

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...

"
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



"
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

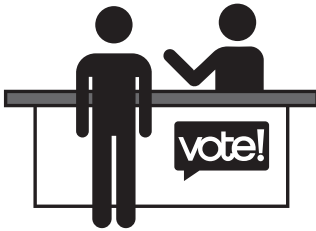


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It's so empowering to be able to vote in the language that works best for you. You can get your ballot in Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Somali, or Vietnamese. We also have staff that speak those languages fluently and can answer questions or talk 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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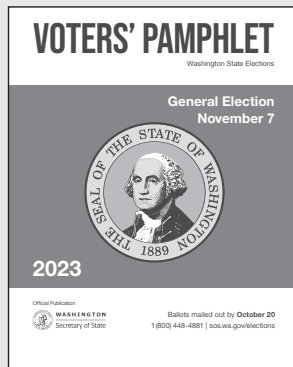
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You will receive two voters' pamphlets

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.



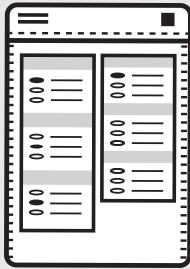
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Return your ballot early. Whether using a drop box or the mail, vote early. Don't wait for Election Day!



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
- 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*



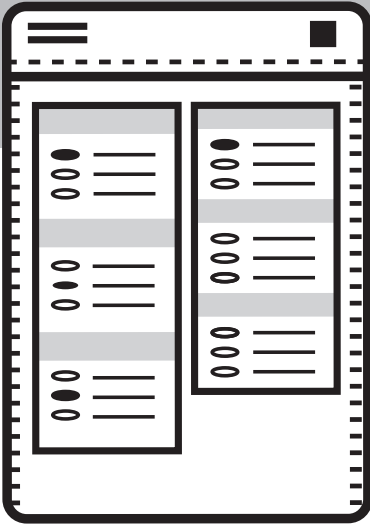
to make sure your ballot counts!

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.

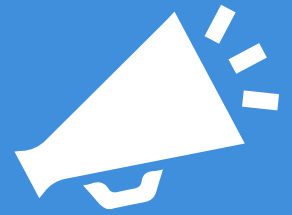


Pre-register to vote.

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.



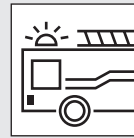
Salary (2023):
No annual salary

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



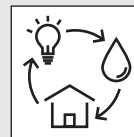
Salary (2023):
No annual salary

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*

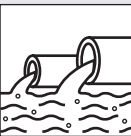


Airport Commissioner

Oversees county airports.

Salary (2023):
No annual salary

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

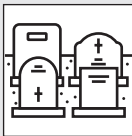


Sewer/Wastewater District Commissioner

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.

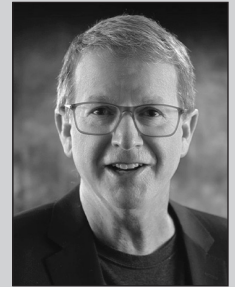
Since taking office, I have overseen more than 30 elections, earning the trust and respect of voters and colleagues from across the political spectrum. I bring a passion for fostering an inclusive and transparent democratic process. Under my leadership, both our voting system and community outreach have 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.

Doug Basler

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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.



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

Fred Felleman

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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.

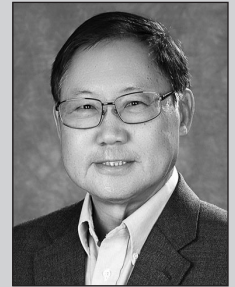
The Port generates 121,000 jobs. The airport and seaport have won customer service awards even during major construction. But Port activities also impact communities and the climate. That's why I'm leading initiatives to electrify seaport and airport operations and transition to alternative fuels for 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.



Mayor

Troy Linnell

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Current Mayor / Retired

Statement: Occupation: Retired, 30+ years Class-A Truck Industry General Manager

Algona needs a mayor who will advocate for our interests in projects requiring regional collaboration, support city employees' efforts, and ensure city priorities reflect citizens' needs. I hope to continue working on behalf of residents as Mayor. I firmly believe in our city's bright future and want to help it grow.

My wife and I have lived in the area for 40+ years and in Algona for 17. Our children and grandchildren also live here, inspiring me to work towards the Algona's future. I served on City Council for seven years, becoming Mayor in January. I've supported: resolving flooding via storm drain improvement and cleaning the Highway 167 ditch; improving city streets; upgrading old water and sewer lines; and developing housing and parks. Strong leadership will embrace the future while protecting the character of our "small city with a big heart."

Mathew Bailey

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Public Works Operations

Statement: Leadership means listening to everyone, shelving personal agendas and representing *All* of the people. That's how I'll lead when serving as your Mayor of City of Algona.

If we want to address the many problems facing us here at home—drugs, crime, failing infrastructure and, lack of code enforcement—we need leaders who understand and are willing to reach out to every neighbor forming partnerships with our residents, our businesses and our community to find solutions. Balancing all our needs as Algona residents.

The need to expand our tax base. A thriving business community broadens our tax base bringing good paying jobs with benefits and allows us to fund our, community center, police, and public works department. It's all about quality of life.



Council Position No. 1

William Thomas

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Education: Some College; Life Experience

Occupation: City of Kent Public Works Manager

Statement: As a resident of Algona since 1991, my wife, Sheryl and I, have invested our lives into this community. Being your representative for the past 14 years, I have worked collaboratively with others to improve the quality of life for our residents. Myself and other members of the council have accomplished many good things for our small town. The Algona Community Center stands out as one of our major achievements. This center services people of all ages and has been a hub for our community. I have been and always will be a strong supporter of the men and women who serves this community. Both our Police and Public Works teams have served with dedication and honor. I serve on the Algona Finance Committee and the Valley Regional Fire Authority's Board of Governance. If re-elected, I will continue to serve this community to the best of my ability. Thank you.



Council Position No. 3

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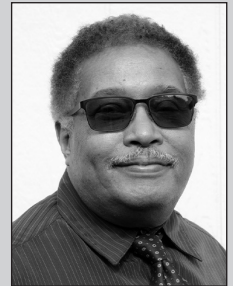
No statement submitted.



Council Position No. 5

David M. White

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Education: A.A. Business Administration, Metropolitan Community College

Occupation: Retired

Statement: In 1995 I retired from the United States Navy after completing 26 years service. While I was in the Navy, I was assigned to the Embassy in Moscow USSR, in the process of this I was required to have a Top Secret Clearance

I then worked as a Supply Chain manager. In 1998 we moved to Algona. I like the friendly, small town of Algona and feel safe here. In 2023 I became a member of the Planning Commission and enjoyed working with that team. I have learned a great deal about Algona and city government. As the region grows our location makes our town a prime location for families. I want to keep our small town feel while increasing opportunities for our residents and businesses. I look forward to serving our community in this role and want to help guide the direction of Algona with support from our residents.



Council Position No. 1

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Education: Knapp College of Business, Green River Community College, Mainstreet America Institute

Occupation: Executive Director Downtown Auburn Cooperative

Statement: You deserve a leader that will listen to you, your ideas, concerns and be proactive in their decision making. We have to address homelessness, safety and economic development in our City. Being the Executive Director of Downtown Auburn Cooperative has given me time to deal with the issues of Auburn. I was raised in Auburn and have 5 generations that have also lived in Auburn. You deserve a leader that knows Auburn and understands Auburn. I am on the Lions Club board and I partner with the VFW post 1831. Civic groups are important to me. As your council member, I will always work hard to make Auburn a better place with your help. I am always there to represent the people and take your concerns to city hall, to be a voice of the people. Let's make Auburn a better place..

I humbly ask for your vote.

Lisa Stirgus



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Education: Bachelor's of Science in Psychology

Occupation: Founder & Executive Coach, List Consulting Group

Statement: I am running for office because I believe safe streets and clean streets *are* possible.

I have a huge passion for empowering people. I have dedicated my career to helping as many people as I can to "not have to learn the hard way" like I did.

I want to bring my lived experiences to city council to create solutions for positive outcomes. We're facing tough issues affecting all of us. Substance abuse, homelessness, and crime threaten our neighborhoods. Just like you, I'm frustrated at the lack of progress the council has made. I want my family and all Auburn residents to feel safe. I'll advocate for our police to ensure they have the resources they need, and ensure we have an effective, compassionate approach to those in a crisis. I'll support a better tax structure to help small businesses and tenants, and build partnerships to make real progress!



Council Position No. 3

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Education: AAS, Computer Network Technology (Honors), Renton Technical College. BA, Organizational Management, Whitworth University, Spokane WA.

Occupation: Production Planner/Scheduler, Seattle based Aerospace Company

Statement: As a fervent representative for local voices, my primary duty is to represent and promote the residents' aspirations. I am unyielding in my commitment to listen, regardless of location, and my decisions are always governed by integrity.

Born and raised in Singapore, I proudly served in the Singapore Armed Forces. I migrated to the Pacific Northwest in 1985 to further my studies, and warmly adopted American citizenship. Since 2007, my wife Deborah and I have called Auburn our home.

In 2019, I was elected to Auburn City Council, and I have been fulfilling the duties of Deputy Mayor since 2022. My leadership in the community service since 2017 provides me with a comprehensive understanding of crucial issues. I consider public safety, affordable housing, business development, and homelessness as key concerns. I will always lead with integrity and do what is right for our city, which every resident is proud of.

Tracy Taylor Turner



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Education: Studied Journalism at North Idaho College

Occupation: Auburn Arts Commission, Community Engagement Specialist at City of Kent

Statement: Over the past twenty years, I've been a reliable face in television and radio news—keeping people informed and connected.

I'm running for Auburn City Council to make our community a better place to live and work by addressing issues *we're all facing*.

As your councilmember, ensuring the safety of our community will be my top priority. I'll vote for ordinances and funding that protects residents, reduces crime and holds criminals accountable. I'll support initiatives to help those experiencing homelessness and substance abuse disorder, and be an advocate for emergency services and law enforcement. I'll work to strengthen our local economy by supporting workers and employers, and allocate resources to improve city services, housing affordability and recreation. *I'm not a career politician.* I want to help restore trust in local government by showing up, serving with integrity, and staying accountable to residents.



Council Position No. 5

Clinton Taylor



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

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

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

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

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

Occupation: Council Member, City of Auburn

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

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



Council Position No. 7

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

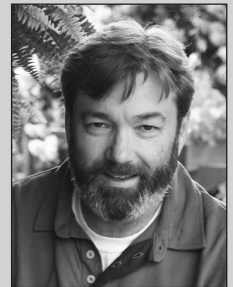
Occupation: Chemist, Boeing; Auburn Planning Commission; Boy & Girl Scouts Instructor

Statement: My vision is to create a safe, vibrant, and inclusive community so everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Building on our past success, I will search for unique strategies to resolve homelessness, support small businesses, and make sure our families are safe.

Born in Oklahoma, I moved to Auburn in 2008. It has been a joy to raise my family and build my career here. For 13 years I have volunteered with the Auburn Food Bank, White River Valley Museum, United Way, Girl Scouts, Auburn Library, and our incredible Auburn Police. Recently, I was appointed to the Auburn Planning Commission and have served on the Diversity Council.

I am trusted and endorsed by King County Democrats, Planned Parenthood, State Representative Chris Stearns, Mayor Nancy Backus, Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Council-members Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, and dozens more. Vote Amer, so everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

Brian Lott



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Education: Columbia River High School, Bellevue College

Occupation: Chief Administrative Officer

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

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

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



Council Position No. 1

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Education: Highline Community College

Occupation: City of Black Diamond Council Member

Statement: I was elected to the City Council in 2011, and re-elected in 2015 and 2019. Currently, I am the longest-tenured Councilmember.

I was appointed Mayor Pro Tempore in 2015, 2019, 2022 and 2023

I am a third generation citizen of Black Diamond. I earned my Association of Washington Cities Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership in 2018. These past 4 years I have been advocating for both Police and Fire. I am proud that this year the city will construct a new fire station. Our police department is back to being fully staffed! There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to help our fire department with equipment & staffing support. As the city experiences rapid growth, I will continue ensuring that developers and the City meet their responsibilities to protect the environment and provide much needed infrastructure. I would appreciate your vote in this election.



Council Position No. 2

Brad Douglass

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Education: Ph.D. in Chemistry, M.S. in Regulatory Science, B.S. in Neuroscience; University of Southern California

Occupation: Entrepreneur and Small Business Owner

Statement: Black Diamond is changing. But that does not mean the soul of Black Diamond is bound to dim. During times of change, we need a thoughtful leader that understands that growth brings both uncertainty and opportunity. We need a leader who values history as much as the future. We need a leader who understands that seemingly small decisions in the present can have a monumental impact on the road ahead. *That leader is me.*

I am a champion of personal liberties, a lover of the outdoors and a supporter of small business. In a few short words, my personal and political philosophy is anti-extremism and pro-human. I believe that maintaining and building a city that works well for those aged eight *and* eighty will help ensure a vibrant community that we can all be proud to call home. Brad Douglass is for *all* Black Diamond. *BD for BD.*



Council Position No. 3

Therron Smith



Education: Bachelors in History & Political Science, Shorter College; Masters in Public Policy, Georgia State University

Occupation: Sales Manager, Accu-Tech Corporation

Statement: Black Diamond is a beautiful city with tremendous opportunities before it. I would like to cultivate those opportunities through neighborly conversations. Everyone who lives, works, and owns a business in Black Diamond wants the best future for our city. But recent growth has put a strain on our city's neighborhoods, roads, businesses, school, police and fire services. My leadership background makes me the best candidate to bring people together to voice their concerns and find reasonable solutions to our problems. I envision a city where families and businesses can thrive.

My wife and I chose Black Diamond as a place to raise our family and grow our careers because of its forward-thinking and family-friendly charm. My wife loves teaching first grade at Black Diamond Elementary and our girls are so happy to be at school with her every day.



Council Position No. 5

Kristiana de Leon



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Education: B.A. and Master of Arts in Education from Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation: Current Black Diamond City Councilmember

Statement: We've faced numerous challenges over the past four years, some unique to Black Diamond, and some that brought growing pains to even the largest cities. Despite everything, Black Diamond has made progress, because we're a community that's passionate about where we call home.

As your councilmember, I'll continue to ask tough questions and advocate at all levels of government on behalf of our city. I will continue to be *scrutinizing* when it comes to our budget, *intentional* about ensuring that everyone feels safe and welcome, and *proactive* as it relates to our parks, green spaces, traffic, accessibility, sidewalks, protecting and expanding our fire and mental health services, and more.

It's why my endorsements include Congresswoman Kim Schrier, State Representatives Bill Ramos and Lisa Callan, National Women's Political Caucus-WA, 5th LD Democrats, King County Democrats, KC Young Democrats, and the Tahoma Education Association. Thank you for the honor of serving you.



Council Position No. 6

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Education: AA, South Seattle Community College

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Building Envelope Consultant

Statement: My experiences as a business owner and consultant have taught me the value of listening and understanding the views and needs of others. I pledge to prioritize accountability and inclusivity in my policy decisions.

I have attended city council meetings for the last 2 years to familiarize myself with the issues the city is facing. Through that time, I've met with city leaders, staff, and council members to further understand the struggles of rapid growth and insufficient funds. These challenges are creating the need for creative problem solving for our staff and council. I believe I have the skills to help.

I am committed to listening, learning, progress, integrity, and a brighter future for all Black Diamond residents. I look forward to representing you, as our city grows. I ask for your vote. Endorsed by King County Democrats and 5th Legislative District Democrats

Nathan Jones

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Education: UW Seattle - BA Geography. Bellevue College - AA.

Occupation: Private sector aerospace manufacturing business operations project manager.

Statement: *Who is Councilmember Nathan Jones?*

Current Black Diamond Council - Position 6; proud parent of 3; 3rd generation King County resident; former municipal public works planning employee; past AFTRA-SAG & AFSCME AFL-CIO affiliated union member and shop steward.

What does Councilmember Nathan Jones care about? Public safety - everyone, especially children, older citizens, and other vulnerable populations have the right to feel safe, whether we're talking crime -or- public infrastructure and roads; *Fiscal management* - let's scrutinize expenditures and take advantage of good deals; *Inclusive and welcoming* - let's all plan the city's future as a team! *Honoring traditions* - we all have special events we enjoy - let's celebrate together! *Please vote to retain Nathan Jones for Position 6, Black Diamond City Council.* Endorsed by Mayor Benson, all council members: Deady, de Leon, Douglass, Mulvihill, Page and Smith, and KC Democrats and KC 5th LD Democrats.



Council Position No. 7

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Education: Washington State University, BA Communications

Occupation: Self Employed Business Consultant to Women Business Owners

Statement: As your council member since 2021, I am seeking reelection to continue serving Black Diamond residents, providing pragmatic reason and leadership on all decisions facing our city. I am invested in this community and will continue to bring my 27 years of business and leadership experience to the critical issues we face related to public safety, infrastructure, growth and economic development.

Respectfully, I ask for your vote. Black Diamond is at a critical moment in history. Responsible growth *and* preservation of the city's long history can be done *together*.

Currently I serve on the city committees of Planning & Community Development, Public Safety, Public Works and as Advisory Board Member to Mountain View Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners. Additional community involvement: Black Diamond Labor Days Committee Chair, Friends of the Black Diamond Library, Black Diamond Historical Society, Maple Valley Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce, LifeCenter Northwest Advisory Board Chair.



Council Position No. 1

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Education: Bellevue College Degree

Occupation: Ultrasound Technician, Loan Originator, Piano Teacher, Caregiver

Statement: After 17 years of being a resident of Covington and serving our city for a term, my motivation to continue this journey towards greatness alongside our incredible community has only grown stronger.

The past 3 years have highlighted the importance of a healthy, wholesome, and safe city for everyone. Recognizing that each home has unique needs, I prioritize the well-being of our residents—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. I am passionate about creating opportunities for them to be active, social, and engaged.

Looking ahead, I am eager to play a key role in shaping Covington's future as a destination city. My vision includes fostering a vibrant local economy supported by diverse services, strong infrastructure, and recreational appeal. Simultaneously, I am committed to ensuring our neighborhoods and families remain safe, and our roads are well-maintained. Your support is invaluable, and together, we make Covington the cherished place we call home. Thank you!



Council Position No. 3

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Education: Highline College; Seattle Central College; Siemens Leadership Academy - Munich, Germany

Occupation: Covington City Councilmember; Sr. Director of Global Operations (Retired)

Statement: During my time as your City Council member, I have used my extensive leadership and business experience to form collaborative relationships and make decisions that support Covington's infrastructure, public safety, housing, transportation, mental health services and future growth. I sit on the South King County Transportation Board to ensure that Covington has representation in decisions related to transportation.

Through my wide-reaching community involvement, I listen to our residents, and I work to focus on how we can best provide solutions to your concerns. My community volunteer work includes: The Storehouse Food Bank (Board of Directors), Covington Rotary Club (Secretary), Seattle Children's Hospital Guild (Past President), Real Life Church and more.

I would be honored to continue the important work of ensuring that Covington grows towards greatness and would value your vote.



Council Position No. 5

Sean D. Smith

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Education: B.A. Poli Sci UW, M.S. Resource Management CWU, Law Enforcement Academy Santa Rosa J.C.

Occupation: Environmental Planner, Washington Department of Ecology

Statement: Over the past four years, I have been honored to represent you on the Covington City Council. I've demonstrated leadership during that time, skillfully navigating Covington toward success. For example, my efforts have resulted in four consecutive balanced budgets, ensuring fiscal responsibility and stability for the city. Through my advocacy, Covington has seen substantial investment in road construction and maintenance, enhancing transportation infrastructure for residents and businesses. Moreover, my dedication to public safety has led to the hiring new police officers, making the community safer and more secure. My commitment to creating green spaces has led to establishing new parks, providing recreational opportunities, and promoting a healthy lifestyle. Finally, as a testament to my innovative spirit, I sponsored the city's first annual Pickleball tournament, fostering community and camaraderie.

Together, let's continue this journey toward a better Covington for all. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you!



Council Position No. 7

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: Our city means a lot to me. As a resident and a member of the business community, I have invested a lot of time and energy in helping build our community. By serving on the city council, I plan to continue developing a balance between economic development and the needs of our citizens, while addressing the transportation issues of Covington. As well as continuing to make sure that proper zoning is followed for planned development. Another goal is to continue to develop our parks system to allow our citizens to enjoy the recreational benefits of our city.

I have been involved in numerous organizations in the past including Covington Days, Covington Kiwanis Club, Covington Merchants Association, Covington Community Council, and served as the Co-Chair of the Covington Economic Development Council. I am a current member of the Covington Chamber of Commerce



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

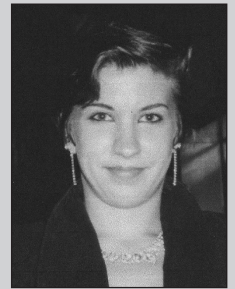
Statement: A 21yr resident and dedicated family man, my wife, Yvonne, and I live here with our daughters, Natalie 17yr & Lilah 15yr. I am a loyal community steward and an active member of multiple City and Charitable Foundation Events and Programs. I pride myself on my commitment to our Students and 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.

Christine Puzas

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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. 2

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Education: Masters Degree

Occupation: Pre-arrangement Advisor for Weeks' Funeral Homes

Statement: Four years ago, I began working for Weeks', and I immediately fell in love with the Enumclaw area and the people who live here. I have lived in big cities and small towns, and this is the best mix of both that I have experienced.

I want to preserve the best qualities of the area while helping to guide its inevitable growth. I yearn for an illicit-drug-free environment and want to protect the vulnerable from sex predators and other criminals. Enumclaw can and should stand for family values and decency. Unfortunately, it appears that law enforcement personnel have been overly hampered by restrictions imposed by outside jurisdictions, so it now falls upon our local legislature to step up and enact provisions that benefit this caring and vibrant community. If you agree, I would be honored to have your vote.

Kerry Flothe



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Education: MA Counseling Psychology City University of Seattle and Bachelor of Science Psychology Washington State University

Occupation: Hospital Social Services Specialist and mental health counselor

Statement: My name is Kerry Flothe. I am running for Enumclaw City Council Position 2. I have lived in Enumclaw with my husband for eight years and we have two sons. What really convinced me that Enumclaw is where I want to raise my family is how the community came together and supported small businesses during Covid. Enumclaw citizens showed tenacity, resilience, and the true meaning of what it means to be a community through those challenging years. I feel proud to have been a part of it.

My priorities include the safety of our children, and an inviting city for our citizens and visitors to enjoy, which includes the maintenance and safety of our community parks, the continued growth and prosperity of our small businesses, and support for law enforcement and all first responders.

I would be honored to serve for the next four years on our Enumclaw City Council.



Council Position No. 4

Chance LaFleur



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Education: Top Ten Enumclaw High School, Summa Cum Laude B.S. Construction Management CWU

Occupation: General Contractor

Statement: I have been honored and humbled for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community that I love this last 12 years. I hope to continue this service in a way that will make my two boys and amazing wife Melanie proud. Am I perfect, never, but I do try to do the best job that can for Enumclaw. I think this last four years of service has been some of the hardest, yet most rewarding years on council. I am so excited to see what the next four years will hold for our town and all the things we can accomplish together!



Council Position No. 6

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Education: BAS Energy Management, Bismark St. College, LSSBB Villanova University, FMP

Occupation: Project & Program Manager, Equinix, Enumclaw City Council

Statement: Appointed by my peers twice and elected once. In my time, we dealt with a poor economy, watched our town prosper, and come to life. We faced the trials of a pandemic and economic shutdown of our country. Yet we were able to endure and withstand all the hardships and challenges that came with those times. As times change, and the needle continues to move, our renewed focus remains the same. Adapt, but not to the detriment of who we are as a community. Tradition, legacy, and meaningful thoughtful adaptation can be unified best, when working together. Focus on Public Safety, The Economy, Transportation, Parks, and Recreation. Ensuring that we never ask for more than we need and always give back where we can. Being a responsible and fiscally conservative government driven by the will of the citizen. That is why I continue to serve and ask to serve again.



Council Position No. 1

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Education: Masters in Organizational Management; BS in Biology, Leadership Certificates

Occupation: Federal Way Councilmember; Case Manager; board member; community volunteer

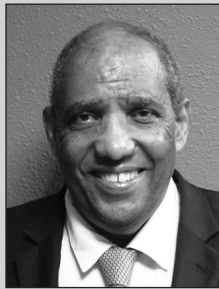
Statement: Over the last 3 decades, my career has been in Human Services, as a Director, a Program Manager, a Case Manager, and financial educator/coach, while also serving on several boards and committees at the local, regional, and state levels.

My top priorities include economic prosperity, housing opportunity, and public safety. Economic prosperity starts with access to opportunities to create a pathway to livable-wage employment, resources to entrepreneurs, adequate housing, affordable childcare, and financial education. We need affordable, decent, and safe housing, and opportunities for homeownership for our unhoused population, young professionals, and elderly. We must foster public safety by increasing resources to address crime while tackling the underlying issues.

By embracing our rich and growing diversity, we can make Federal Way a wealthy and vibrant community. As a Councilmember since 2014, it would be my honor to receive your vote so I can continue to serve Federal Way residents.

Mark Greene

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Education: Inver Hills Community College, Graduate, A.A.S. (Legal Assistant Program)

Occupation: Legal Assistant; Marine Corps Veteran (Active: 1972 - 1974, Honorable)

Statement: Public safety is my top priority. Every resident must feel safe in their community and at home. I believe the police must have all the resources and personnel to perform their job. They are under pressure every day and deserve our utmost respect.

Anyone struggling with drug addiction should have access to a medical treatment facility. However, if under special criminal circumstances, should be monitored by medical professionals 24/7 under state guidelines; this does not mean that they cannot refuse treatment, but if certain criminality is involved, should be under medical watch until a specified, short or limited amount of time has passed, or functioning normally. Pretty much the same for extreme mental illness as well.

I will work with business leaders to expand jobs and new revenue by implementing their proposals to attract new industry and businesses to Federal Way. I think the arts could be one such industry.



Council Position No. 3

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Education: University of Puget Sound, Tacoma General Hospital School of Nursing, Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership.

Occupation: Retired Registered Nurse. Community volunteer, City Council Member, Deputy Mayor.

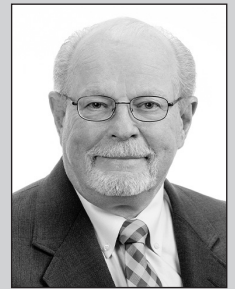
Statement: As Deputy Mayor, I have served the City of Federal Way with integrity, experience, common sense, vision, compassion and proven leadership. I am a 43 year resident of Federal Way. I've worked to improve public safety, address transportation, land use issues, support business and economic development. I support a balanced budget that addresses the needs of the city and citizens. I work for youth, families, and seniors in our community to bring services, programs and support to all.

I serve on several Regional, State and National Boards and Committees. I have the experience and relationships with local, county, state and national leaders to advocate for Federal Way on important regional issues.

It is an honor to serve on the City Council and I will serve the residents, businesses and citizens with integrity, dedication and common sense. I would be honored to receive your vote. Integrity and Vision. Susan Honda

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Education: Degrees in business management and court reporting. Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Officer training program.

Occupation: Owner, court reporting business employing 40 people. U.S. Army Veteran.

Statement: I want to be your voice on the Federal Way City Council. Voting for me will ensure your ideas and concerns are heard and addressed as the City Council makes decisions about the future of our City.

My priorities are: Keeping you safe by making sure our police department maintains the highest professional standards and is fully staffed; creating a Federal Way Public Market that will rival the Pike Place Market and create new jobs; coordinate better with our neighboring cities to end homelessness and work to fix other problems; preserving and expanding our community parks; advocating for affordable housing.

I am proud to be endorsed by the King County Democrats and South King Fire and Rescue Firefighters. My campaign is also supported as a Mom's Demand Action/Gun Sense Candidate and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility because of my strong commitment to end senseless gun violence in our community.



Council Position No. 5

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Education: B.A. in Communications, Brigham Young University
Occupation: CEO, Sub Zero Washington; Long-time Community Volunteer

Statement: It is an honor serving you. We are changing the direction of the city. Before my election, defunding the police had been discussed. Instead, we increased the number of officers. Rather than going along with the crime-tolerant attitude of the state and county, we acted to discourage the public use of drugs, sleeping on sidewalks, and stealing shopping carts. We continually work on cleaning up and discouraging homeless encampments. At the same time, we refer those impacted by addiction and mental illness to appropriate services.

The soon-to-open light rail brings challenges and opportunities to Federal Way. I am actively working to encourage businesses and healthy market-rate housing to locate here.

We are turning the ship, but still have far to go. I look forward to continuing to serve you as together we help Federal Way be a wonderful place to work, live, raise families and retire. I appreciate your vote.

Katherine Festa

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Education: Associates of Arts, North Seattle Community College
Occupation: Housing Coordinator, King County Department of Community and Human Services

Statement: As a regional housing advocate and Federal Way Human Services Chair, I see when our policies move neighbors in need into housing and health, and where they fall short. On the Council, I will leverage available funding to achieve measurable progress on homelessness and prioritize affordability for seniors and working families.

As a participant on the Federal Way Police Chief's Advisory Call, I want to hire additional officers and crisis responders to reduce response times and ensure safety for all. And as a mom and longtime neighbor, I want to invest sustainably in infrastructure, preserve parks and open space, and prioritize accessibility and fiscal responsibility.

As your Councilmember, I will apply that experience and work everyday for affordability and opportunity for all. Let's do it together! *Endorsed: 30th LD & King County Democrats, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Senator Wilson, Representative Taylor & Reeves, Executive Constantine, and many more!*



Council Position No. 7

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Education: B.A. Degree - Graduate of Marylhurst University, 1966 and Nationally Certified Risk Manager

Occupation: City of Federal Way Council President - Risk Manager

Statement: It was an honor to previously serve as your 30th District State Representative and now on the Federal Way City Council. On the Council, I was elected by my Colleagues as Deputy Mayor twice, then as Mayor in 2010, and now as Council President. As your 30th District State Representative, I was voted 2016 Outstanding Legislator of the Year by the State Sewer/Water Association.

I worked hard for 20 years in the offices I held to be a voice of reason as well as an advocate for common sense and fiscal responsibility. Voted Best City Leader in Federal Way twice, I tried to be a leader with integrity as well as an advocate for families. I need your vote now so that I can work to help you with crime, homelessness, and job growth.

A vote for Linda Kochmar will return a *Trusted Leader* to the Federal Way City Council.

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Education: Studied Psychology at Eastern Washington University, Nursing at North Seattle Community College

Occupation: Mental health, addiction, and recovery nurse; small business development

Statement: We need a bold vision and fresh set of eyes to address our city's challenges – homelessness, the attack on a woman's rights to choose, the deadly fentanyl crisis, ensuring our businesses can thrive in post-pandemic America – which can only be solved by seeing the big picture.

I have a strong record of working with state and federal legislators to secure grant money and vital services that Federal Way lacks compared to other King County cities, and because of my background, unique on the council – surviving homelessness, domestic violence and sexual assault – I know firsthand the struggles people go through when they are trying to get their life back on track.

Endorsed by former State Representative and State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, State Representative Kristine Reeves, Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, Washington Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, the King County Democrats, and more. It's time for change. Vote Denise Yun.



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.

Kelly Wiggans-Crawford

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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.



Council Position No. 1

Sean P. Kelly



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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Supervisor of Operations with the Tahoma School District

Statement: Having lived in the Maple Valley area for most of my life, I've watched many changes occur in our city over the past decades. With the increase in traffic on Highway 169 and Kent-Kangley Road, we must make adding more capacity to support the forthcoming population explosion our priority.

Our city is also in need of smarter economic development. Businesses provide a vital service to our citizens, and they need our support right now. We need to aggressively promote new businesses to the City of Maple Valley.

I want to continue to serve our community as a City Council member to make sure everyone feels welcome, safe, and involved in the City of Maple Valley. As your council member, I will hear your concerns, and work with the council to set policies. Thank you for your continued support.



Council Position No. 2

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Occupation: Territory Manager, rSchoolToday

Statement: With 16 years experience on the school board and my appointment to the City Council since April 2022, I have cultivated a deep understanding of our city's needs and the power of partnerships.

Public safety is my utmost priority. My focus will be around maintaining well-equipped emergency services, community policing, public education to ensure public safety and protect our communities. Transportation is a critical component of any thriving city. I am committed to investing in modern and sustainable transportation systems to reduce congestion and ensure easy accessibility for everyone. Community engagement is the cornerstone of a vibrant city. I will actively seek input from all voices to foster a sense of belonging and ensure that every resident's concerns are heard.

I bring a heartfelt dedication to our community. I will work tirelessly with all stakeholders to build a prosperous future for our city. Let's build a brighter future for all.



Council Position No. 3

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Council Position No. 5

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Education: B.S. in Business, Montana State University; MBA, Seattle University

Occupation: Manager, The Boeing Company

Statement: It has been my pleasure to serve the Citizens of Maple Valley as your Councilor. During my time on the Council, I have had the opportunity to talk with many of you. Your feedback has helped me when making decisions on our city's future. I serve on the Finance, Public Safety Oversight, Downtown Design Committees and the King County Growth Management Planning Council.

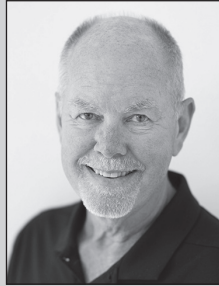
My goal for the next 4 years is to ensure Maple Valley continues to be a highly sought-after community. Transportation and development concerns that allow our residents to work, shop and play in town must be solved. As councilor, I will continue working on SR169, zoning improvements to support access to attainable housing and provide the funding for our public safety needs. Together, we can tackle these tough challenges!

I have the knowledge, experience and dedication to make these important decisions. *Please vote Syd Dawson!*



Council Position No. 7

John Herbert



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Education: UW School of Medicine, ITT School of business

Occupation: Maple Valley Fire Commissioner

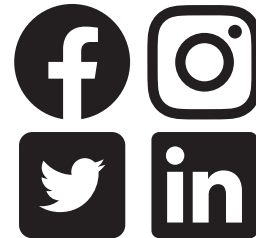
Statement: Maple Valley has been my home since 1982, I moved here because I like the small-town atmosphere and the availability of outdoor recreation.

I have been serving as a Fire Commissioner here in Maple Valley for 8 years and understand how local government works and the need for citizen input.

During this time the population has increased and with the developments in Black Diamond traffic in Maple Valley has worsened. I will support infrastructure projects to decrease congestion. We need to continue to work with the State of Washington to widen Hwy 169 all the way to Renton. The city has created parks, ball fields, playgrounds and trails which my family and I use regularly. I am excited to be part of the City Council and continue making this the best City in Washington to live and raise a family.

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Council Position No. 4

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Education: Bachelor's in English, University of Washington; Juris Doctorate, University of Oregon School of Law.

Occupation: Managing Attorney, Redwood Law; Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy Reserve

Statement: Since 2021, I have served as your elected representative on Milton City Council in Position Number 4. Regionally, I represent Milton on the Pierce County Regional Council and I sit on Puget Sound Regional Council's Transportation Policy Board.

As a lifelong Milton resident, I am proud of the planning our city has done to calm traffic and expand pedestrian safety, especially near our schools. I am excited to see our planning implemented in the coming years and to take Milton into the future. We have a balanced budget that ensures our City's water security, police presence, and park development, and we are building the friendly, community-focused, and welcoming place we all want.

I believe Milton can be a model small City in Washington, and I believe I can make decisions that lead us there. I would be honored to have your vote.



Council Position No. 6

Frances Hall

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Education: Certificate in Apparel Construction Fashion Design Program, Bates Technical College

Occupation: Office Assistant, Department of Labor and Industry, State of Washington.

Statement: Frances Hall, a dedicated long-time resident, actively volunteers in City Events, the Police Department, and leads the Emerald Corner Neighborhood Watch Group, makes her an outstanding and experienced candidate to serve our community as our Councilmember! She's deeply committed to boosting the local economy, supporting businesses, and creating a more walkable city through business-friendly policies and improved aesthetics.

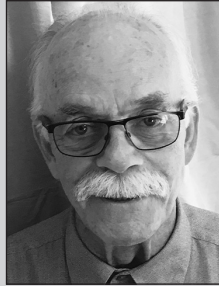
Frances is passionate about providing abundant opportunities for families and children. She wholeheartedly supports expanding the police force to ensure community safety and well-being, fostering a sense of security for all. Transparency and accessibility are fundamental principles for Frances. She firmly believes in creating an inclusive environment where every voice is heard at city hall. Vote for Frances Hall on November 7th to support our kids and families, and join us in building a brighter, more prosperous future for our community together!



Council Position No. 7

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Education: Teterboro Aeronautics Aviation Maintenance, Business Management. Various advanced corporate and professional courses

Occupation: Retired, Director Systems Performance AT&T Wireless Aviation Communications.

Statement: Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your Councilman since 2003. Thanks you for your support in working to safeguard the vitality of our community's future and prosperity while enhancing our small town atmosphere. I have worked for many progressive changes directed towards building a community that is regionally known as an outstanding place to live, conduct business, work, and enjoy life. I encouraged reorganization of the structure of our municipal governments in order to provide you with sensible expansions and significant in the services that our city government provides. This resulted in strengthening our Police Department's effectiveness; fortifying our financial management; investing in sustainable public utilities, planning and development services and more. I will continue to correct our weaknesses, and build on our strengths to foster a positive economic environment, with a firm and utmost respect for the residential values of our community..



Mayor

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

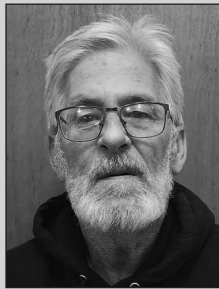
Occupation: Retired Firefighter, Small Forest Tree Farm Owner, Pacific Council Member

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

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

Help keep our city government transparent. Please support me for Mayor.

Kerry G. Garberding



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Education: Bellevue College

Occupation: Sales Supervisor at Statco Engineering

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

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

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



Council Position No. 1

Katherine Garberding

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Education: Bellevue College

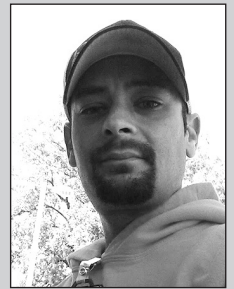
Occupation: 32 Years as a office administrator for R/W Graham CPA'S

Statement: I have lived in Pacific since 2009, and I have been serving you on city council for the past 9 years. I was once appointed and twice elected to my position. It is my goal to retain my seat so that I can continue serving the people of Pacific with an open mind, and importantly keeping the council and Mayor honest and accountable. I volunteer throughout the city at its events, and serve as a Board Member to Pacific Partnerships which brings you Pacific Days.

A few of my goals as a council member is to see our city move in a upward direction as in keeping our Senior Center and Youth Services active and continue to expand programs for both, improving our roads and bringing more businesses into Pacific.

Your vote will allow me to continue serving our community and the needs of the residents of Pacific.

Jeremy Scrivner



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Education: Hutson Bay High school 2000 Green River College

Occupation: Manager Pacific Raceways

Statement: I am Running for election because our system is broken, our taxes keep going up and our services from the City, County and Police keep getting worse. If I'm elected I will do everything I can to restore Pacific the way it was 10 years ago with people following traffic laws and semi trucks not destroying our streets.

I am a 20 year Union Member in the local 7.



Council Position No. 3

Joshua Putnam



Education: B.A., International Relations & Economic Management, Claremont McKenna College

Occupation: Marketing Manager

Statement: Pacific is facing important choices as cities around us continue to grow and the Legislature makes us accept more housing density. Our City Council must responsibly manage the city budget to ensure reliable services and public safety for all residents.

I have served Pacific as a planning commissioner, park board member, and city council member. I know the importance of maintaining essential services for all homes, families, and businesses. The city has been fortunate to get grants for many high-profile projects, but that money can't be spent on keeping our streets paved and our water and sewers flowing. We must spend local tax dollars efficiently, avoid unnecessary liabilities, and preserve the city's financial strength for the future. Local government isn't about partisan rhetoric, it's about delivering value for your tax dollars.

I ask for your vote to allow me to continue serving the needs of Pacific's families and businesses.

Aarron Fahrenkrug



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Education: GED some vocational

Occupation: Field Service Technician Team Lead

Statement: I have lived in Pacific for 30 years. I grew up in Pacific and after I had kids I thought Pacific would be a great place to raise them. I am involved with the Pacific Partnership organization, you've probably seen me if you go to Pacific days, I run the kids game there every year. I am running on a platform of family values, public safety, public works efficiency and costs, and personal freedom. I look forward to representing people that want clean parks, safe streets affordable utilities.



Council Position No. 6

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No statement submitted.



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 a 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

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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

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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!

Marvin Rosete

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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

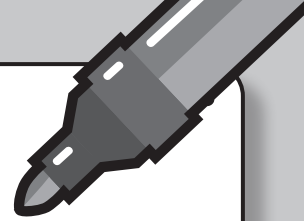
Occupation: Retired Boeing Engineering Manager and former Renton City Council Member

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!

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Director District No. 1

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Director District No. 2

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Occupation: Retired- School Administrative Assistant 30 years

Statement: Auburn has been my home for 44 years and over these years I have been responsibly involved in the Auburn Community. I believe one of Auburn's most important assets is its schools.

Supporting Auburn's Pre-K through 12th grade students in a safe and welcoming learning environment continues to be my highest priority. I do this through thoughtful policy decisions and fiscal responsibility.

The Auburn School District's strategic plan focuses on providing students with an educational experience that helps develop their full potential academically and socially. This plan is the blue print of our commitment to ready students for the future paths they choose. I enjoy the work as a school board member in service to students, families, district staff and the Auburn Community. I'm excited about the direction our district is going and look forward to continuing this work! I ask for your vote.



Director District No. 3

Valerie Gonzales

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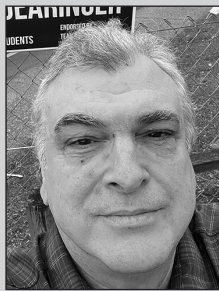
Education: Green River community college graduate of practical nursing program and a degree in Human Development

Occupation: Licensed Practical Nurse school setting for medically fragile students

Statement: I felt a need for my voice to be louder. I desire to listen to community, staff, students and families of ASD. I want to support policies that make sense having the greatest benefits to everyone. My husband and I attended elementary through HS in Auburn. Where our five children attend. Our eldest is deaf. She graduated from Auburn taking classes with hearing peers. Two of our kids are in the highly capable program. I'm fortunate to have worked in a variety of classrooms in Auburn and neighboring districts. I know challenges from both sides of the IEP table. I've developed a unique perspective and currently seeking to protect valuable traditions that remain effective in education and support changes necessary to stay current with progress. I have an eager spirit with a heart of compassion and service. I'm excited to serve as a school board director if awarded the opportunity.

Dirk Dearing

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Education: Grand CanyonOnline, Special Education Teacher (3years); Highline CC, Information Technology (3years); Renton Tech, Emergency Dispatcher

Occupation: UPS/member Teamsters Local 174 Also Paraprofessional at Kent School District

Statement: Thank you to 5,199 voters who voted for me in 2021. The winner served only 4 months then resigned. I promise I will serve every day with energy and dedication. If I don't win, I'll run again 2 years from now. I will serve this community. I want our student learners to succeed remarkably. I want our developmentally disabled students to grow stronger mentally and physically. I want every nickel of funds to be used wisely. I want to sit with the 4 women now on the board to accept challenging assignments, contribute as someone who has been in Auburn schools for 8 years. I'm in Kent currently and see and listen to ideas every single day from people on the inside; staff, principals, specialists, parents. My presence on this board means improvement. Auburn residents will see a new attitude, someone that keeps them informed and listens to their needs.



Director District No. 4

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Education: Attended Green River Community College; B.S. in Computer Science from Western Washington University

Occupation: Advertising Sales; prior Insurance Agent & Agency Business Owner

Statement: My involvement with the Auburn School District began when my oldest daughter started kindergarten. I joined PTA to be involved with her new adventure. As I saw how parental involvement boosted not only my child's educational life but that of all students, I took leadership positions with the PTA - local, council, and regional.

My connection with the district started as I was able to spend several days a week as a volunteer in the classroom and around the school. Getting to know the teachers and staff and learning more about the daily workings of the school district motivated me to keep involved. My goal for the School Board still remains to continue improving. Let's make sure we reach every student in our community.



Director District No. 1

Scott Mason



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Education: Highline College, GWU School of Business - IT Project Management

Occupation: Retired It Project Manager

Statement: I have been a member of this community for the past 29 years and have had children in our schools for 14 years. I believe in our dedicated school staff and community. Working together, I know we can achieve anything.

As a Foster Parent of 31 children, 12 whom I have enrolled in ESD, I understand the educational needs of every student. With more than 70 hours interviewing district stakeholders, staff, students, and parents I have gained an understanding and appreciation of multiple viewpoints.

Working for Boeing three decades, 12 years as an IT project manager, I managed multimillion-dollar budgets, projects, teams of people, and am experienced with and value collaboration and I support responsible ESD building projects addressing the needs of our community with low taxpayer impact. I ask for your vote and the honor of representing you as District Director, Position 1. *Endorsed by Washington State Foster Champs*

Jimmy Stewart

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Director District No. 3

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Education: Byron Kibler, JJ Smith, EJM, Enumclaw High School and Bachelor's from Central Washington University

Occupation: Art Gamblin Motors

Statement: Vote for proven leadership and dedication. I have proudly served on the Enumclaw School Board for the past seven years. As a lifelong resident and parent of three children attending our schools, I believe in our efforts to effect positive change in our community and schools.

Together, we've achieved academic growth and progress, but there's more to be done. I'm committed to providing all students with a safe and impactful learning experience tailored to their unique needs and goals.

I'm excited about recent developments, such as the implementation of a new Math curriculum for our elementary schools and the expansion of Career Technical Education courses. These initiatives connect students with high-demand career pathways and equip them with real-world skills for success. With your support, I'll continue advocating for quality education and empowering every student to thrive. Let's keep working together for a brighter future in Enumclaw's schools!

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Education: BA Rice University; ECE Director Certificate Highline Community College

Occupation: Retired. Former Preschool Owner/Director. Former Co-Owner Alta Crystal Resort

Statement: Many in our community have expressed concerns about the Enumclaw School District's direction. As a former preschool owner/director and business manager, I know we can do better. Here are changes the School Board must make.

Parents must be acknowledged as the primary stakeholders in their children's education and care, with full transparency from the School District and ample opportunities for parent input. Education must be the School District's primary focus. Curriculum and policies must enable our students to achieve core competencies and the critical thinking skills they need to succeed. Teachers deserve a Board that supports them as they strive for student excellence. ESD must manage its \$76 million budget responsibly. More money is not always the answer, and the community wants ESD to clearly delineate needs versus wants.

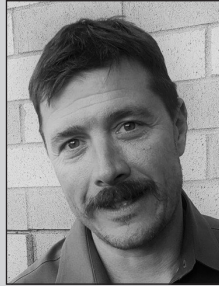
Children are our most precious resource and our future. Let's make a difference for their benefit. Thank you for your vote.



Director District No. 4

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Occupation: Electrical Construction Superintendent

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

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

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

Tonya Pettit

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Education: B.A. English

Occupation: Controller, BME

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

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

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



Director District No. 2

Jennifer Jones

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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.

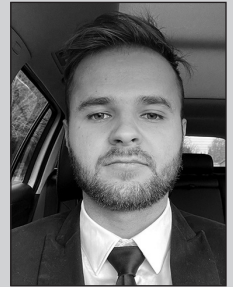
In my 25 years at Highline College, I have taught thousands of college students, and I know that the school district needs to prepare our students for their next steps, whether college or careers. I want all families—including those new to the US-- to feel welcome at FWPS. And I want every young person 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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Education: Valhalla, Totem, Thomas Jefferson, Highland, Lake Washington Institute of Technology

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

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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

Gavin Downing

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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.

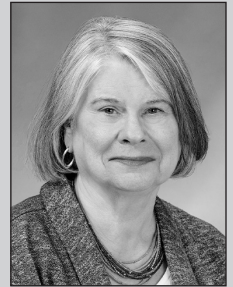
I am dedicated to ensuring that all students have access to a safe and equitable education. Federal Way Schools must help prepare every student for success. The working conditions of our staff are the learning conditions of our students. Competitive wages, benefits and healthy working environments for 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: Washington State University Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice & Criminology, Federal Way HS

Occupation: Washington Schools Risk Management Pool, Director of Claims & Litigation

Statement: I have served this community since September 2017. I have been dedicated to supporting an inclusive Fife Public Schools culture where differences are valued and celebrated. I have listened to the diverse voices of Fife, Milton, Edgewood community to make informed decisions that better the educational environment of all students. Each decision I have made has been to serve the students who are currently walking the halls of our buildings and for future students to come.

Every child is deserving of a quality education. My role is to ensure that that education not only meets but exceeds the needs of each individual student in this district. In order to do that, I will continue to make knowledgeable decisions to support our teachers and staff, stay engaged with our community and provide a safe and supportive space for students to come and learn.

Thank you for trusting me with your students.



Director District No. 2

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Education: Bachelor's of Science in Psychology; Master's Degree in Business Administration; Six Sigma Business Certification.

Occupation: 10+ years teaching undergraduate and graduate level college business courses.

Statement: I believe in our community, our district, and our people. I love that being on the Fife School District Board of Directors allows me to serve our community. I have three sons that attend Fife Schools (Taylor, Jayden and Cameron); who are proud that they will be graduating from the same high school that their grandfather did, and carry on the Fife Trojan legacy.

My work in higher education has given me a unique perspective on the education system and its potential challenges. While I lean upon my professional experience when making decisions, it is imperative to listen to the needs of the community and its children before making any determinations.

Our district is building and growing. I will continue to fight for the needs of our kids, educators, administrators and the community to ensure all stakeholders can be as proud as I am to call the FME community home.



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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Education: BS, Business Management, Minor in Finance, BYU-Idaho 2003, AA Print Journalism, Ricks College 2000

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.



Director District No. 1

A.J. Taylor

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Education: J.D., University of Washington; M.A., History, Utah State University; B.A., History, Oregon State University

Occupation: Senior Privacy Manager, Microsoft Corporation

Statement: For many years, I've advocated for our kids. I've served on the Issaquah School District (ISD) Levy Development Committee, the ISD Financial Analysis Core Team, and as a Volunteers for Issaquah Schools board member. I'm proud of my work to secure funding for the ISD and I'm eager to do more. Our district's decreased enrollment means less state funding. We must spend smarter, ensure the return on investment of existing programs, and reprioritize funding to ensure we're meeting the needs of all our students. As an ISD director, I'll strive to create clearer communication about how our educational programs are performing and provide insight into board decisions.

As the father of a student in our school district, I believe school board members should serve the community, first and foremost. I'll work to foster a welcoming and inclusive learning community where all students, teachers, and families have a strong sense of belonging. I'll be a vocal supporter for our children and families. I humbly ask for your vote.

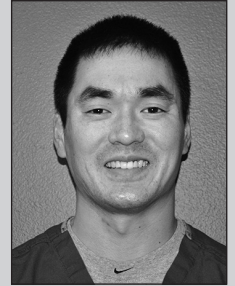
Endorsements: Representatives Lisa Callan, Bill Ramos and Tana Senn, School Board Director Anne Moore, former ISD Superintendents Ron Thiele and Janet Barry, seven city council members and more. See voteajtaylor.com for information.



Director District No. 3

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Education: M.D. University of Washington School of Medicine; B.S. University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Emergency Physician

Statement: I've been privileged to serve you over the past eight years. As the district implements its first strategic plan in more than two decades, I'll ensure that we listen to students and families and partner with teachers so that every student can reach their highest potential. To do that, we'll need to communicate transparently and emphasize financial accountability as we discuss funding to complete our newest high school to address the continued overcrowding at Issaquah and Skyline high schools.

Over the next four years, I'll continue to advocate for increased early learning and dual language opportunities, special education funding, and social-emotional and mental health supports. I want to focus our district's work to reimagine pathways to college and career for every student. For those who don't want to pursue four-year college, we need to partner with industry and provide opportunities to graduate with certifications and experience in skilled trades to directly enter the workforce.

I ask for your vote so that our district continues to invest in the success of each student and maximizes every tax dollar to create safe learning environments for students and staff.

Endorsed by: Lisa Wellman, Mark Mullet, Lisa Callan, Mary Lou Pauly, and many more.



Director District No. 5

**Matt
Coyne**

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Education: Bachelor's in Political Science, Seattle University

Occupation: Financial services for 22 years with a wealth management focus

Statement: My desire to run for the Issaquah School Board is rooted in my belief that strong public schools are key contributors to strong communities. As your school board representative, I will advocate for all students, with a particular emphasis on youth mental health and special education services. I will partner with local elected officials to help advocate for expanded funding of public education and greater support for teachers.

I am a lifelong advocate of K-12 education, having a mother, father and wife as teachers. My involvement with local public schools spans many years. I was a member of the Issaquah Schools Foundation Board for six years, including two years as Board President. I also sat on the National Schools Foundation, Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank and The Garage, A Teen Center Boards. My wife and I have lived in the Issaquah School District for 18 years and currently have two children attending Issaquah public schools.

Several local elected officials have endorsed my campaign, including Representative Lisa Callan; Sammamish Mayor Kali Clark; Issaquah Mayor Mary Lou Pauly; Issaquah City Councilmembers Barbara de Michele, Russell Joe and Zach Hall; and Issaquah School Director Suzanne Weaver. Please see my website for additional endorsements.

**Josiah
Morauski**

No photo
submitted

No statement submitted.



Director District No. 1

Andy Song



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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, Im 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. Im looking for your support in creating meaningful change for our community.

2020 recipient from Pierce County Champion for Children

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





Licensed Mental Health Therapist; Board Certified Behavior Analyst; Doctoral Candidate - Ph.D Special/Counseling Education

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-  Certified cybersecurity experts are on staff at Elections and at King County IT.
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-  The ballot tabulation system is on a specially designed, entirely closed network, not connected to the internet.



Director District No. 2

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Education: B.S., International Business (Leadership Studies concentration), A.S., Marketing & Business Administration, Johnson & Wales University.

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

Leslie Kae Hamada

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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.

Donald Cook

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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. 1

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No photo
submitted

No statement submitted.

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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.

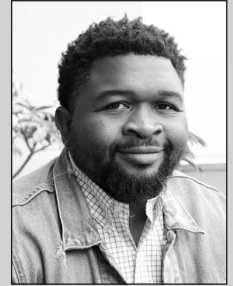
Stefanie owns a home in the Cascade neighborhood with her husband, Ryan, and two young daughters Molly and Lena. Molly and Lena attend Cascade Elementary and will begin fourth and first grade this fall.



Director District No. 4

Justin Booker

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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. 2

**Michael
Wiggins**

No photo
submitted

No statement submitted.



Director District No. 3

**Malia
Hollowell**



Education: Master's in International Education, Stanford University; Bachelor's in Elementary Education, University of Arizona

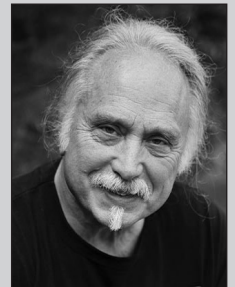
Occupation: Small Business Founder and CEO

Statement: Eleven years ago, I transitioned from being an elementary teacher to building a successful online company that supports teachers around the world. Because of my career, I am deeply knowledgeable about what is working in today's classrooms and am proud to have shared my expertise with our community as a school board director for the past four years.

In my second term, I will continue working with our community to develop a long-term solution that will enable *every* student to benefit from lower class size, even as our population continues to grow. I will also continue developing a sustainable funding plan to ensure that Tahoma is responsible with the money we have while also working with the state for more stable funding in the future.

As a teacher, Tahoma mom, and current school board director, I'm excited to continue ensuring our district provides cutting-edge education to *all* of our students.

**Stephen "Dutch"
Deutschman**



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Education: Harper CC Highline CC and Multiple Management Training Seminars

Occupation: Community Volunteer

Statement: As a Parent, Grandparent and Tahoma Community member for 46 years, I am eager to bring my vast experience and perspective to the School Board!

This is a pivotal year for Tahoma with bonds and levies being voted on. The Financial Stewardship of the next board will be vital. Having TSD subcommittee experience and a passion for Facility Operations, I plan to assist in harboring a Functional School District focused on the Safety and Security of our students. We are fortunate to have First Class Teachers in TSD. I look forward to working with the community to strengthen our Parent-Teacher Partnership.

I have served on the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council, President of Maple Valley Jr. Football, Jr. Wrestling and Pony Baseball Mustang. Umpire of the year Twice, Voice of the Valley Good Egg Award twice, Joe Segar Award Jr. Football. Viet Nam Veteran and VFW Lifetime Member.



Director District No. 4

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Education: Bachelor's in Accounting from Western Washington University

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant, specializing in auditing and forensics

Statement: It has been my honor to serve Tahoma for four years as an elected director. I am passionate about providing every student an opportunity to grow and succeed in a safe and inclusive environment. As a parent, I know firsthand that each student has unique resource needs and advocacy is critical to their success. I will bring experience, leadership, and collaboration from my 17 years as a parent of Tahoma students and my 23 years as a Certified Public Accountant.

Tahoma has much to be proud of and students continue to shine. I will continue to help students reach their full potential, strike a balance between student achievement and growth, and partner with our community to establish a sustainable budget (using my skills as a CPA). I commit to continue representing the community and facing challenges with transparency and collaboration in service of these goals. Thank you for your support!

Vincent Powell

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Education: MBA from Indiana University, B.S. Mathematics and Economics from Brigham Young University, raising my children

Occupation: Manager specializing in improving processes and helping teams excel

Statement: My family and I love living in Maple Valley and have had positive interactions with each of our children's teachers and schools. We live in a good school district but there is definitely room for improvement. After speaking with many in the community and reviewing data on our school district, I see two areas in need of change. Namely, academics and safety.

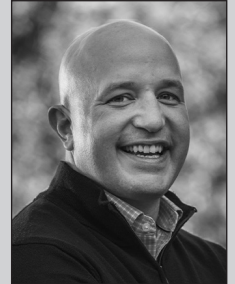
Did you know approximately 40% of Tahoma School District students are failing to meet grade level standards? Did you know each of our schools have safety concerns identified by a recent audit? Tahoma has good teachers, bright students, and engaged parents so with proper leadership we can turn these problems around. We need a school board that will be transparent with our shortcomings and help all students excel academically in a safe environment. We can do better and together we can take this district from good to great!



Director District No. 5

Matt Carreon

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Education: BS Mathematics, United States Naval Academy; MBA, U of W Foster School of Business

Occupation: Vice President, Business Development

Statement: A veteran and someone with 15 years in the corporate world, I have the business and life experiences that will provide value to this community. My time in Iraq and Afghanistan, Boeing, and as a corporate leader will allow me to bring leadership and problem solving our district needs to tackle the obstacles our schools are facing today.

I am also a strong representative for the minority population in Tahoma. As a third generation hispanic, I can bring an understanding of what some of our children are going through and provide that prospective to the district for guidance.

Finally, I want to continue being on the board to keep Tahoma the best school district in the state - for my kids and your kids! An education from a quality learning environment enables our kids to be the best version of themselves and set them up for future success.

Patrick Peacock

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Education: Bachelor's of Arts, Philosophy, University of Washington; Master's of Business Administration, Finance, Webster University

Occupation: Senior Industrial Security Specialist, Army Reserve Chief Warrant Officer 3

Statement: Our Tahoma Family is a special place, a thoughtful and caring community. My family has been blessed to be members of Tahoma for six generations. My son is a current student. We owe the students the highest quality education possible. Board decisions should answer, "How does this course of action achieve defined educational goals?"

As a concerned father, I attended over 60 Tahoma School Board Meetings, Working Groups and Retreats. I served on the Tahoma Safety and Bond Committees.

I bring diverse skills to serve your children. As a teacher at the Army Intelligence School, I gave platform instruction, developed Points of Instruction, and designed curriculum. My MBA/Finance provides understanding of budgets, bonds, and levies. As an Army Warrant Officer, I craft policies and procedures. As a Sr. Industrial Security Specialist, I protect people and places. Together, we can provide your children with the education needed for amazing futures. Electpatrickpeacock.org



Commissioner Position No. 4

Edward M. Egan



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Education: Fire Commissioner (2002-present); Pierce County Fire Commissioners (2015- present); Washington State Governor's Safety Board

Occupation: 33 years managing Weyerhaeuser. 14 years serving Weyerhaeuser's Corporate Safety

Statement: Helping to support our community's heroes as they keep our cities' safe is one of the proudest accomplishments of my life. I would be deeply honored and thankful to continue serving you in this capacity. The East Pierce Fire and Rescue is a highly qualified group that truly defines "team." These professionals risk their lives daily and their compassionate, speed and agility are all hallmarks, critical to serving our community's diverse needs. As your Commissioner, I will continue to work diligently to ensure our community's safety and your confidence. We face many difficult budget decisions and I will continue to bring research, empathy and an open mind to each equipment and facility discussion. I make each budget and management decision knowing this region's property and health are on the line. I will continue to ensure we meet the mission and goals of this district while empowering and resourcing the needs of our dedicated East Pierce Fire and Rescue Professionals. My life of professional service working in safety and health management continues to drive my passion to serve you and our community. Most importantly, I value your thoughts and comments and will always be open to your concerns and new ideas.



Commissioner Position No. 6

Randy Kroum



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Education: BS in History, Naval Science and Engineering from University of Idaho

Occupation: Facilities Director

Statement: As a Veteran of the United States Navy, I am committed to serving the public. I have experience in Facilities Management, Construction Management and Public Service. I will lean on my experience in the Navy and within Facilities Management to help support East Pierce Fire in the development of accurate budgets, strategic planning, and asset management in order to prepare the District for the future growth that is occurring within the District. I am excited to lean on my experience in my career to support our local Fire Service. Thank you for your support.



Commissioner Position No. 1

**Jenny
Jones**



Education: Associates Degree Electronic Engineering

Occupation: Current PSRFA Firefighter, Enumclaw Fire Commissioner and KCFCFA Director

Statement: I have devoted my life's work to public safety as a professional Firefighter. Since being elected in 2018, it has been my priority as your Fire Commissioner to keep promises made to voters. These promises include hiring additional firefighters and updating equipment to improve service and reliability to you, our customer. Additionally, as a Director with the King County Fire Commissioners Association, I will continue to broaden my knowledge and perspective to further serve the needs of our District.

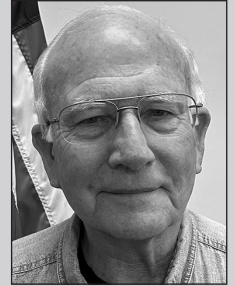
Inevitably, we will face challenges, such as adjusting to the needs of a growing community and the impacts on essential fire department services. I will work diligently to meet those changing needs through Transparency, Fiscal Responsibility, and Integrity.

It has been an honor to serve as your elected Fire Commissioner. I'm asking for your support and continued trust to serve our amazing community for a second term. Thank you!



Commissioner Position No. 4

**Jim
Zoll**



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Education: University of Redlands Bachelor of Science Degree - Business Management

Occupation: Current District 28 Fire Commissioner and Retired Chief of Police

Statement: Since 2016 I have served on the Board of Fire Commissioner's for Fire District 28 and now seek the opportunity for reelection. I have many years of dedicated Public Safety Service including Administrative, Executive Management and oversight responsibilities. My Management style is one built on Integrity, Participation, Communications and Professionalism.

I wish to continue the positive and reactive interconnecting steps towards facilitating an environment for success, both individually and as a team, now and into the future. This includes encouraging innovation by strengthening and maintaining both individual and organizational goals, enhancing professional competency and managing resources effectively through Commitment, Integrity, and Trust. I will continue focusing efforts and services on decisions and actions that best serve the District and community needs.

I bring the desire and passion to further the Fire District's Administrative and Operational needs, now and into the future through transparency, trust, and fiscal responsibility.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Gloria Hatcher-Mays

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Education: BA, University of Washington, Communication, Project Management Certification, University of Denver.

Occupation: Executive Director, Rainier Valley Food Bank, Fire Commissioner

Statement: My husband and I have lived in the Renton Highlands for the last sixteen years and love this community. As a member of the Fire District 10 Commissioners, I will faithfully honor my responsibility to provide oversight and management of the fire district with my fellow board members. I am passionate about community support for first responders, and am equally passionate that our community protectors should be good partners in our neighborhoods. I have successfully managed organizational budgets and human resource matters as an Executive Director for two non-profits in the Puget Sound region, and have been a leader in both business and government over the course of my career. I am a 'systems thinker' which means I look at overall operations when planning for change or celebrating successes.



Commissioner Position No. 2

David Hatcher-Mays

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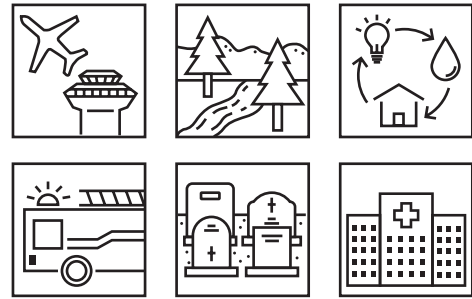
Commissioner Position No. 4

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No statement submitted.



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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

**Marcus
Morrell**

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submitted

No statement submitted.



Commissioner Position No. 3

**Sean
Cook**



Education: Proud graduate of Central Washington University and Liberty High School

Occupation: Software Sales Executive at Salesforce

Statement: In my role as Fire Commissioner I will continue to always work with honor and integrity. I will strive to make the best possible decisions to protect our everyday hero firefighters and the community we honorably serve. I am a proud American and love my community.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Gerry Bertellotti

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No photo submitted

No statement submitted.



Commissioner Position No. 2

Matthew Patten

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Education: Green River CC and Renton Voc Tech

Occupation: Phillips Pet - Territory Sales

Statement: I am applying for the Fire Commisher #2 position. I have been in the area for 20 years. I am here to help out and want to be involved.

Lets get together and keep everything up to date.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Joy Thomas Ratigan

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Employment Specialist at Vine Maple Place

Statement: I am pleased to submit my candidacy for King County Fire Protection District No. 37 Commissioner Position No. 1. I grew up in the Puget Sound area, and having served two years on the Citizen Advisor Planning Committee, I am in a great position to make significant contributions to the Puget Sound community as your Commissioner Position No.

I have a strong background in Human Resources and Customer Service, and it is my goal to work with a passion for this approach to growth within the first responder industry. I have proven to be effective and collaborative with strong teamwork talent to achieve a common goal. It would be my honor to serve the community in this way and I would ask for your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 2

Lloyd D. Holman

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: No information submitted.

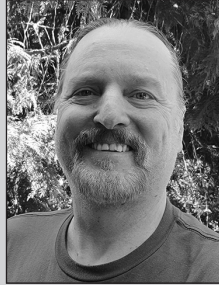
Statement: Hello, I am Lloyd Holman. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement. I was raised in the Kent/Covington area and raised my family here. I returned to the area, in 2021, after 18 years at Snoqualmie Pass, where I was a Fire Commissioner for 9 years. Earlier this year, I became aware of an opportunity to serve Fire District 37 and was appointed to fill an unexpired term. I would like to continue to serve the people of Fire District 37 and support the quality services Puget Sound Fire has brought to the region.

The population is growing, and the fire service must grow with it. I want to ensure that we have the tools to protect the people of our district while also taking care of the money the citizens have provided for us to do our job. Thank you for voting.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Jeff Wyborny



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Education: WA Native, BA University of Minnesota, MA University of Oregon

Occupation: Director of Operations, Washington Based Media Company

Statement: How do you ensure that our Fire District not only thrives in the present but remains resilient and well equipped to serve our community for generations to come?

We foster a culture of continuous improvement and innovation with professional development for our fire fighters. We engage in prudent financial management with long-term results. And finally, community engagement is crucial for the district success.

I am a marketing and communication expert with a long history of business management that I am eager to apply to the commission. I am a community-based action hero having coached youth sports in Kent Parks, Renton Parks, as well as serving as board member Cascade Vista Athletics and board member Evergreen City Ballet. I am also Assistant Scout Master for your local Fairwood Area Boy Scout Troop. PTA Volunteer and much more. I'm ready to work for Fire District 40.

Linda Sartnurak



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Education: B.S. degree in Business Administration, Airline Transport Pilot Certification

Occupation: Fire Commissioner, Commercial Airline Pilot, retired

Statement: I have been a Fairwood resident since 1982, know our community and understand the challenges we face. I know we can be great examples of what a community can be when it works together to build a better future.

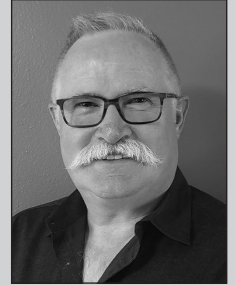
As a fire commissioner for more than a decade, I have built community support and led efforts to update our fire station, fire engine, and aid car. This has led to improved safety, savings in operational expenditures and reduced response times to you and your families. Also, as a Renton Regional Fire Authority governing board member, I was part of the negotiation to reduce our operating expenses without sacrificing our community services.

I am asking for your continued support as we work together to ensure FD40 has access to the resources they need to continue to provide essential services to our community. *Endorsed by Fire Chief Doug Gibbs, retired*



Commissioner Position No. 3

Steven Parsons



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Education: Bachelor of Science Construction Management, Central Washington University

Occupation: Retired Professional Firefighter, Fire Commissioner

Statement: I am honored to have served as your Fire Commissioner for nine years and I am asking for your vote to allow me to continue serving. The citizens and families in Fire District 40 deserve to continue receiving high quality, efficient and cost-effective emergency services. My 35 years as a firefighter, 8 years as a training officer, and over 18 years as a Fire Commissioner in two different districts have equipped me with the knowledge and experience necessary to ensure our community continues to receive outstanding fire and life safety services. My focus remains on *fiscal responsibility, customer service, transparency and responsible management* of your fire department. When seconds count, it's my responsibility to make sure highly qualified responders arrive quickly and deliver the help you need. I would appreciate your continued support and vote November 7th.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Stephen McNey



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Education: BA Communications, Washington State University.

Occupation: Political and Marketing Consultant.

Statement: As a father of three boys in the Tahoma School District, and a local Football Coach, I am proud to call Maple Valley my home. We are fortunate to live in a wonderful community, full of natural beauty and great neighborhoods.

We have a top-notch Fire Department and I am running for Commissioner to ensure our First Responders have the support and tools they need to be successful. It is important to balance those needs with sound fiscal management and transparent, responsive government.

I was raised by a single working class Mom in a wheelchair, who taught me the value of public service. Consequently, I have spent the majority of my adult life in the service of others. From the US Air Force to working at all levels of State and local government, I have never lost sight of those ideals. I would be honored to earn your vote!



Commissioner Position No. 2

Russell Calcote



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Education: Bachelor's of Science in Biology, University of Washington

Occupation: District Asset Protection Manager, Volunteer Firefighter/EMT

Statement: My fellow neighbors,

I have been proud to serve you as one of your fire commissioners for the last two years and will appreciate your support in continuing to serve. I have been a member of the Maple Valley community since 2013 when I first began as a volunteer firefighter/EMT with the legacy Maple Valley Fire department, and now as a resident of this great community.

I believe very much in ensuring our department meets our current and future needs while staying fiscally responsible. The landscape of our community is ever changing and I will work to see that the department keeps pace with that change. Thank you for your consideration, I hope I can count on your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Laura Buckley



Education: Associate Degree in Business, Green River College

Occupation: Finance/HR Specialist, Enumclaw Fire Department; District Secretary, Fire District #40

Statement: As a long-time Maple Valley resident, I hold a vested interest in the stable growth and preservation of the community I call home.

I joined Puget Sound Fire in 2015 specializing in Finance Administration; a growing organization leading the collaborative effort to join local fire agencies to reduce emergency response times and costs to taxpayers. Within the last year I transitioned to Enumclaw Fire Department as the Finance and HR Specialist. This organizational change allowed me to gain operational and financial knowledge essential to the successful function of fire departments on a more granular scale.

Concurrently I work as the King County Fire District #40 District Secretary serving the Board of Fire Commissioners and as the fire district's finance and payroll administrator. I am committed to using the knowledge I have obtained in my career in fire department administration to secure the community's growing fire and life safety needs.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Tracy Styles



Education: Attended Utah State University, majoring in Psychology and Philosophy

Occupation: Senior Project Management Consultant

Statement: I am honored by your consideration for this important position in our community. While I do not possess direct experience with firefighting, my background in business and project management and my ability to quickly adapt make me a capable candidate for this position.

Having been raised in a rural Utah town, and now as a land and homeowner in our community, I understand the unique challenges and needs of rural life. I also understand the importance of being a responsible steward of our tax dollars. As Fire Commissioner, I will work tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents by supporting our brave and selfless firefighters and first responders and advocating for effective emergency response systems.

Together, we can enhance our fire services, prioritize prevention, and cultivate a strong sense of community. With your support, I am committed to making a positive impact as your Fire Commissioner.

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

Dennis Young

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Education: Bates Technical College, Fire Service Training

Occupation: Firefighter/ Captain, Retired

Statement: I have been a resident of Fire District 44 / Mountain View Fire and Rescue for 32 years and a firefighter in the region for 35 years, recently retired.

I have seen much change in the District over the years, population growth, building and increase in calls for service. The Fire Service is also changing. With these changes come a need to support our firefighters with more training, updated equipment, while being financially responsible to the citizens.

While working as a Firefighter / Captain I was responsible for projects that included managing budgets. I have experience with working to bring people together and build consensus. I have been in the position to make difficult decisions and will use these skills as a commissioner for the District. I would be honored to be your next Fire Commissioner.

Dan Bjurstrom

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (University of Washington), Juris Doctor Law Degree (UW).

Occupation: Assistant Fire Chief of Finance/Administration, Health/Safety. Retiring 2023.

Statement: As your Fire Commissioner, I will work to ensure that our Fire District provides exceptional emergency services to our community in a financially responsible manner. I will do this knowing that my family and yours depend on our Fire District to protect our homes and rescue our loved ones.

Providing exceptional service requires that I work to ensure that our Fire District is ready to serve. This means that our firefighters respond quickly, arrive well-trained and equipped, and serve with compassion.

To achieve these goals in a financially responsible manner, I will draw on my life experiences as a firefighter, chief officer of a regional fire district, business owner, attorney, fire commissioner, and member of this community for 35 years. This experience allows me to provide a positive knowledgeable voice on our Board of Fire Commissioners. With your support, I will provide the leadership and accountability our community deserves.



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

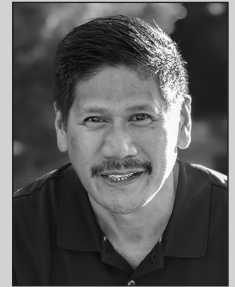
Statement: I have been your Fire Commissioner since 2000 and seeking to continue to provide vision, focus and fiscal responsibility while providing continued quality service to our growing fire district!

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

**Kevin A.
Fuhrer**

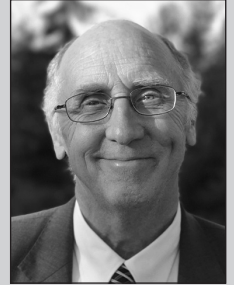
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Commissioner Position No. 4

**Brad
Lake**



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Education: Ricks College(BYU Idaho), Green River Community College, Water Technology, Washington State Water System Management Certification/Education

Occupation: City of Kent Water Superintendent/Public Works Operations Manager (Retired)

Statement: After working with large public water systems for 35+years, I have developed a deep commitment to community and public service. I know very keenly that water systems provide the lifeblood for your communities, businesses, and homes.

I have learned how hard it is when your water rates keep going up, making it difficult to raise a family or operate a business. For the past 6 years as a commissioner I have successfully worked to keep your rates from increasing, while ensuring that Covington Water District provided safe, reliable, good quality water and excellent customer service to each of you.

My years of experience and knowledge, combined with my strong commitment to good customer service and making wise, balanced financial and management decisions, will help the Covington Water District be more efficient and effective in serving our community. I would appreciate your vote, as I look forward to serving our 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

Alvin Materl

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Education: B.A. in Business Administration, Western Washington University; Master of Business Administration, University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Commissioner Position 1, King County Water District #90

Statement: My family and I have been residents of Water District 90 for 21 years. Every time we have turned the water on it has been safe and reliable. We need to maintain this great water system and safe supply for all customers and future generations.

It has been my honor to represent and serve our community as current KCWD90 Water Commission president. I will continue to advocate for safe and affordable water. You have my commitment to ensure our district water system remains safe, infrastructure remains in good working order, rates remain affordable, costs are managed, reliable water supplies are maintained and stay prepared for future challenges.

My 41 years of experience in business, accounting, facilities management and long-range planning provide the knowledge and tools to represent my neighbors and all district customers in oversight of our water district. Thank you for your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 1

Patrick Hanis

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Education: Kentwood HS (91'); Univ. of Washington (98'); Gonzaga Law School (01')

Occupation: Attorney

Statement: I appreciate the opportunity to serve all customers of Lake Meridian Water District. I will continue working to keep water rates reasonable, to provide safe and quality drinking water, and to maintain the water system for all of our benefit. Some recent key success: Securing a long-term water supply at a rate that avoids significant rate increases; water main replacement projects to update aging infrastructure; water main flushing of the entire District to improve water quality; working with the City of Kent to limit tax impacts to rates paid by District customers; initial design and future construction of a water tank to provide improved capacity, pressure, fire flow, and resiliency to the water system. We have great people working for the District and I am proud of the work they do for all of us. I look forward to representing each of you on behalf of your water system.



Commissioner Position No. 1

**Stephen
Puryear**

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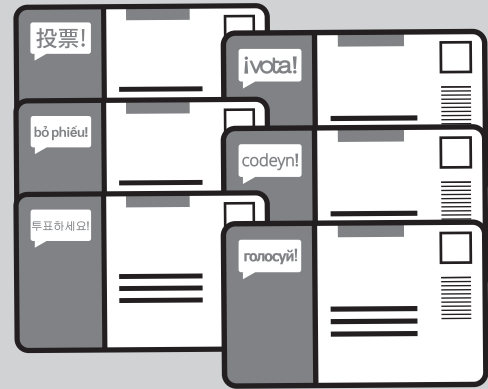
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Education: B.A Finance and Economic Central Washington University

Occupation: Banking 43 years. Retired.

Statement: I am running for re-election, albeit, unopposed. However, let me assure you that my responsibility as a water/sewer district commissioner is to you the district citizen and it is a responsibility that I take seriously. Commissioners are not district employees. Commissioners are elected by you to provide operational overview and financial oversight ensuring you that the costs you pay for district services are used to maintain, expand and sustain the delivery of clean, affordable water and to carry away effluent in the most economical way possible.

Our district continues to grow. We have in excess of 12,000 household and commercial connections and a significant infrastructure to provide service to each of you. I will continue to be your commissioner to see that your district is fiscally responsible and delivers to you the service you can count on. Your vote and support is appreciated and welcomed.



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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

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

Alice Marshall



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Education: : JM Weatherwax HS and Continuing Education at Green River Community College & Renton Tech

Occupation: Kent Business Owner

Statement: With 43 years experience in the water and sewer industry and 26 years as a Soos Creek employee, Alice has the education and background needed to meet the future challenges of the district. Her experience has prepared her to bring the Board a well-rounded knowledge of water and sewer operations, District policy, its history, and future needs. As commissioner, she is an asset and will continue to support and initiate policies that keep the district strong while maintaining some of the lowest water and sewer rates in King County.

Alice is committed to preserving a tradition of excellent customer service and strategic planning to accommodate the growth and future needs within District boundaries. Soos Creek Water and Sewer District has a unique boundary, overlapping 6 cities and unincorporated King County. Alice has the knowledge to work with each jurisdiction, providing service to the communities the district serves and balancing the impact on ratepayers.

A lifelong western Washington resident, Alice has lived within the Soos Creek boundary for 32 years and has been a part of the Kent business community for 12 years. Alice looks forward to continuing to represent the community and serving as your commissioner.

Micah Steinhauer



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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Lab Technician/Operator IV

Statement: Please vote for Micah Steinhauer for Soos Creek Water/Sewer District Commissioner Position 1. With an impressive 33 years of industry experience and holding the highest certification available, Group IV for WA state, I know that I am the ideal candidate to help you save money for ratepayers while ensuring high-quality, safe drinking water and keeping sewage rates low. I have lived and raised a family in the district for 28 years, and within that time it has helped me in understanding the communities needs and concerns. My expertise in the equipment used in water and sewer systems will help ensure efficient operations and cost-effective maintenance. You can trust my professionalism, my Group IV certification, and proven track record to drive positive change at Soos Creek Water/Sewer District. I am committed to implementing innovative strategies that prioritize the needs of the community while maintaining regulatory compliance.

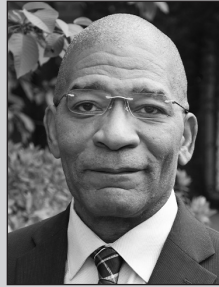
If you vote for Micah Steinhauer for the Soos Creek Water/Sewer District Commissioner Position 1, you will have a leader who will tirelessly work to optimize resources, enhance service reliability and secure a prosperous future for all taxpayers. Make your vote count today for a sustainable and efficient water/sewer district for you and your family.



Commissioner District No. 1

Anthony R. Berkley

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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.

Erin Smith Aboudara

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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 Position No. 5

Tad Doviak



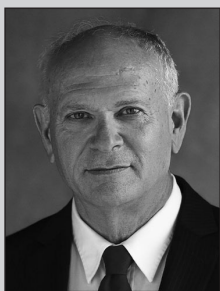
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Education: University of Washington, Seattle, Social Welfare; University of Washington, Tacoma, Master of Cybersecurity and Leadership

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.

Gene Achziger



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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.

Proposition No. 1**Levy Lid Lift for Public Safety**

The City Council of the City of Maple Valley passed Ordinance No. 23-780 concerning funding for public safety services. This proposition funds public safety and maintains current police staffing/service levels, including safety patrols, school zone traffic enforcement, school resource officer, and crime prevention programs, by increasing the City's regular property tax to a maximum rate of \$1.18/\$1,000 of assessed valuation (generating approximately \$2,200,000 for public safety) for collection in 2024. The 2024 levy amount will be the basis to calculate subsequent levies, per RCW 84.55. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and others would be exempt, per RCW 84.36.

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 (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Maple Valley has a police department of 20 officers through a contract with the King County Sheriff's Office. The current police staffing and police service levels provide neighborhood safety patrols; traffic enforcement; a School Resource Officer; and community crime prevention programs. Due to increases in wage and labor costs, and historical inflation, the City's budgeted 2023 KCSO contract cost increased 19% compared to 2022. Proposition-1 asks voters to approve a levy lid lift dedicated to maintaining police services.

Funding to pay for police services primarily comes from property taxes paid to the City. Currently, 7% of a homeowner's property tax bill for a median valued home (\$685,000) is allocated to the City of Maple Valley.

State law limits City property tax increases to 1% per year without a public vote. Proposition-1 asks voters to "lift" this levy limit to set the City's property tax rate at a maximum of \$1.18/\$1,000 assessed valuation generating approximately \$2,200,000 for public safety for collection in 2024. The City's property tax rate would still be below the legal limit of \$1.60. The 2024 levy amount will then be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

If Proposition-1 is approved, the typical homeowner would pay an additional average of \$17.67 per month, \$212 per year. These funds are restricted for police services only. There are exemptions for qualifying seniors and people with disabilities.

If no action is taken, the City expects a shortfall in 2025 and will have to make service cuts.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

DJ Nesel, Tonya Walker
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Maple Valley shines as a beacon of safety and warmth. Our exceptional school district and stunning natural surroundings make it an idyllic haven for families. Central to this haven is our beloved Maple Valley Police Department, a steadfast guardian of our quality of life.

Dedicated to community policing, our officers forge bonds that make us more than just residents – we're a family. From cherished annual events like the 4th of July celebration at Lake Wilderness Park, the lively Maple Valley Days & Parade, to the enchanting Kids Fair, our officers stand vigilant, ensuring our gatherings are filled with joy, not worry. Contrast this with neighboring cities, where uncertainty looms in the absence of strong police support.

Our Police Department, with its 20 officers serving round-the-clock, is a model of efficiency. Remarkably, they maintain this level of protection with just .74 officers per 1000 citizens – half the state average. Yet, the tide of inflation threatens our tranquility. Rising costs of living and soaring inflation rates have strained our police labor and liability insurance expenses. Due to the 1% cap on annual property tax hikes, our revenues struggle to match these mounting burdens.

We humbly seek your support. A modest investment, approximately \$17.67 per month for an average property owner, ensures continuity in the security and harmony we cherish. This is not just about maintaining numbers; it's about preserving our unique way of life.

In the spirit of unity and safeguarding our future, let's rise together. Your Yes vote is a resounding Yes to secure our Maple Valley Police Department and in turn, our Maple Valley way of life.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Proposition No. 1**General Obligation Bonds - \$103,000,000**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 1133 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to construct a combined elementary school and early learning center to replace Byron Kibler Elementary and JJ Smith; enhance safety and security Districtwide; and make mechanical, electrical, plumbing and structural repairs and upgrades to District facilities, by issuing \$103,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution No. 1133.

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: 60% majority and minimum turnout of 40% of voters casting ballots in last general election (Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(b))

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow Enumclaw School District to finance critical facility needs by issuing bonds. If voters approve this proposition, the District will use the bond proceeds to construct and equip a new combined elementary school and early learning center to replace Byron Kibler Elementary School and the Birth to Five Center at JJ Smith, enhance safety and security District-wide, and repair and upgrade existing mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural systems at all District facilities.

The \$103,000,000 of general obligation bonds would mature within 21 years, and be repaid from annual excess property tax levies. If voters approve this proposition, the District expects to receive between \$7,000,000 and \$15,000,000 in OSPI-calculated state construction assistance funds. Any state construction assistance funds received would enable the District to use bond proceeds to complete additional needed District-wide upgrades and repairs.

The excess levy rate is estimated to be approximately \$0.67 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or, for a home with an assessed value of \$600,000, approximately \$402 per year (\$33.50 per month). Homeowners who are 61 years or older or disabled, and who meet low-income requirements may qualify for a property tax exemption. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Director of Communications

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Statement in favor

Jennifer Wallin
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The district has been in need of replacing the aging Kibler and Early Learning Center for years. As a parent of students at Kibler I see the state that these schools are in that often the voters are unaware of.

Let me shed some light on what it is like for a student at both Kibler and ELC. When it rains you will find garbage cans lining the halls and in classrooms collecting rain water. In the winter students need to bundle up to stay warm from the draft. In the hot months students sit in dark classrooms as the temperature soars into the 80's.

The opposition often talks about test scores and how that should be what the district focuses on. It is incredibly hard to focus in a classroom when you are physically unable. Test scores reflect the learning environment. A Yes vote will provide learning spaces that will allow students to grow and reach their full potential.

The need for a new building will not change but the rising cost to build one will. The longer it takes move forward the more expensive it becomes. Fiscal responsibility would be a Yes vote.

Statement in opposition

Jessica Mccoy, Jeff Heckathorn
BondNo.com

This Bond is being rushed to voters just 10 months after the last Bond failed with 75% of voters rejecting the proposal. Instead of looking at alternatives to building a new school, the Enumclaw School District Board approved a \$103 million Bond proposal that includes \$90 million for one new school. With high interest rates, taxpayers will have to also pay an estimated additional \$60 million for just bond interest for a total price tag of \$163 million.

No price tag was attached to options in ESD's community survey, nor was there an option for repairs versus new construction. Are there funds included in this bond to improve security in our schools? How long will taxpayers be paying for this bond? Another 20 years? This on top of the fact we are still paying on the bond from 2015.

Per pupil total annual expenditures are already above \$20,000. Yet, test scores are abysmal with less than half of students meeting grade standards in math and science. ESD is not being held accountable.

A new building does not necessarily equate to a good education. Currently, every election has measures that increase taxes. Citizens are being taxed out of their homes.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

This updated bond is based on the results of the community survey sent to every resident, as part of a multi-year bond effort.

The board considered modernization but selected a combined facility (two schools), as the most effective use of tax dollars. Information shared by the opposition is inaccurate. If you have questions or would like information about the bond, budget or student scores, I urge you to fact check and contact the district.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The Federal Reserve has been increasing interest rates to curb spending to tame high inflation. The ESD does not seem to understand this. They are not teaching math well let alone financial literacy. This is a financial belt-tightening time.

Local taxpayers are still paying for the previous bond and will be until 2034. Try staying within a budget please, ESD. Property taxpayers do not have limitless funds.

Proposition No. 1**General Obligation Bonds - \$204,800,000**

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 23-18 approving a proposition for bonds. This authorizes the District to replace Fife High School, including its athletic field and stadium, and make other capital infrastructure improvements, to issue \$204,800,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 21 years, and to collect excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 23-18.

Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved

Rejected

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



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

Requirement passage: 60% majority and minimum turnout of 40% of voters casting ballots in last general election (Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(b))

Explanatory statement

The Board of Directors of Fife School District No. 417 adopted Resolution No. 23-18 approving a proposition for bonds. This authorizes the District to replace Fife High School, including its athletic field and stadium, and make other capital infrastructure improvements, to issue \$204,800,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 21 years, and to collect excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 23-18.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, please contact the Pierce County Assessor at (253) 798-6111.

For questions about this measure, contact:**Kari Harris**

Assistant Superintendent

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Statement in favor

Jessica Connaway
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Yes For Rebuilding Fife High School and Uniting our Community! With strong community support, the 2018 Bond Program delivered new and safer schools. Fife Public Schools is now ready to address our last school - Fife High School! FHS will unite all of our communities' students as graduates!

The New Fife High School! Your *Yes* vote will make FHS a full, comprehensive high school with an emphasis on vocational programming, modern classrooms, student and staff safety, and state of the art music and athletic facilities.

Your Investment in our Bond Program is an Investment for all Fife students! This bond adds \$.67 per \$1,000 of assessed home value. That's only \$16.75 per month for a \$300,000 home! Our proven record of completing projects on time and under budget allows us to meet the needs of our growing community and keeps our tax rate among the lowest in the region.

Your *Yes* vote! Your *Yes* vote will ensure all our schools are modern learning environments equipped with the latest technology, safety standards and space to grow along with our communities!

Statement in opposition

Jeff Heckathorn
BondNo.com

School districts are supposed to find pro and committee members (up to 3 on each committee) to give arguments for the voters' pamphlet. The Fife SD readily found pro committee members but not one con committee member - and they had months to do so. So the county had to search for a volunteer at the last minute before the 8/4/23 deadline. It is a fundamental principle of our democracy to provide voters with both sides of the issues. The district should be teaching this and practicing it.

This bond is being advertised as a \$204 million bond. But that is only bond principal. With high interest rates, bond interest will add another estimated \$125 million for a total price tag to local taxpayers of \$329 million to be paid over the next 20 years.

For this one bond, a home with a 2023 AV (assessed value) of \$550,000 will have an obligation of \$22,000: \$13,000 for bond principal; \$9,000 for bond interest. That is \$1,100 per year for the next 20 years.

And that doesn't include the existing 2018 bond that won't be paid off until 2040. Citizens cannot afford to keep subsidizing the profits of construction companies.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The accusations in the "con-statement" are false. The district advertised for this role on their website as required. The fact that this person doesn't live locally and writes statements against all school measures tells us he doesn't represent *Our* community or what is best for *Our* students.

The calculations in his statement are inaccurate and intended to scare voters. Transparent and accurate details regarding the cost of this proposal, can be found at fifeschools.com.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Citizens are voting on an amount - not guesstimated rates. And that amount is too high. For this one bond, a property with a median 2023 AV (assessed value) of \$550K will be obligated for \$1,100 per year on average for the next 20 years - starting out at \$700 in 2024 increasing to over \$1,900 by 2043.

The district needs to apply appropriate impact fees to developers. Stop taxing people out of their homes.

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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Wade.Barringer@kent.k12.wa.us

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:

Dr. Wade Barringer
Deputy Superintendent
(253) 373-7001
Wade.Barringer@kent.k12.wa.us

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?

Proposition No. 1**Fire Authority Bonds**

The Board of Governance adopted Resolution No. 187 concerning voter approval for financing certain capital improvements of the Authority. If approved, this proposition would authorize the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, equipping, and furnishing of two new fire stations, one existing station (including a new head office), and a logistics and maintenance facility and training grounds, all to be financed by the issuance of not more than \$96,500,000.00 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to be repaid by the annual levy of excess property taxes, all as provided in Resolution No. 187. 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: 60% majority and minimum turnout of 40% of voters casting ballots in last general election (Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(b))

Explanatory statement

The Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) provides fire and life safety services to the Cities of Algona, Auburn and Pacific. This proposal would finance the Authority's capital plan through 2026, to construct two new fire stations, one in the City of Pacific adjacent to the border with Algona, and one in North Auburn; rebuild the headquarters response station; and construct a Logistics and Maintenance facility and training grounds. The financing would include land acquisition, construction, equipping and other incidental costs. The projects are expected to be completed over the next three years.

If approved, this proposition would authorize not more than \$96,500,000 of general obligation bonds. The bonds would mature within 20 years and be repaid from annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property tax levies. The estimated tax rate would be about \$0.332 or less per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about \$12.50 per month for a \$450,000 home. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, please call the County Assessor's Office in your county.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Mark Horaski
Chief Financial Officer
(253) 288-5800
finance@vrfa.org

Statement in favor

Debbie Christian, George Frasier, Jim Jaques
VoteYesVRFA@gmail.com

As residents of Algona, Auburn, and Pacific, we rely on Valley Regional Fire Authority for quality fire protection, life safety, and emergency response services. Proposition 1 will ensure that the VRFA can continue meeting the growing needs of our community.

Using a community based, comprehensive, and data-driven approach, VRFA has developed a capital facilities plan that is designed to improve firefighting and emergency medical service response times for all residents and commercial properties within our service area. The plan incorporates design and construction efficiencies to provide rapid, safe, and dependable fire services out of fire stations that are sited and staffed based on proximity to population centers and known hazards, and includes a new station in the City of Pacific adjacent to the Algona Border, a new station in North Auburn, a rebuild of the existing headquarters station, and improvements to training, support, and maintenance facilities.

The cost to an average homeowner of a \$450,000 house is estimated to be between \$12 and \$13 per month.

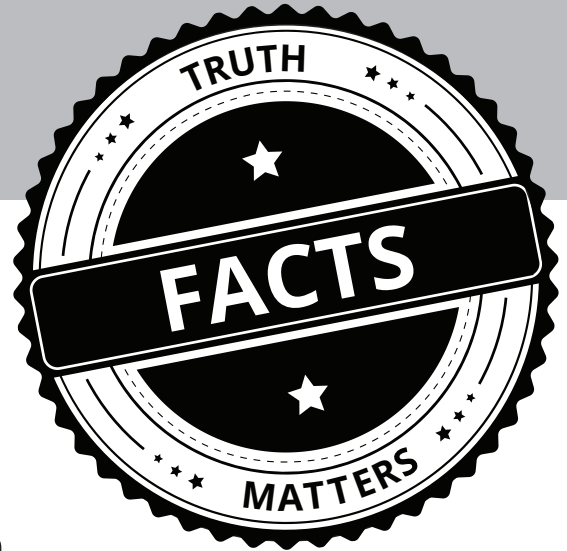
VRFA strongly protects our physical safety and our public dollars. They serve us well, now it's our turn to support them. Please join us by voting "Yes" on Proposition 1.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

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:



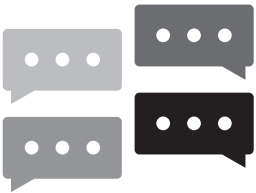
Question the source.

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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