mental health is crucial to overall wellbeing and I understand the importance of these services. I will push to expand the mental health services provided by the hospital and ensure accessible, quality care for all. By breaking down stigmas and providing vital care to patients and their families we can create a supportive and compassionate environment for those in need.

I believe community engagement is crucial to building a stronger, more resilient healthcare system and I will work to create stronger relationships between the hospital, local organizations, residents, and healthcare providers to ensure services provided by the hospital align with the communities requirements.

I'm proud to be endorsed by the King County Democrats, the Eastside Firefighters and leaders who know me and my work like Attorney General Bob Ferguson and city council members throughout the district. Most importantly, I am proud to have earned the support of SEIU 1199NW, the Union of nurses and health care professionals at Evergreen.

I humbly ask for your vote. Together we can create a hospital that not only provides top notch healthcare, but truly reflects the values of respect, compassion, and collaboration.



Commissioner Position No. 7

Virgil Snyder

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Education: BS Mechanical Engineering, Utah State; MBA, City University; Advance Bellevue graduate; WSHA Healthcare Governance Certification

Occupation: Process, Systems and Computing Tools Engineer and Manager (Boeing Retired)

Statement: As a resident of Bothell for twenty-eight years, I have had the opportunity to serve as an EvergreenHealth Community Advisor for eighteen years and the past seven years on the EvergreenHealth Board of Commissioners (King County Public Hospital District #2). I have gained a greater understanding and appreciation of the importance of quality healthcare for our community.

EvergreenHealth has grown from a small community hospital to a regional medical center providing outstanding services to our residents. EvergreenHealth is rated one of America's 50 Best Hospitals (top 1%). This is seen throughout the continuum of patient care, services such as women's health, labor and birth, cancer care, heart care, stroke, orthopedics, pulmonary care, hospice, patient education and many more. I am focused on seeing EvergreenHealth provide a complete range of nationally recognized healthcare services for you, your family, friends, and neighbors within the EvergreenHealth community.

As a member of the board, I chair the EvergreenHealth Board of Commissioners, the Strategic Planning and Construction board committee, the Digital Health and Consumer Innovation board committee, am a member of the Board Governance committee, and serve on the Board of Directors for the Eastside Health Alliance.

As your hospital commissioner, I will continue to ensure that EvergreenHealth provides safe, high quality patient care, innovative solutions, cost-effective service, press for the continued financial health of the hospital, and the effective, efficient use of our public tax dollars. I am committed to improving communication within our community and will continue to be out in the community engaging with our residents.

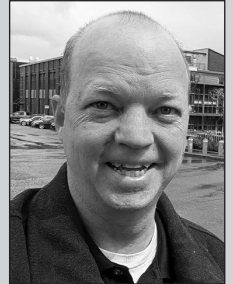
Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve you these past seven years and would appreciate your continued support to retain me as your PHD #2 Hospital Commissioner.



Commissioner Position No. 5

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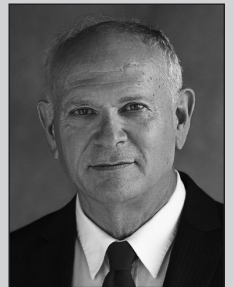
Education: University of Washington, Seattle, Social Welfare; University of Washington, Tacoma, Master of Cybersecurity and Leadership

Occupation: Cybersecurity Administrator, Soccer Referee

Statement: I am a community leader who wants to serve the people of Des Moines. I have lived here for 17 years and serve as president for the Des Moines Police Foundation and as captain of my neighborhood block watch. I care about providing recreation and fitness opportunities for our children and adults. I also believe that there should be no conflicts of interest for an elected official. I will bring transparency to this position, and if elected, I will also bring my cybersecurity knowledge and leadership to the pool district and help to keep our systems and data safe and secure. I humbly ask for your vote and I will continue to do my best to serve the community.

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Education: BA Communications, Washington State University; AAS Graphic Design, Highline College; AA General, Tacoma Community College

Occupation: Retired journalist, Seattle P-I; adjunct professor, Highline College; graphic designer

Statement: Swimming is an essential life skill, an activity we can continue throughout our lifetimes. The pandemic has taught us swimming is also a vital healing tool. COVID severely disrupted our kids' educations, but studies show that kids perform better in the classroom if they've learned to swim. It's why I led the campaign in 2009 to save Mount Rainier Pool and continue to help introduce more kids to swimming.

During the pandemic, I secured over \$125,000 in grants to provide free lessons to help kids get back on track and to remove the economic barriers to lifeguard/swim instructor certifications. I've worked to diversify our lifeguard staff, so all kids can see that our pool welcomes everyone. To help increase capacity, I secured \$100,000 to study how we can better utilize the facility.

I humbly ask for your support to continue making swimming a priority.



Commissioner Position No. 5

Aaron Shipman

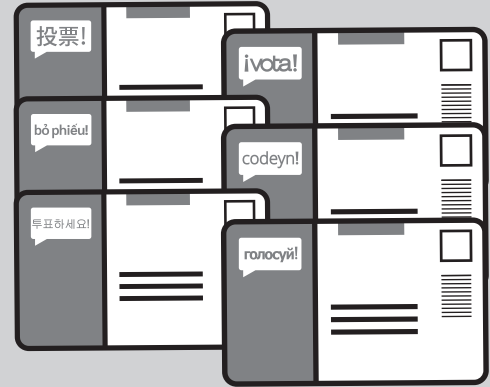
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Education: Associates Degree, South Puget Sound Community College

Occupation: Electrician

Statement: As an elected official and experienced commissioner, I use my knowledge of swimming and water safety to make informed decisions that benefit the Tukwila community. With the support of staff, volunteers, and fellow commissioners, I am confident in leading the district/pool to even greater heights. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the community and look forward to making a positive impact.



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Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy Renewal for Affordable Housing

The Mayor and Seattle City Council passed Ordinance 126837, concerning renewal of the Seattle Housing Levy.

If approved, this proposition would replace the expiring Seattle Housing Levy and fund housing and housing services for low-income households, including seniors, families, people with disabilities, and people experiencing homelessness.

It authorizes a seven-year property tax increase for collection beginning in 2024 at approximately \$0.45/\$1,000 in assessed value, up to a maximum \$3.60/\$1,000. The 2024 regular levy amount would be used to compute limitations for 2025-2030 levies. Seniors, veterans with disabilities, and others qualified under RCW 84.36.381 are exempt.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 102.



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 would authorize a seven-year property tax increase, replacing an expiring levy, to finance low-income housing and provide for housing needs of low-income persons. Approximately 51 percent of levy funding is anticipated to serve households earning 30 percent or less of Seattle area median income.

This proposition would increase taxes levied in 2023 through 2029 and collected in 2024 through 2030. It would authorize Seattle to raise up to \$970,260,175 in additional property taxes over the period to pay for levy programs, with a maximum annual amount raised of \$138,608,596.

Levy-funded programs would: create and preserve affordable homes throughout Seattle; stabilize workers, building operations, and services, that support affordable housing residents; provide emergency assistance to prevent low-income households from experiencing homelessness; and support affordable housing developments led by community-based organizations. Ordinance 126837, later in this pamphlet, explains these programs.

The City Council could change the programs, consistent with the proposition's basic purposes. An oversight committee would monitor and report on program progress.

State law generally limits property tax increases to one percent above the highest amount that the City could have received in the prior year. This proposition allows the City to exceed this limit. In 2024, the additional taxes for any property owner would be approximately 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The City's regular property-tax rate would not exceed the state law limit of \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Seniors, veterans with disabilities, and others qualified under RCW 84.36.381 are exempt.

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Statement in favor

Patience Malaba, Matt Griffin, Susan Boyd
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Since 1986 the Housing Levy has been Seattle's most effective tool to improve housing access, stability, and equity. Renewing the levy will help meet today's urgent transitional and affordable housing needs and plan for the future. With your vote, this measure will:

Produce and preserve 3,500 new affordable homes and reinvest in existing affordable housing; Stabilize 4,500 individuals and families at risk of eviction and homelessness through rent assistance and case management; Help 1,150 formerly homeless individuals and people with acute needs enter and remain in stable, supportive homes; Create 360 affordable homeownership opportunities targeted to marginalized communities.

Levy renewal also provides wage support, career training, and professional development for workers in supportive and emergency housing—expanding services to help people out of homelessness, substance use, and behavioral health crises.

Past levies have exceeded targets through sound fiscal management and independent review. Let's build on this success. Endorsed by Mayor Harrell and City Council, Housing Development Consortium, United Way of KC, Plymouth Housing, Bellwether Housing, Habitat For Humanity, Mary's Place, Chief Seattle Club, YWCA, Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, Youth Care, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Seattle Association, MLK Labor, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW, and more!

Statement in opposition

Roger Valdez
seattleforgrowth.org

Has the money we've spent solved the housing problem? As of 2022, the City collected \$171.1 million in Mandatory Housing Affordability fees, \$25 million from taxes on Uber and Lyft rides, and \$248.1 million from the "Jump Start" tax. There is at least \$75 million in King County's 2023-2024 housing budget, and another \$693.7 million from the state. That's over \$1 billion.

Now, the City wants \$970 million "to serve more than 9,000 low-income individuals and families," according to the Mayor. Grab a calculator. Divide \$970 million by 9,000; it's \$107,777.78 per person, or \$1,283.07 per month, for seven years.

A two-bedroom in Seattle rents for \$2,795. Apartments built with the levy could rent for \$1,850. If the City gave \$970 million to 9,000 households over the 7 years to help with rent, the average two-bedroom apartment would be \$1,512, \$338 less than a levy unit and have \$0 maintenance costs.

You should vote "No," not because the levy is a tax (it's a small amount per household) but because of the reckless way it will be spent. Where did all that other money go? We should give households cash for housing expenses, not a spot on a waiting list.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Over the life of every affordable home created by the Seattle housing levy, dozens of families are helped into stable, quality housing. Partnering with other funds, housing built by this proposal will serve tens of thousands of Seattle neighbors. This package, like past successful levies, funds more than brick and mortar— including emergency rent stabilization, assistance for low income seniors to age in place, emergency housing, and other programs that strengthen communities. Please vote yes!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

To paraphrase George Bernard Shaw, "Some people see a housing crisis, and say, "We need more money;" I say, "We need more housing!" The Gardner House project touted by the levy oversight committee cost \$46 million for 95 units, \$484,210 per unit. Average sales price for a 1,200 square foot house in Seattle is about \$600,000. Is this "sound fiscal management?" The levy fuels exorbitant spending; better, efficient use of money would mean more housing.

Proposition No. 1

Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415 adopted Resolution No. 1650 concerning a proposition to support educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support educational programs and operations not funded by the State's statutory program of basic education.

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.72	\$79,300,000
2026	\$1.72	\$82,500,000
2027	\$1.72	\$85,800,000

Should this proposition 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
(Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(a))*

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow Kent School District to replace an expiring levy for school programs and operations by levying \$79,300,000 for collection in 2025, \$82,500,000 for collection in 2026, and \$85,800,000 for collection in 2027. In accordance with Resolution No. 1650 approving this proposition, these amounts would be used to pay for day-to-day school operations to meet student needs not funded by the State, including but not limited to, arts, athletics, extracurricular activities, special education, school safety and security, professional learning for staff, operations and building maintenance costs, and additional staff including teachers, nurses, para-educators, mental health specialists, and other student support services staff.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates a tax rate of \$1.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in the years 2025 through 2027. Tax exemptions may be available to homeowners who are age 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-7300.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Allyson Johnson, Alan Sutliff, Brooke Valentine

Vote to approve the Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy Proposition 1!

While the state has improved the funding levels for local schools, the voters still must approve approximately 15% of the general budget in Kent. These funds support student supports, academic programs (including arts/music), classroom supports (including additional nurses), and activities (athletic and enrichment). All of which have a direct impact on student learning conditions.

Without these funds, the District would be unable to attract and retain quality education employees in the competitive job market of King County. This replacement levy will maintain the current tax rate of \$1.72 per \$1000 assessed value over the next three years. This maintenance will allow the continuation of the most vital programs for our students and the community.

As parents of former students of the Kent School District we know that maintaining our local investment in our public schools is a direct support to the current students in our schools and all the families who rely on our schools to be the best they can be for their children. Vote to approve this replacement levy!

Statement in opposition

Shawn Bettinger, Joseph Riley

Are your kids being supported? The district's EP/O levy has bloated from \$44 million in 2019 to the planned \$85.8 million, yet schools continue to be understaffed. Where is the money going? A reduction in staff should coincide with a reduction in taxes.

The district is using scare tactics to gain support, talking about potential cuts and negative impacts if it doesn't pass. But many of these programs are already in peril. The levy supports school nursing, but the district has already cut positions while leaving state-provided funding on the table. The levy supports special education, but the district has made cuts across the board and the teachers passed a vote of no confidence against the department. Meanwhile, there continues to be pay raises and hiring of top-level admin staff.

The community has consistently asked for more transparency, more classroom support, and smaller class sizes. Instead they've gotten the opposite, but with steady increases in their tax bill. Send a message to the district that we will not continue to support irresponsible spending.

Vote for change. Vote *No* on KSD Prop 1: Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The students within the Kent School District are being supported by caring KSD staff. The district's EP/O levy will continue to provide school nurses, security personnel and more. The district has maintained nurses over recent years with the help of this levy.

The amount collected by the District is limited by state guidelines and will not exceed that amount even if it is lower than inflationary increases. Vote Yes on KSD Prop 1 Replacement Levy.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Don't be fooled by the "flat tax rate" lie. While the tax rate might remain the same, increasing home prices will increase your taxes.

As parents of both former and existing students of the Kent School District, we know that proper staffing is most important to directly supporting our students. If this levy is a replacement, how will it fund *additional* nurses? If it will allow continuation of vital programs, why has staffing been reduced?

Proposition No. 2**Capital Projects and Technology Levy**

The Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415 adopted Resolution No. 1649 concerning a proposition for a capital projects and technology levy. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to provide funding for capital projects for student safety, security, instruction, classroom and support services, and technology needs.

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2024	\$0.66	\$29,200,000
2025	\$1.32	\$60,900,000
2026	\$1.32	\$63,400,000
2027	\$1.32	\$65,900,000

Should this proposition 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.2

*Requirement passage: Simple majority
(Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(a))*

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Kent School District No. 415 to renew an expiring levy for capital projects and technology by levying \$29,200,000 in property taxes for collection in 2024, \$60,900,000 for collection in 2025, \$63,400,000 for collection in 2026, and \$65,900,000 for collection in 2027.

In accordance with Resolution No. 1649, these amounts would be used to improve Districtwide student safety, security and health by installing new heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, boilers, upgraded building access controls and alarm systems and making Children's Internet Protection Act improvements. The District would improve school and support facilities Districtwide by updating elementary schools to accommodate pre-K education, installing synthetic fields at four high schools, ADA upgrades to playground equipment, and making other capital improvements. In addition, the District would improve its technology systems by continuing its student laptop program, upgrading instructional technology, data security and disaster recovery infrastructure, modernizing school technology infrastructure, acquiring hardware and software licenses and providing training to implement new technology.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates tax rates of \$0.66 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2024 collection); \$1.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2025 collection); \$1.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2026 collection); and \$1.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value (2027 collection).

Tax exemptions may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-7300.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Allyson Johnson, Alan Sutliff, Brooke Valentine

Vote to approve Capital Projects and Technology Levy Proposition 2!

This levy replaces the 2018 technology and capital levy. It will maintain the full funding of the student laptop program from Kindergarten to 12th grade. It will also fund critical repair projects across the district to keep our buildings healthy and safe for students and staff. This includes healthy air ventilation and cooling systems as well as modernized safety systems including intrusion and fire alarm upgrades.

This levy will also provide program expansion for preschool programs at every elementary school which is not part of state funding. It will also allow for the continued work to upgrade playgrounds to accessible and inclusive equipment.

This levy will be a four year replacement and will provide for capital repairs that are not included in the general budget and not funded by the state. As buildings age, the cost of repairs and upkeep is inevitable. Funding these building repairs through a capital levy is essential to allow the Educational and Operational Programs Levy to go directly to programs supporting our students. Vote to approve this four year replacement Capital Projects and Technology Levy: Proposition 2.

Statement in opposition

Shawn Bettinger, Joseph Riley

Do you feel heard? This levy is a transparent attempt to repackage the failed 2023 bond, because *"the beauty on levies is it's a 50% vote passage as opposed to the supermajority you need for a bond measure"*. Same cost, same projects, lower approval threshold.

The community's concerns expressed in the 2023 Bond Feedback Survey have been ignored. The levy resolution was passed *without* an opportunity for public comment. The resolution includes language that removes community voice, removes board oversight, and allows the district to spend money *"as the District in its discretion shall determine"*. There is still no detailed breakdown of cost or focus on the highest priorities.

While this levy will fund air conditioning in schools, it also includes wasteful spending. All high schools will receive new synthetic fields, while Mill Creek's dangerous field continues to be ignored. The levy funds the district's 1:1 technology program requiring laptop replacements every 4 years, needed or not.

Do not let the district force unnecessary and wasteful spending by piggybacking on these important projects. Do not let them continue ignoring public demands for transparency and fiscal responsibility. Vote for change. Vote *No* on KSD Prop 2: Capital Projects and Technology Levy.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

It is true that the replacement Capital Levy will increase in funding collected over the four year levy when approved. This is an important aspect since it will allow the maintenance of services for students from the general fund while allowing for important safety and environmental upgrades for the health and safety of students and educational staff.

Vote *Yes* on KSD Proposition 2 and maintain the high quality of capital supports that our students deserve!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

By definition, this is not a replacement levy and cannot be called that. The existing levy collects \$29.5 million in 2024. The "replacement" levy will collect an *additional* \$29.2 million in 2024 and then over \$60 million for each of the remaining 3 years.

The district has repeatedly stated that levy projects are *not a promise* and can be changed as needed. How can we trust these projects will be completed without oversight or accountability?

Full text of Ordinance No. 126837

AN ORDINANCE relating to low-income housing; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 7, 2023 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under chapter 84.55 RCW in order to authorize the City to levy additional taxes for low-income housing for up to seven years; providing for interim financing pending tax receipts; creating a levy oversight committee; requiring annual progress reports; providing for implementation of programs with funds derived from the taxes authorized; exempting certain seniors, veterans with disabilities, and other people with disabilities who qualify under RCW 84.36.381; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the \$290,000,000 housing levy authorized in Ordinance 125028 and approved by the voters in 2016 expires with the collection of 2023 property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the \$145,000,000 housing levy authorized in Ordinance 123013 was approved by the voters in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the \$86,000,000 housing levy authorized in Ordinance 120823 was approved by the voters in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the \$59,211,000 housing levy authorized in Ordinance 117711 was approved by the voters in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the \$49,975,000 housing levy authorized in Ordinance 112904 was approved by the voters in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the \$48,170,000 low-income elderly and handicapped housing bond issue authorized in Ordinance 110124 was approved by the voters in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the low-income elderly and handicapped housing bond approved in 1981 and four housing levies approved in 1986, 1995, 2002, and 2009 have all exceeded goals for producing and preserving housing, and the 2016 Housing Levy programs are meeting or exceeding goals for housing production and assistance; and

WHEREAS, according to the Market Rate housing Needs and Supply Analysis commissioned by the Office of Planning and Community Development and conducted by BERK Consulting in 2021, Seattle lacked approximately 29,710 safe, sanitary, and appropriate rental homes affordable to households earning 0-50 percent Area Median Income (AMI); and

WHEREAS, the King County Growth Management Planning Council projects that Seattle will need approximately 112,000 new homes, including roughly 70,726 homes affordable to households with incomes under 80 percent AMI, of which approximately 43,596 must be homes affordable to households under 30 percent AMI, including 15,024 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units, to meet the housing needs of all housed and unhoused residents by 2044; and

WHEREAS, operators of PSH face significant workforce shortages and, according to an internal analysis conducted by the Office of Housing (OH), currently face unfilled jobs openings rates of approximately 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in their Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2015-2019 estimates found that 87,405 Seattle homeowners and renters had incomes at or below 50 percent AMI and made up 26 percent of all Seattle residents, but that 49 percent of these low-income homeowners and renters were severely cost-burdened paying 50 percent or more of their income on housing costs; and

WHEREAS, the same HUD CHAS data shows that 18 percent of Seattle homeowners and renters who are Black, Indigenous, People of Color, or Multi-Racial are severely housing cost-burdened while 15 percent of the overall population of homeowners and renters in the city are severely cost-burdened; 21 percent of Black homeowners in Seattle are severely cost-burdened as opposed to 10 percent of all homeowners; and 27 percent of Black and Indigenous renters are severely cost-burdened compared with 19 percent of all renters in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, a worker making Seattle's \$18.69 minimum wage for large employers would need to work 75.5 hours per week to afford the \$1,881

fair market rent of a one-bedroom apartment in the Seattle-Bellevue HUD Metro Fair Market Rent Area; and

WHEREAS, the King County Regional Homelessness Authority's 2022 Point in Time Count found 13,368 sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in King County; and

WHEREAS, chapter 84.55 RCW generally limits the dollar amount of regular property taxes that a city may levy in any year, but RCW 84.55.050 allows a city to levy taxes exceeding such limit by majority approval of the voters, and allows a city to include in the ballot proposition a limit on the purpose for which the additional taxes levied will be used and to provide for the expiration of the additional taxing authority; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.21.685 authorizes a city to assist in the development or preservation of publicly or privately owned housing for persons of low income by providing loans or grants of general municipal funds to the owners or developers of the housing, including loans or grants to finance the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of low-income housing; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council finds and declares:

- A. The City of Seattle has insufficient safe, sanitary, and appropriate housing affordable to low-income households to meet the present and anticipated needs of such households, as documented in the Office of Planning and Community Development's Market Rate Housing Needs and Supply Analysis and projected by the King County Growth Management Planning Council.
- B. Affordable rental housing for low-income households, including people experiencing homelessness, persons with special needs, families, and older adults, requires a commitment of City funds for affordable housing development, preservation, acquisition, operating, and other forms of assistance. More detail on programmatic investments can be found in Attachment A to this ordinance.
- C. Permanent Supportive Housing and affordable housing serving extremely low-income households require ongoing investment to supplement rent paid by residents, to support annual operating, maintenance, and services costs, and to provide wage stabilization support for the workers needed to operate, maintain, and provide services for this housing.
- D. Home ownership for low-income households prevents displacement, creates financial stability for families, and promotes mixed income neighborhoods. City investment is required to develop new high-quality homes regulated to be permanently affordable to low-income households, provide purchase assistance loans to low-income homebuyers coupled with homeownership education and counseling, provide grants to low-income homeowners to make critical health and safety repairs, and provide foreclosure prevention assistance.
- E. Rental assistance combined with stabilization services supports low-income families and individuals to maintain stable housing, avoid eviction, and address homelessness.
- F. The City supports short-term acquisition loans for cost-effective purchases of buildings or land for rental or homeownership development, to further expand the supply of affordable housing.
- G. Providing funding to help develop, preserve, and finance housing affordable to low-income renters and homebuyers is also anticipated to support on-going employment opportunities, generate income for local businesses, create construction jobs, and advance labor equity goals – as well as identifying projects that will include the use of Community Workforce Agreements, with apprenticeship and priority hire provisions.
- H. The additional taxes to be levied under this ordinance would help the City provide for the housing needs of low-income households and so help fulfill the purposes of federal, State, County, and City laws and policies, including without limitation the State Growth Management Act (GMA), the Countywide Planning Policies adopted under GMA, and the City's Comprehensive Plan.

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Section 2. As used in this ordinance, unless the context requires otherwise:

“Household” means a single person, a family, or unrelated persons living together.

“Low-income household” means a household with income less than or equal to 80 percent of median income.

“Low-income housing” means housing that will serve low-income households.

“Median income” means annual median family income for the statistical area or division thereof including Seattle for which median family income is published from time to time by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or successor agency, with adjustments according to household size in a manner determined by the Director of Housing. If an Administrative and Financial Plan adopted under Section 6 of this ordinance adopts a different definition of “median income,” that definition shall apply to both the Plan and the rest of this ordinance instead of this definition.

To the extent permitted by State law, income determinations may take into account such exclusions, adjustments, and rules of computation as may be prescribed or used under federal housing laws, regulations, or policies for purposes of establishing income limits, or as may be established in City planning documents consistent with federal laws, regulations, or policies.

Section 3. The City submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050, to exceed the levy limitation on regular property taxes contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for property taxes levied in 2023 through 2029 for collection in 2024 through 2030, respectively, raising up to \$970,260,175 in aggregate over a period of up to seven years. The proposition shall be limited so that the City shall not levy more than \$138,608,596 in additional taxes each year, in addition to the maximum amount of regular property taxes the City would have been limited to by RCW 84.55.010 in the absence of voter approval under this ordinance. Proceeds shall be used for the purposes specified in subsection 5.A of this ordinance. In accordance with RCW 84.36.381 and RCW 84.55.050, the City exempts the proposed increased regular property taxes for certain seniors, veterans with disabilities, or other persons with disabilities who qualify under RCW 84.36.381. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(5), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2030 for collection in 2031 and in later years shall be computed as if the limit on regular property taxes had not been increased under this ordinance.

Section 4. Levy revenues

A. Unless otherwise directed by ordinance, all revenues collected from the additional taxes authorized pursuant to this ordinance shall be deposited in the Low-Income Housing Fund to finance housing for low-income households and provide for the housing needs of low-income households, and in the Office of Housing Fund for administrative costs. The Finance Director is authorized to create other accounts within the Low-Income Housing Fund as may be needed or appropriate to implement the purposes of this ordinance.

B. Pending expenditure for the purposes authorized in this ordinance, amounts deposited in the Low-Income Housing Fund pursuant to this ordinance may be invested in any investments permitted by applicable law. All investment earnings on the balances shall be deposited into the Low-Income Housing Fund. Amounts received by the City from payments with respect to proceeds of sale or disposition of property, loans, recovery of grants, or insurance proceeds (“program income”) shall be deposited into the Low-Income Housing Fund unless otherwise specified by ordinance. The Director of Housing or designee shall use any investment earnings and program income derived from revenues collected from the additional taxes authorized pursuant to this ordinance consistent with the provisions of any Administrative and Financial Plan (A & F Plan) adopted by the City Council under Section 6 of this ordinance.

Section 5. Administration; use of proceeds

A. Levy funds shall be used to finance affordable housing for low-income households, and otherwise to provide for the housing needs of low-income households, and for related administrative costs.

B. The Office of Housing shall administer programs funded with the additional taxes authorized pursuant to this ordinance, including through agreements with other departments, agencies, and organizations. Programs adopted by the City Council for use of the funds derived under this ordinance shall be referred to as “Levy Programs.” Anticipated Levy Programs are shown in Attachment A to this ordinance.

C. The City Council, upon recommendation of the Oversight Committee described in Section 9 of this ordinance, or upon recommendation of the Mayor, or on its own, may review the timing of the allocations to particular Levy Programs and may by ordinance make changes to the programs, including but not limited to affordability levels and the amount of funds allocated to any program and/or additions and deletions of programs, consistent with the basic purposes of this ordinance and applicable law. Administration funding shown in Attachment A to this ordinance is intended to be used for administration of Levy Programs. In addition, administration funding may be used for monitoring performance of funded projects, administration of, or program support for, the Operating and Maintenance Program funding from prior levies, and administration related to the development and preservation of affordable housing.

Section 6. Administrative and Financial Plans

A. Every two years, or at another interval as the City Council may specify, the Director of Housing shall prepare an A & F Plan covering all Levy Programs. Such plans shall cover periods commencing in 2024 and continuing through 2030, and thereafter if the City Council specifies.

B. Unless the City Council otherwise requests, each A & F Plan shall include: amounts allocated to programs, which may vary from year to year in order to respond to changing housing market conditions, leveraging opportunities, or other circumstances; criteria for evaluating and selecting projects; guidelines for loans or grants, including any fees to be collected to defray costs; requirements for project sponsors; progress and performance reports for each Levy Program; program reviews to ensure that levy funds are used for their stated purposes; and guidelines for use of program income and investment earnings. An A & F Plan may include other information as the Mayor or Director of Housing may deem appropriate or the City Council may request.

C. The A & F Plan shall be submitted to the City Council for its approval, with such modifications as the City Council may require. All criteria, guidelines, and requirements contained in a previously approved A & F Plan shall remain in effect pending approval by City Council of a new A & F Plan, unless otherwise provided by ordinance.

Section 7. The Director of Housing or designee is authorized to:

A. Select projects for funding and to approve, make, and modify loans, grants, or other expenditures to carry out the Levy Programs, provided that such authority is subject to the appropriation of sufficient funds; and

B. Execute and deliver such documents and instruments as the department head or designee determines are necessary or appropriate to implement the financing of specific projects or to otherwise carry out the Levy Programs.

Section 8. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the City may issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness payable wholly or in part from the proceeds of the additional taxes authorized under this ordinance, and apply such tax proceeds to the payment of principal of, interest on, and premium (if any) on such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness and to the payment of costs associated with them.

Section 9. Oversight Committee

A. Conditioned upon voter approval of the ballot proposition submitted by this ordinance, there is established an Oversight Committee for the purpose of monitoring the progress of Levy Programs and reporting to the Mayor and the City Council on the progress of Levy Programs. The Committee also shall perform monitoring and reporting functions for any funds remaining from the 2016 Housing Levy. The Committee shall inform the Mayor and the City Council of Levy Program accomplishments and challenges and make recommendations on the A & F Plan and on actions to be taken, including additions to or deletions of programs or amounts of funds allocated to the several programs, so that Levy Programs may

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be conducted in a timely and efficient manner. The Committee may elect officers and establish rules of procedure, including what shall constitute a quorum. The Director of Housing shall provide the Committee such information as is necessary for the Committee to determine the status of individual programs and projects. The Oversight Committee shall consist of 13 voting members, selected as follows: one shall be a City employee appointed by the Mayor or designee; one shall be a City employee appointed by the City Council; the remainder shall be persons outside City government, of whom six shall be appointed by the Mayor and five by the City Council. The appointing authority shall remove any member who is absent from two or more consecutive meetings without cause. The appointing authority may remove any member for cause or to ensure compliance with subsection 9.B of this ordinance.

B. No more than three Committee members appointed by the Mayor and no more than two Committee members appointed by the City Council shall be an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner, or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance; or be a member of the immediate family of, or an individual residing with, an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner, or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance; or be a person seeking or having an arrangement concerning future employment with an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance. For the purposes of this ordinance, an individual's "immediate family" means the individual's spouse, domestic partner, child, child of a spouse or domestic partner, sibling-in-law, parent, parent of a spouse or domestic partner, a person for whom the individual acts as a guardian, or a person claimed as a dependent on the individual's most recent federal income tax return. Subject to the preceding sentence and applicable law, an individual serving as an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner, or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance, or who has an interest in such an entity, shall not thereby be disqualified from serving on the Committee, but shall fully disclose any such relationships and shall not vote on any matter in which the interest of such entity is directly involved. For purposes of this subsection 9.B, "entity" does not include a City department or office.

C. The City Council shall prescribe by ordinance or resolution the terms of office of Committee members, which may be staggered to provide continuity, and the initial committee members shall be selected within six months after voter approval of the proposition submitted by this ordinance. The City Council may prescribe such other rules relating to the operation of the Committee as shall be necessary or appropriate.

D. Upon the resignation, retirement, death, incapacity, or removal of a Committee member, the authority who appointed that member may appoint a replacement for the balance of the term.

E. Committee members shall serve without compensation.

F. The Oversight Committee shall continue in existence through 2030, and thereafter if so provided by ordinance.

Section 10. The Director of the Office of Housing will prepare and submit to the Oversight Committee, City Council, and the Mayor an annual progress report on the implementation of the Housing Levy.

Section 11. The City Council directs that the City Clerk file this ordinance with the King County Director of Elections, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting that the Director call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the general election to be held on November 7, 2023, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the City Attorney in accordance with the City Attorney's responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The following ballot title is submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

Proposition No. 1

Property Tax Levy Renewal for Affordable Housing

The Mayor and Seattle City Council passed Ordinance 126837, concerning renewal of the Seattle Housing Levy.

If approved, this proposition would replace the expiring Seattle Housing Levy and fund housing and housing services for low-income households, including seniors, working families, people with disabilities, and people experiencing homelessness.

It authorizes a seven-year property tax increase for collection beginning in 2024 at approximately \$0.45/\$1,000 in assessed value, up to a maximum \$3.60/\$1,000. The 2024 regular levy amount would be used to compute limitations for 2025-2030 levies. Seniors, veterans, and others qualified under RCW 84.36.381 are exempt.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

Those in favor shall vote "Yes"; those opposed shall mark their ballots "No".

Section 12. Section titles are for convenient reference only and do not modify or limit the text of a section.

Section 13. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances, including the validity of authorizing additional taxes by levy.

Section 14. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 15. Those portions of this ordinance providing for the submission of a ballot proposition to the voters shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020. Those portions of this ordinance that are dependent upon voter approval of said ballot proposition shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

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Attachment A
2023 Housing Levy Programs

PROGRAM	TOTAL FUNDING (7 Years)	ESTIMATED HOUSING PRODUCED/ HOUSHOLDS ASSISTED	POPULATION AND AFFORDABILITY LEVELS
Rental Production and Preservation	\$707,270,379	3,516	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families and individuals with incomes at or below 60% AMI. At least 60% of the sum of Rental Production and OMS program funds support housing with rents affordable to individuals and families at or below 30% AMI.
Operating, Maintenance, and Services (OMS) & OMS Stabilization	\$122,300,000	1,156	OMS support supplements rent paid by residents at or below 30% AMI
Homeownership	\$50,689,796	367	Current and prospective homeowner households at or below 80% AMI
Prevention and Housing Stabilization	\$30,000,000	4,500	Assistance for individuals and families at or below 50% AMI
Acquisition and Preservation	Up to \$30,000,000 <i>No additional funding; Short-term loans will be made using Levy funds not yet reserved through other Levy programs.</i>		Rental or homeownership housing that will serve households at or below 80% AMI
Program Administration	\$60,000,000	N/A	Program support staff and related costs
Total	\$970,260,175	9,539	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Rental Production and Preservation

- New construction of rental housing for low-income households, including people with disabilities, older adults, homeless individuals and families, low-wage working people, and families with children.
- Reinvestment in existing affordable housing to make critical capital improvements.
- Rehabilitation of existing multi-family housing with affordability requirements imposed.
- Acquisition of affordable subsidized and market-rate buildings for long-term affordable rental housing.

Operating, Maintenance, and Services (OMS) & OMS Stabilization

- Operating support for Levy-funded buildings, supplementing rent paid by residents, including formerly homeless and other residents with supportive service needs.
- Wage stabilization support for supportive housing workers serving residents who have experienced homelessness and who are living with extremely low incomes.

Homeownership

- Development of new, high-quality, permanently affordable homes.
- Emergency home repair grants to assist with maintaining stable housing.
- Foreclosure prevention assistance for homeowners who are at risk of losing their homes through foreclosure.
- Assistance to eligible home buyers through home purchase loans.
- Acquisition of affordable subsidized and market-rate rental buildings for the creation of homeownership opportunities.

Prevention and Housing Stabilization

- Rent assistance and stabilization services for low-income individuals and families to prevent eviction, support housing stability, and address homelessness.

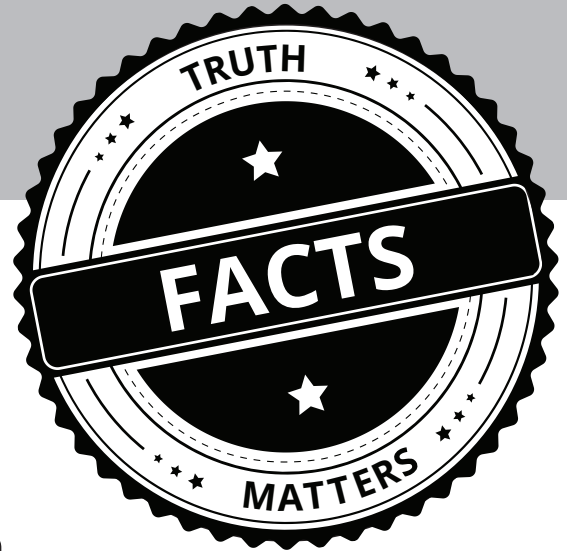
Acquisition and Preservation

- Short-term acquisition loans for cost-effective purchases of buildings or land for rental or homeownership development. This program will prioritize the acquisition of occupied buildings.

Administration

- Program support staff and related costs
- Support the costs associated with maintaining land that is in city-possession prior to development.
- Fund predevelopment/consultant costs related to determining suitability of sites (city owned, publicly owned, etc.) and preparing sites for affordable housing development.

Truth matters



Between partisan arguments and misinformation, sometimes the path to the truth is unclear. Here are some tips for finding your way to the facts:



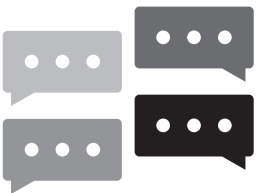
Question the source.

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.

It can be helpful (especially when we feel strongly about something) to take a moment and apply curiosity to the situation. Pause to consider a few simple questions: Who is sharing this information? Why? When was it originally published? What else might be helpful for me to know?



Seek diverse opinions.

Don't get stuck by relying on just one source. Fifth Street North, the sole road in and out of Skykomish, works well enough when traffic is light and weather is steady. But it presents more of a challenge when snow or traffic cause an unexpected closure.



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Your voice matters. Don't let it be quieted by false information, whether it's shared by an opinionated relative or a random person on the internet. Your community and democracy depend on you. Take time to learn about the issues and vote.

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Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы получать материалы для голосования на русском.

Nala soo xiriir si aad u hesho agabkaaga codbixinta oo Af-Soomaali ah.

Vui lòng liên lạc với Sở Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

