



August 5, 2025 Primary and Special Election

King County
Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



vote!

 Your ballot will arrive by July 21

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 **King County**
Elections



A letter from the **Director**



Dear Voters & Friends,

Happy Summer! That means longer days, sunshine and time to vote! This year, you will elect representatives to local offices like county and city council, school boards, and fire district commissions. It's these offices that shape our communities - decisions about schools, parks, housing, transit and roads, libraries, hospitals, and so much more are made right here at the local level.

There are a lot of candidates running to represent you in these offices. It can feel overwhelming to know who is running and where they stand. The best place to start is right here - go through this pamphlet and read the statements written by the candidates themselves.

This is your opportunity to use one of the most fundamental tools in your democracy toolbox - your vote. Read up. Fill in the ovals of your choice. Return your ballot by August 5. Make yourself heard.

If you need help, the team at Elections is here for you. Give us a call at 206-296-VOTE (8683) or send us an email at elections@kingcounty.gov.

Happy voting,

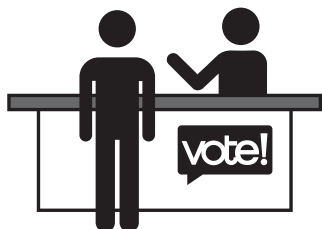
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Wise". The signature is fluid and cursive.


Julie Wise

*P.S. Share your voting selfie
with us @kcelections!*



**We're here
to help!**



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**You will not be
voting on every
item in this voters'
pamphlet. Check
your ballot for your
races and measures.**

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Start Local!

Your voice matters in your community.



In odd years, King County voters like you make choices about local elections. See page 12 for more information about all the different roles on the ballot this election.

Candidates running for a specific office will have the Duties of Office icon above their candidate statement.



1

Who can register to vote?

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 by election day,*
- 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 and,
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.



*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.

2

How can I register to vote?



Online

Visit **VoteWA.gov** to register online. Online registration for this Primary Election is available until **July 28**.



By mail

Download and print a registration form at **kce.wiki/VoterReg**. Mail to King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057. King County Elections must **receive** the form by **July 28**.



In person

Register at a Vote Center until 8 p.m. on Election Day, August 5. Find Vote Center hours and locations on Page 7, and at **kingcounty.gov/elections**



Visit a Vote Center

Voters who need assistance can use an accessible voting unit to help them vote privately and independently. Vote Center staff are on hand to:

- register new voters,
- update information for existing voters,
- print replacement ballots and return envelopes,
- and answer questions.

Everyone's Voice Matters



If you are awaiting trial, serving a sentence for a misdemeanor, or are no longer incarcerated for a felony, **you can vote.**

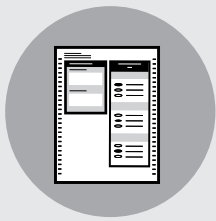


1. Get registered.

Register to vote online at **VoteWA.gov** or 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.

You can list the detention center address as your mailing address, or have a loved one 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.

How to

vote!

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.



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



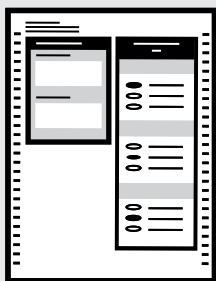
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Return your ballot early. Whether using a drop box or the mail, vote early!



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Track your ballot. Visit kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot or sign up for ballot alerts at kce.wiki/BallotAlert. These are the best ways 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 from home, the library, or wherever is convenient.

The Online Ballot Marking Program (OBMP) is available for all registered voters. It's designed to enable voters with disabilities, particularly who are blind or low vision, to mark their ballot privately.



How to use the Online Ballot Marking Program

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



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

Visit a Vote Center for In-Person Assistance

Elections staff are available to help you register to vote and get a ballot through Election Day. Trained staff and specialized equipment are available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot.

Locations		Hours of operation
Renton	King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, July 16 – 25, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Weekdays, July 28 – August 1, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 2, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 4, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, August 5, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue	Crossroads Community Center 16000 NE 10th St, 98008	Saturday, August 2, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Federal Way	Federal Way City Hall 33325 8th Ave S, 98003	Monday, August 4, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, August 5 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Kenmore	Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
Kent	Kent Green River College Campus 417 Ramsay Way Ste 112, 98032	
Seattle	Lumen Field Event Center / WAMU Theater 800 Occidental Ave S, 98134 Located in the Lumen Field Event Center with entrances on Occidental Ave S and S Royal Brougham Way.	



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



Ballot drop box locations

Visit kce.wiki/dropbox for a list of all ballot drop boxes available for this election. All ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day.



Auburn

Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002
Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th St NE, 98001
Muckleshoot Community Center, 17432 SE 392nd St, 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
* North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE, 98007

Black Diamond

Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

Bothell

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
* 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
* Redmond Ridge Park & Ride (Corner of NE Cedar Park Cres and Redmond Ridge Drive NE) 98053

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
 South Sammamish Park & Ride, 3015 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
Tukwila Justice Center, 15005 Tukwila International Blvd, 98188

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 (northeast corner of the Broadway-Edison Building), 1701 Broadway, 98122

Central District

 12th & Cherry, 1223 E Cherry St, 98122
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

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

 Morgan Junction Park, 6401 California Ave SW, 98136

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

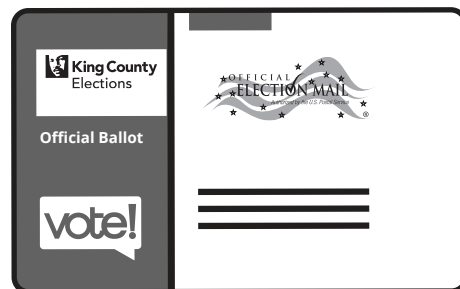
White Center

White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146

* *Drive-up ballot drop boxes*

Journey of your ballot

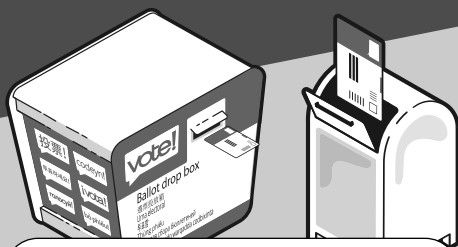
About three weeks before Election Day, King County Elections mails ballots and voters' pamphlets to all registered voters. Voters can fill out, sign, and return their ballot any time before the Election Day deadline.



Before 8 p.m. on Election Day

Sign and return your ballot in the mail or by drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day!

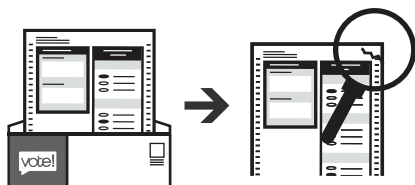
Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day.



We open and visually inspect your ballot

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Your ballot is removed from the envelope and security sleeve by trained staff. This is where your votes are separated from your identity. The ballot is then visually inspected to make sure it is able to be scanned.

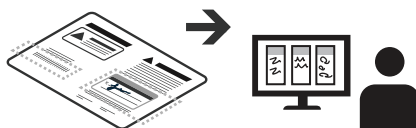


Journey begins!

We receive and scan your ballot envelope

1

Our mail sorting machine scans your ballot envelope and sends an image of your signature to our signature verification team.



We verify your signature

2

The signature on your envelope is compared to what is on your voter registration file.

If the **signatures match**, the ballot is approved and moved on to opening.



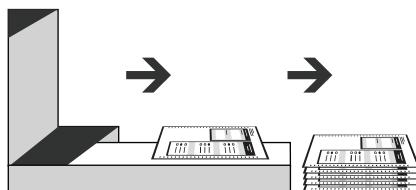
If your **signature is missing** or **doesn't match** your registration record, the ballot will be challenged. We will contact you to resolve the issue before the ballot is opened.



We scan your ballot for vote counting

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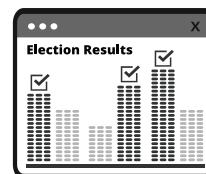
Once ready to scan, your ballot goes through our scan machines. An image is stored on a secure and closed system until 8 p.m. on Election Night.



We count your ballot

5

Right after 8 p.m. on Election Night, we tabulate results and post them on our website for all to see. Results are updated every weekday at 4 p.m. until the election is certified.



Track your ballot each step of the way!

Opt in at kce.wiki/BallotAlerts to receive texts or emails as your ballot is processed and counted.



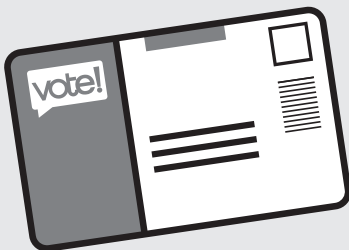
Sign up for Ballot Alerts!

You'll know where your ballot is during every step of the process, from mailing to counted at Elections Headquarters. Ballot alerts are the fastest way to know if there's an issue with your signature. 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



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.



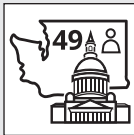
Materials available in 7 languages!



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

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

STATE



Salary (2025):
\$61,997

State Senator

The State Senate and State House of Representatives make up the legislative branch of the State government. They have equal responsibility for making laws, levying and collecting taxes, and negotiating State budget priorities.

There are 49 State Senators who are additionally responsible for confirming appointments made by the governor.

Years of service
varies

*Elected by voters
in the Legislative District*



Salary (2025):
\$61,997

State Representative

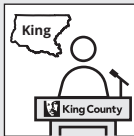
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There are 98 State Representatives. Two members are elected from each of the state's 49 Legislative Districts.

Serves for
an unexpired
1-year term

*Elected by voters
in the Legislative District*

COUNTY



Salary (2025):
\$296,028

Executive

Works with the County Council to enact legislation. Runs the day-to-day business of county government.

Serves for a
short and full
3-year term

Elected by voters in King County¹



Salary (2025):
\$183,312

King County Councilmember

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

Serves for 3 years

*Elected by voters in the
King County council district¹*

CITY



Salary (2025):
Varies by city

Mayor

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

Serves for 4 years

Elected by voters in the city



Salary (2025):
Varies by city

City Councilmember

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

Serves for 4 years

Elected by voters in the city



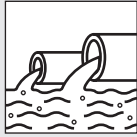
Seattle City Attorney

Acts as the lawyer for the city and prosecutes city-level crime.

Salary (2025):
\$224,492

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

SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT



Sewer/Wastewater District Commissioner

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

Salary (2025):
No annual salary

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT



School District Director

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

Salary (2025):
No annual salary

Years of service varies *Elected by voters in the school district²*



Public Hospital Commissioner

Oversees hospital operations and delivers services to promote health.

Salary (2025):
No annual salary

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

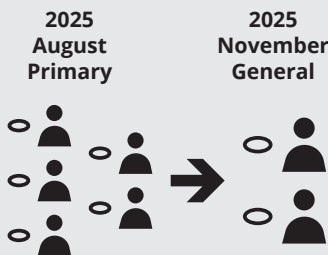
About the Washington Primary Election

In each race, you may vote for any one candidate listed.

The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary will advance to the General election.

Each candidate for partisan office may state the political party that they prefer. A candidate's preference does not mean that the candidate nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Learn more about the Top Two Primary at sos.wa.gov/elections.



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 2025 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.



Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state and local 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.



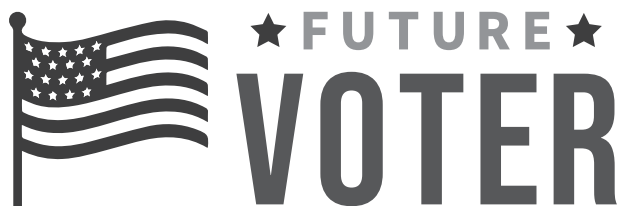
Random Batch Audit

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.

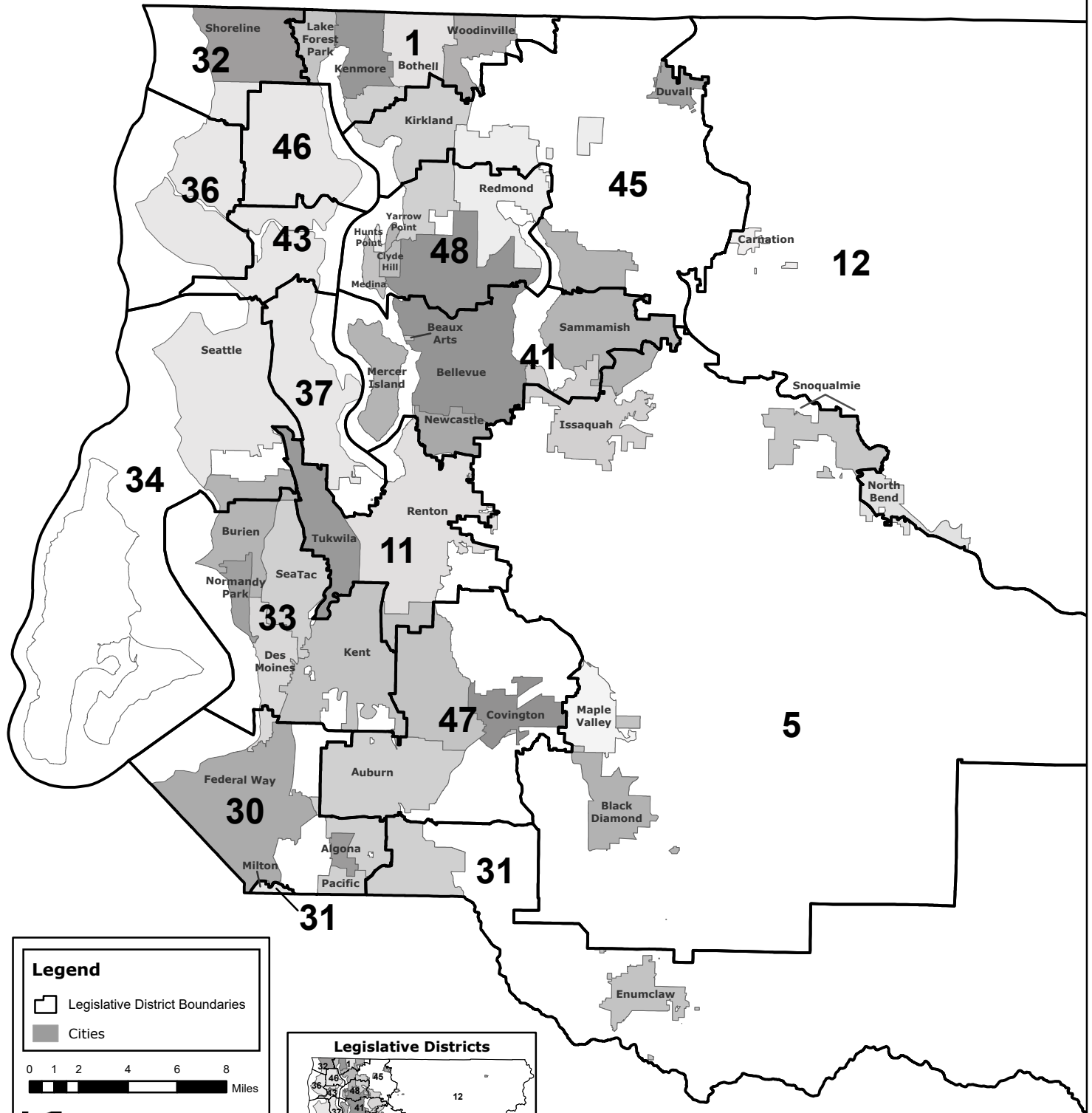


Pre-register to vote

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

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

Legislative Districts



Legend

- Legislative District Boundaries
- Cities

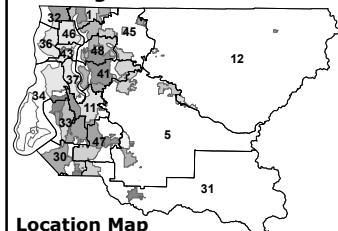
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Legislative Districts





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



State Senator

Tina L. Orwall

(Prefers Democratic Party)

(206) 409-3038

tina.orwall@gmail.com

www.electtinaorwall.com



Elected Experience: State Senator; Vice Chair of Health & Long-Term Care Committee; on Rules, Human Services, Housing and Joint Committee on Veterans' & Military Affairs. Former State Representative; Speaker Pro-Tempore; Co-Chair of the National Council of State Legislators Veterans & Military Affairs.

Other Professional Experience: UW Affiliate Faculty with twenty years' experience in behavioral health, consulting, and grant writing, working with government and foundations to better serve our community.

Education: Master's in Social Work & B.S. in Psychology from UW

Community Service: Kent Chamber of Commerce, Judson Park Retirement Community Board, United Way Impact Council, Veteran Suicide Prevention Task Force, Open Doors for Multicultural Families Housing Team.

Statement: I am honored to serve you in the State Senate, where I've built on my record of legislative leadership-advancing legislation to address housing and behavioral health needs while investing in public safety, transportation and special education. I advocate for veterans and military families and have worked this year to shield communities from the harms of unregulated AI use. I'm proud of this year's bills that protect seniors in memory care, students on school campuses, and homeowners struggling to keep their homes.

As a career social worker, protecting vulnerable Washingtonians has always been my focus, including survivors of sexual assault, gun violence, and suicide. With federal cuts threatening programs for struggling families, I've responded with legislation that invests in 988, provides new hearing aid coverage, increases community safety and maintains Board-Certified teacher incentives, among many others.

With your vote, I'll continue working on affordable housing, comprehensive healthcare, airport pollution mitigation, language access in schools, childcare access for working families and finding climate solutions.



State Representative Position No. 1



Kevin Schilling

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience: Mayor of Burien 2024 - Present; Burien City Council 2019 - Present

Other Professional Experience: Government Affairs Director at Washington State Dental Association, Political Director for Congressman Derek Kilmer, Youth and Young Adult Minister at St. Francis of Assisi Parish and School, UFCW Grocery Clerk, and Restaurant Worker

Education: St. Francis of Assisi School, Raisbeck Aviation High School, Washington State University, London School of Economics, Harvard Kennedy School for Senior Executives in State and Local Government

Community Service: AmeriCorps COVID-19 Emergency Response, Greater Seattle Business Association Policy Board, South Sound Chamber of Commerce Coalition Legislative Affairs Board, Seattle Opera BRAVO Council, Sons of the American Revolution

Statement: I'm running to fix what's broken in Washington—corporate monopolies and out-of-touch politicians blocking *common-sense solutions to safety, homelessness, and affordability*. I'm the only candidate with a proven record of successfully tackling your priorities. As Mayor of Burien, I led with action: helping people off the streets and into housing, expanding treatment services, strengthening public safety, and balancing the budget while growing the economy.

I'll work to make Washington more affordable and create opportunity. It's time we put Washingtonians first and make government actually work for you. *Endorsed by Congressman Adam Smith, Commissioner Dave Upthegrove, and Union Labor Organizations.*

Darryl Jones

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Elected Experience: I was elected as a precinct committee officer for the 33rd Legislative District. I do not have experience as an elected official beyond that. However, I do have experience earned as the result of elected officials voting against the desires of the people they were elected to represent.

Other Professional Experience: Manager for a durable medical equipment company, trainer for a regional medical group, salesperson in the diamond industry and customer service in the healthcare, housing, technology, hospitality and banking industries.

Education: California State University Hayward, Computer Science major, Mathematics minor

Community Service: Tutored students after school at a public library and a public housing project.

Statement: Policy over party. As a Democrat, your party won 60% of the seats. Were you happy when one of my Democrat opponents voted to gut the Parents Bill of Rights Act by voting yes on HB1296? This same opponent also voted to turn your 2nd amendment right to bear arms into a privilege (HB1163).

He betrayed his constituents by voting for these bills. If you elect me, I will support what the people want, not my own personal ideology, as he has done. Olympia stole our smiles. Vote for Darryl Jones and let's get our joy back.



State Representative Position No. 1

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Elected Experience: State Representative, District 33 Position 1,
Appointed in 2024

Other Professional Experience: 25+ years in human services;
Deputy Division Director, Seattle Human Services Department; Board
President, Filipino Community of Seattle.

Education: M.P.A., Northeastern University; B.A., University of
Washington.

Community Service: Former Chair, SeaTac Human Services Advisory
Committee; advocate for affordable housing, workers' rights, and
public safety.

Statement: Too many traditional politicians have become
too comfortable with the status quo. Our region has become
unaffordable, homelessness has dramatically increased and the
Trump administration is only making things worse. In my first
session, I fought to lift wages and improve working conditions. I
limited rent increases. I've led and built affordable housing. I'll build
on this record: K-12 education funding, transportation and transit
investments, affordable childcare, rapidly build housing, and support
our small businesses. Endorsed: State Labor Council, Washington
Education Association, Washington Conservation Action, Planned
Parenthood, FairVote, Tina Orwall, Mia Gregerson, Mohamed Egal,
John Boyd, Sarah Moore and more...



State Senator

Emily Alvarado

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Elected Experience: State Representative (2023-2025); State Senator (appointed in 2025)

Other Professional Experience: Non-profit leader building quality affordable housing and childcare; former Seattle Office of Housing Director investing \$290 million to prevent displacement, support climate resilience, build supportive housing for homeless neighbors, protect renters, and expand homeownership; award-winning Planned Parenthood organizer; Attorney

Education: BA, Scripps College (summa cum laude); JD, University of Washington School of Law (Gates Public Service Law Scholar)

Community Service: Former Board Member, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance; former member, Seattle Women's Commission; Volunteer Attorney, Latino Bar Association of Washington Community Legal Clinic; PTA parent of two Seattle Public School students

Statement: It's a privilege to represent you in the State Senate. As a lifelong advocate for affordable housing and economic opportunity, I bring deep experience and a proven track record of delivering results.

As your Senator, I've moved us forward on what matters: high-quality public schools, affordable housing, and access to childcare and healthcare. I'm proud to have championed policies that address the high cost of living by expanding protections for renters, workers, and consumers.

I will continue to push for reforms to make homeownership more affordable, improve educational outcomes for kids, and strengthen the social safety net for youth and seniors. We all deserve reliable public services, and I'll keep advocating for the revenue and investments needed to make our communities healthy and safe.

You can count on me to stand up for our democracy and civil rights, for reproductive freedom, common sense gun reform, and climate action. I'm committed to making government work for people—not special interests. I will always fight for a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. I'd be honored to earn your continued support. *Endorsed by: Planned Parenthood, Washington State Labor Council, Washington State Nurses Association, and many more.*



State Representative Position No. 1

Brianna K. Thomas

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Elected Experience: Appointed to the Legislature in January 2025. Candidate for Seattle City Council 2015, 2021

Other Professional Experience: 15+ years of public service including, but not limited to: Mayor's Office Sr. Labor Advisor, Chief of Staff to Seattle City Council President, Chief of Staff to the Office of the Inspector General, Campaign Director Yes! for Seatac.

Education: University of Washington, BA in Political Science 2010

Community Service: Served on the boards of Working Washington, Seattle City Club, The Church Council of Greater Seattle, the Washington Bus, Fuse Washington, NW Women's Political Caucus, Institute for a Democratic Future, the 34th Legislative District and the Downtown Emergency Service Center.

Statement: I believe in fighting for working people, affordable housing, community safety, and shared prosperity. Here in the 34th LD, we are fortunate to have neighbors that still look out for each other and pitch in to improve our community. From Vashon to Delridge, White Center to Pioneer Square the people of this community care. I am asking for your support because I know how important it is to bring authenticity and tenacity to ensuring that each person of the 34th has a voice in Olympia, no matter their language or neighborhood. Endorsed: State Labor Council, Machinists, and One America Votes.



Executive



John Wilson



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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Journalism and Political Science (Dual Major), University of Washington

Occupation: Elected King County Assessor (2015-Present)

Statement: I'm running for Executive to tackle the issues that matter most: crime, housing, and taxes.

Public safety and fighting crime must be our top priority! Unfortunately, they haven't been for years. *Murders are up 59%* in five years, and too many people don't feel safe in their own neighborhoods. Our criminal justice system—nearly 80% of the county budget—is overwhelmed and dangerously under-funded. Earlier this year, King County was facing a *\$150 million deficit* due to the County Council's overspending and budget mismanagement. The legislature provided a new revenue lifeline, which averted deep cuts that would have crippled services in some areas.

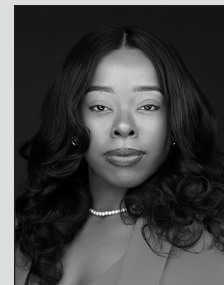
I'll make sure this new revenue is spent exclusively on core public safety services: police, public defenders, prosecutors, adult and juvenile detention, and the courts. Additionally, I will scrub the budget for savings we can pump into public safety. I've never supported defunding police or closing the youth jail. *A safe community is a thriving community*; otherwise, we fail our kids, our seniors, and those most at risk.

I'll bring *common sense* to the job, propose *priority-based budgets* that spend within their means, and continue working for tax relief to *make it more affordable for homeowners and renters to live* in King County. I've fought in Olympia to get seniors a much-deserved tax break.

I've never been keeper of the status quo. I'm not running for a title or a stepping stone. I'll even propose *term limits for the Executive* because this should be a job where you get in, get things done, and get out.

Together, we can make King County *safer*, more *affordable*, and a *better place to live*. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Amiya Ingram



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Education: Bachelor of Science : Computer Science Engineering

Occupation: Program Manager

Statement: Today represents the day of reckoning. As voters we have a chance to implement new leadership, ideas, and values within our local government. We have seen decisions being made based on organization affiliation and we have run our campaign as completely independent with no party affiliation or funding, instead supported by volunteers and voters.

I myself have worked for the Department of Defense, Bank of America, and Microsoft and donated over \$12,000 to the community. I could list a bunch of accolades for you to put your trust in me, but instead I want to shed light on the obligation I feel to run for this office as an individual with no political affiliation. I bring the perspective of a working class woman, entrepreneur, founder, and friend. I want to focus on being a voice for the people who have no money or power, but still live on earth and face the consequences of decisions made.

Under my leadership we will create a place for liberty and justice for all, A place for DJS , A place for Doctors, A place for Policeman, A place for Engineers, A place for Kids, A place for Moms, A place for Muslims, A place for Buddhist, A place for Christians, A place for Atheist, A place for the Un- sheltered, A place for the Wealthy, A place for He, A place for She, A place for They, A place for Them, A place for *all* .King County Counts, Count Us In! Can we count on you?



Executive



Claudia Balducci



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Education: J.D., Columbia University School of Law; B.A., Providence College

Occupation: Current: County Councilmember. Former: Bellevue Mayor, County Jails Director, Attorney.

Statement: Our county faces urgent affordability, safety, and behavioral health challenges, and we must defend our economy and rights against federal attacks. This moment requires proven leadership— and action. Good intentions won't build housing, create jobs, or help vulnerable people. I'll bring an unmatched track record and new perspectives— rooted in experience as a criminal justice leader, mom, Councilmember and former Mayor— to the office of County Executive. *I'll work tirelessly for you, our families, and communities.*

I'm the only candidate in this race who has delivered housing— thousands of homes for working people and low income families, and emergency shelter with wraparound care. *As Executive, I'll pursue transformational policies that accelerate housing opportunities.*

I offer hands-on public safety expertise and consistent support for both accountability and compassionate approaches. I know what's needed to protect the public, reduce gun violence, safeguard survivors of assault and abuse, and restore lives harmed by addiction. *As Executive, I'll invest in the staffing and services needed to improve community safety.*

As the region's leading voice for light rail expansion, transit safety, and improvements for pedestrians and bikes, I'm committed to the economic and climate benefits of effective transportation. I've championed clean air and water, habitat and parks. *As Executive, I'll build on my record of transit and environmental leadership.*

I'll use my experience as a lawyer and commitment to justice to fight Trump administration overreach, safeguarding the diversity that makes us strong. I'll be the first woman elected County Executive at a time when attacks continue on reproductive rights.

I'm the only Executive candidate endorsed by a coalition of business and labor— Machinists751, Laborers242, Transit Operators587, SEIU925 frontline workers, and more. King County & District Democrats, transit & environmental groups, Mayors & Legislators agree I'll be an unwavering, effective leader. I ask for your vote.

Bill Hirt

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Occupation: Retired After 36 years at Boeing

Statement: This year I'm filing to use the Voters' Pamphlet County Executive Candidate statement to detail concerns with Sound Transit using voter Prop 1 approval in 2016 to spend \$54B between 2017 and 2041 on ST3 extensions to spend \$150B between 2017 and 2046 and leave the area \$18B in debt. ST3 extensions for 4-car light rail trains routed along I-5 corridor and across I-90 Bridge don't have the capacity to attract riders needed to reduce peak hour congestion and cost too much to operate during off peak hours.

ST has spent and will continue to spend hundreds of millions on light rail extensions beyond UW and SeaTac and across I-90 bridge that do nothing to reduce congestion into Seattle. They exacerbate both capacity and cost problems by opting to use light rail trains to replace bus routes into the city.

The 2024 Lynnwood Link debut demonstrated providing commuters with access to light rail doesn't assure riders. The 80,000 residents living within a mile of the Link stations resulted in 6643 March 2025 Lynnwood boardings; most of whom were former bus riders whose routes were terminated at one of the stations.

Ridership that also raises doubts as to whether Ballard and West Seattle to Sodo extensions justify the cost of boring a 2nd tunnel under Seattle or constructing a 2nd Duwamish Waterway bridge. Aborting both links would save nearly \$20B and a decade of disruption during construction.

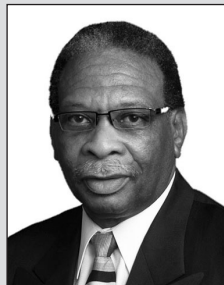
The latest example of the ST boards approach to ST3 is the 2025 budget they approved in March. It details a staffing budget of \$957.5 M for 1572 positions, including 194 "executives". Yet, pays others to finalize transit system design and construction, drive and maintain light rail cars and buses, showing more interest in transit oriented development and affordable housing than congestion.



Executive



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Education: Green River CC. Economic World Studies Business Affairs. National Crime Prevention Council.

Occupation: Retired from King County Metro

Statement: In a world increasingly marked by division and discord, the need for unity has never been more pressing. As we stand at the crossroads of opportunity and challenge, I am humbled to put forth my candidacy for King County Executive. My vision is to foster a community where every voice is heard, every concern is addressed, and every individual feels they belong. Together, we can build a brighter future for King County through collaboration, empathy, and shared purpose.

Derek Chartrand



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Education: UC Berkeley; Diablo Valley College; Bellevue College; Lake Washington High School

Occupation: Senior Manufacturing Manager Telecommunications/ Environmental Industries. Former President-Washington Trucking Association

Statement: I am proud to be the only candidate on the ballot who has the official endorsement of the Republican Party and serve as the GOP's standard bearer in this race. People support me because they know that I am deeply concerned about taxes, the cost of living, crime and homelessness. We are far worse off in each of these areas than we were when the last County Executive was elected. Under my leadership we will do much better. Common Sense with Compassion.

Did you know that County leaders have increased your taxes by nearly 50% in the last ten years? Do you believe you are getting 50% better services from the county than you were 10 years ago? With critical services not being provided, the answer is clearly No.

In addition to keeping costs down, we must reprioritize the County's approximately \$20 billion budget to fully fund our sheriff, prosecutor and other criminal justice services instead of pursuing foolhardy ideas like closing county jails and releasing violent offenders into our community. We must make a meaningful dent in violent crime and drug addiction in King County.

When elected, I will establish a humane standard for the removal of homeless encampments and I will enforce that standard. Statistics show that Seattle has become a dead-end street for America's homeless population. It's not surprising because King County spends Millions on single occupancy apartments, when we should be building congregate shelters at a fraction of the cost. With congregate shelters we can house our homeless population indoors and eliminate the ugly and dangerous outdoor encampments.

I will use my management experience in both the private and non-profit sectors to rein in King County and bring it back to one of America's best places to live and work. Together we can make a Difference!



Executive

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Education: Twenty-five years' experience in union and other struggles that strengthen the working class.

Occupation: Freight rail conductor/switchman and member SMART Transportation Division union.

Statement: The deepening crisis of the capitalist system is intensifying conflicts between ruling classes around the world, bringing us closer to nuclear conflagration and a third world war. Only the working class taking power can disarm the imperialist rulers and stop this!

We live in a class-divided country ruled by a tiny class of billionaire families through their Democratic and Republican parties. Working people need to break from both, and build an independent movement to defend ourselves against the bosses' attacks on our wages and living conditions. A revolutionary political party is needed to lead millions to fight for workers' power, to build a society based on human solidarity.

I support all methods that build the solidarity, confidence, and fighting capacity of the working class to defend our interests, and I oppose methods that undermine solidarity between us and promote dependence on this dog-eat-dog system.

Fight for a federally-funded public works program to put millions to work at union wages building and repairing infrastructure, schools, parks, affordable housing and hospitals; for a shorter workweek at no loss in pay to prevent layoffs; and for workers control of production to guarantee safety on the job and protect the environment!

Oppose *all* attacks on constitutional freedom of worship and speech; freedom of the press, association, and assembly; due process; and other liberties needed and *used* by the toilers!

Build support for labor struggles for higher wages and work schedules that allow family time and recreation! Amnesty for immigrants—unify the entire working class! Fight Jew-hatred and defend Israel's right to exist as a refuge for Jews in face of rising anti-Jewish attacks worldwide! US out of the Middle East! Defend Ukraine's sovereignty! US troops and nuclear weapons out of Europe! Join the Socialist Workers Party!

Girmay Zahilay

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Education: Franklin High School, Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania (J.D.), Wharton School of Business Certificate

Occupation: Chair, King County Council; Sound Transit Board; Former Attorney, PerkinsCoie

Statement: I'm proud to be endorsed by Governor Bob Ferguson, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Attorney General Nick Brown, the King County Democrats, and numerous unions and business leaders. I have earned their support because of my unmatched track record and my clear vision for the future of King County.

Too many people are doing everything right and still falling behind. After decades of failed promises and business as usual, we are all frustrated. We can do better. As Executive, I'll focus relentlessly on accountability. Every tax dollar must deliver safer, healthier, and more affordable communities.

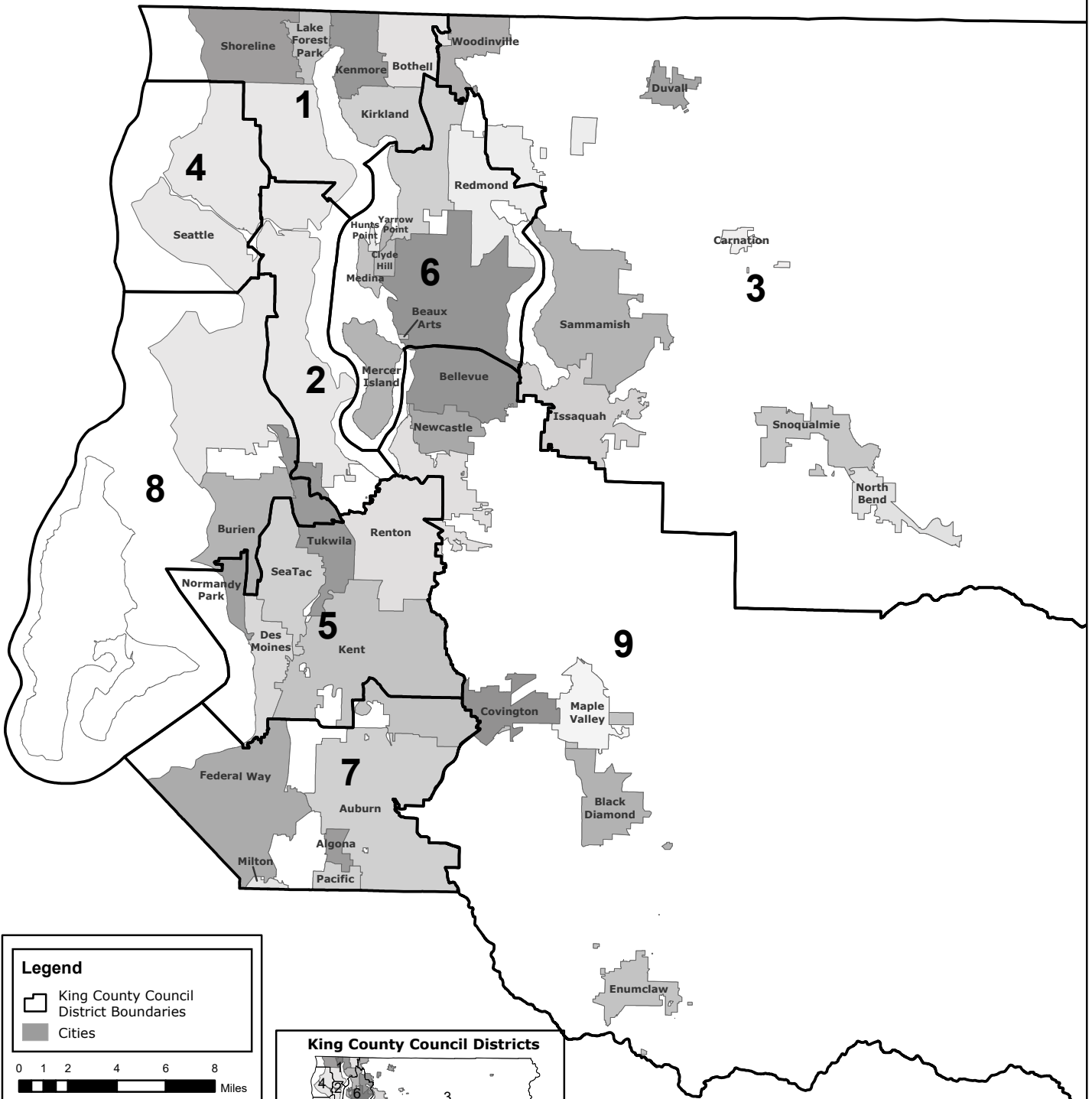
That urgency comes from my life experience. I was raised in South Seattle by a single mother after our family arrived as refugees. We experienced homelessness, lived in public housing, and relied on food stamps. I know how hard it is to make ends meet. Today, I'm a husband and father raising my own family here. That's what drives me to make government work better for everyone.

That experience also led me to a life of service. I worked in the Obama White House, practiced law at top national firms, led anti-poverty policy efforts, and founded and ran a national youth education nonprofit. I've spent my career expanding opportunity and delivering results.

As Council Chair, I led the work to fund new crisis care centers to address the addiction crisis, pass eviction prevention laws to keep thousands housed, create King County's gun violence prevention strategy, and invest in thousands of new units of affordable homes. These are real solutions.

As Executive, I'll tackle our biggest challenges head-on—ending homelessness with urgency, improving public safety, defending reproductive rights, expanding addiction care, addressing climate change, and helping small businesses thrive. If you're ready for leadership that delivers, I'd be honored to earn your vote.

King County Council Districts



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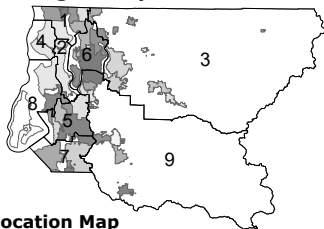
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King County Council Districts



Location Map



Council District No. 5



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Occupation: Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 1 WA-AK Field Representative

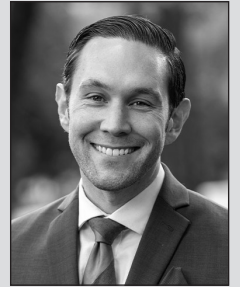
Statement: Angela Henderson is a lifelong Washington resident, a mother of four, a grandmother of four, and a resolute union bricklayer with over 30 years of experience. She's spent her life fighting for working families, championing labor rights, workforce development, and mentorship—both on the job site and in the community.

Angela currently serves as Vice Chair of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 1 WA/AK, and as the first woman West Coast Representative for the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers. She also chairs the Women's Committee and sits on the Executive Council, where she leads efforts to improve training, safety, and access to good jobs for all workers. She's a member of the Sound Transit Joint Admin Committee, a Northwest Building Trades alternate, and serves on the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council, sitting on the subcommittee on childcare access for tradespeople.

Angela is active in the AFL-CIO, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, and the A. Philip Randolph Institute. She's a strong supporter of public safety, safe schools for kids, and the first responders who protect our communities. She's also given back through Habitat for Humanity, labor organizing, and community advocacy.

Now, Angela is running for King County Council D5 to bring accountability and transparency to local government. She knows what it means to struggle and to build—and she believes everyone deserves access to affordable housing, health care, and opportunity. Angela will bring a steady, honest voice to the table—rooted in hard work, not politics.

Ryan McIrvin



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Education: Bachelor 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 three-term Renton City Councilmember, first elected in 2015, with 20 years' experience in public service, regional policy, and community advocacy. A South King County native, Ryan lives in Renton with his wife and two daughters. As a regional leader, Ryan has prioritized public safety, affordable housing, transit access, environmental stewardship, and economic opportunity.

He led efforts to implement police body-worn cameras and supported policies that enhance community safety through compassionate accountability. He also serves on the Renton Regional Fire Authority Governance Board. At UW Bothell, Ryan leads government and community relations, advocating for workforce development and expanded access to higher education, especially for first-generation students and working families.

A champion for sustainable growth, Ryan serves on several King County committees shaping regional housing and transit policy, including the Regional Transit Committee, Affordable Housing Committee, and Growth Management Planning Council.

An avid runner, cyclist, and environmental advocate, Ryan serves on the board of the Issaquah Alps Trails Club, a non-profit dedicated to preserving and expanding access to public lands. He has supported floodplain restoration and salmon habitat and a connected regional parks and trails network through his role on the Eastrail Regional Advisory Council.

Ryan brings a collaborative, inclusive, action-oriented leadership style rooted in deep regional experience and a lifelong commitment to South King County. He's focused on delivering real results by expanding opportunity, strengthening neighborhoods, and building a future where everyone can thrive.

Endorsed by: King County Democrats; Secretary of State Steve Hobbs; State Representatives Steve Bergquist and My-Linh Thai; Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone; SeaTac Deputy Mayor Iris Guzmán; Renton Councilmembers Ruth Pérez and Ed Prince; Kent Councilmember Marli Larimer; Tukwila Councilmembers Verna Seal and Hannah Hedrick; Kent School Board Directors Tim Clark and Andy Song; Renton School Board Directors Pam Teal and Dr. Avanti Bergquist; and more!



Council District No. 5



Kim-Khanh Van



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Education: Juris Doctor, University of Dayton; BAs Sociology and LSJ, University of Washington, AWC MunicipalLeadership Certificate

Occupation: Immigration and Plaintiff Attorney, Renton Councilmember, Small business owner

Statement: As a Vietnamese refugee, my family came to America seeking a better future. Growing up in public housing, I put myself through school, becoming the first in my family to graduate college. My community inspired me to pursue a career as an immigration attorney, dedicating my life to protecting democratic values.

I've proudly served on Renton City Council for six years. I'm a small business owner, founded the Renton Police Foundation, and have protected the rights of immigrants and refugees. I'm also a Rotarian, Kiwanis Club of Renton President, Scouts mom, and lifelong Democrat.

Our district deserves leadership that is committed to hard work and understands the importance of opportunity. I have used my elected position to collaborate with regional leaders through the King County Coalition Against Hate and Bias, and the Seattle-King County African American Reparations Committee.

As a Renton Technical College Foundation board member, I expanded apprenticeship and training. On city council, I funded officers and mental health responders, launched the Downtown Patrol Unit and Equity Commission, and supported community courts. I also stood on picket lines with Boeing Machinists, healthcare and grocery workers, and supported Raise The Wage.

I am the only candidate in this race endorsed by King County Democrats and 33rd Legislative District Democrats.

In these serious times, King County must be rooted in safety, opportunity, and transparency. With over twenty years of experience and resilience, I have always held myself accountable to the community and will fight for what matters most to you.

Endorsements: IAM 751; ATU; Senators Saldaña, Dinghra and Das (fmr.); Representatives Donaghy and Stearns; SeaTac Mayor Egal; Councilmembers Kaur, Boyd, Abdi, Simpson, Lovell and Sibonga (fmr.); Hospital Commissioners Polintan, Miller, and Berkley; KC Councilmember Gossett (fmr.); School Board Director Hodge (fmr.); Ayan Musse; Mark St. Peter; Sandra Bensley; veterans; first responders.

Steffanie Fain



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Education: Seattle University Law School, Macalester College, Seattle Public Schools

Occupation: Healthcare and employment attorney; Harborview Medical Center Board (since 2015)

Statement: People across South King County are frustrated—and I am too. The system isn't working, especially on public safety, homelessness, and affordability. As an attorney, nonprofit leader, and parent, I bring decades of experience building consensus and achieving results—by rising above divisions and focusing on shared goals.

Since 2021, I've served as the Harborview Board President—guiding King County's hospital through overlapping public health and financial crises. Our behavioral health system is broken—and fixing it requires a regional approach with experienced leadership and established partnerships.

Our community needs more than good intentions—we need a strong advocate with the courage and common sense to push for real change. I'll improve public safety by supporting first responders *and* reforming how we address mental health crises, addiction, and youth violence. I'll also bring urgency and accountability to the homelessness and affordability crisis—prioritizing measurable outcomes, compassion, and smarter investments. After years of spending with too few results, it's time to ensure public dollars go to programs that actually help people.

I've lived in South King County for nearly two decades—raising my children in public schools, coaching youth sports, and supporting programs that serve our diverse community. I've worked alongside leaders in healthcare, business, labor, and government to get things done. That's why more than 65 community leaders—including the mayors of Renton, Kent, Des Moines, and Normandy Park—have endorsed my campaign.

My husband and I live here with our two sons and extended family nearby. District 5 is our home—and I care deeply about its future. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsements: Congressman Adam Smith, Governor Christine Gregoire, Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, and a coalition of labor unions, business, and local community leaders, including most South King County mayors, Port Commissioners Sam Cho and Toshiko Hasegawa, and more.



Council District No. 5

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Education: AA North Seattle College; Social Sciences, University of Washington

Occupation: Founder, YPCommunities; Board of Directors, Mercy Housing; Advisory Board, WTIA

Statement: I'm not running because this is the next step in a political career, I'm running because I've lived the challenges so many in South King County are still navigating: housing instability, lack of economic mobility, and systems that too often ignore working people. I left a career in tech to do grassroots work—building programs, mentoring young leaders, and helping others navigate the same barriers I faced. When existing systems didn't open their doors, I built new ones; creating access points where there were none. That work has grown into a platform that's supported thousands of community members and informed the way I now advise companies and nonprofits on how to build with equity in mind.

The two central issues in this race are clear: affordability and safety. From housing to childcare, too many working families are being priced out. I'll fight for workforce housing that supports the people who keep our region running - teachers, first responders, nurses, grocery clerks, and tradespeople - and push for equitable development that delivers affordable homes and expands access to high-quality childcare.

As a father of two young, Black children, I'm deeply concerned about rising crime and violence. True safety requires more than just law enforcement - it means faster emergency response and stronger coordination between police, social workers, and mental health professionals. And it means investing in community organizations that support youth and families, and ensuring every resident has access to housing, food, and basic support.

South King County has been overlooked for too long. I'm running to change that - and to make sure our communities are no longer an afterthought, but a priority that is invested in.

Learn more at ahmadforkingcounty.com

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Education: Bellevue College/University of Washington-Degree: Networking and Computing; Association Washington Cities, Municipal Leadership Certificate.

Occupation: Senior Systems Engineer, Digital Technology; Project Director, Korean American Institute.

Statement: When my neighborhood experienced mail theft, I organized and obtained secure mailboxes. When seniors struggled to maintain their yards, I organized neighborhood cleanups. After seeing my grassroots efforts get results, neighbors encouraged me to run for city council.

For a decade, I've served SeaTac as a City Councilmember, leading with results - not rhetoric. Together, without raising city taxes, we turned a deficit into a surplus while expanding parks, police/fire, and human services. We kept SeaTac one of the most affordable cities in King County and expanded economic development. During the pandemic, we maintained essential services, provided grants to struggling businesses, and prioritized the needs of our most vulnerable. We built more than 2,000 affordable homes at light rail stations.

Now I'm running for King County Council to bring the same fiscal discipline, community-first leadership, and collaborative spirit to King County. I will focus on increasing access to behavioral and public health services, housing affordability, improving public safety, and expanding transportation. I will invest in small businesses, union apprenticeships, and job training programs to ensure every resident can thrive.

I believe elected officials must listen. Every Sunday morning for the past ten years, I've been available at a local coffee shop to hear residents' concerns and ideas, and then acted.

I understand the importance of transparency and accountability and I know how to get things done. I serve on the Board of the National League of Cities and have served on more than 20 regional boards and commissions improving life in South King County.

I am proud to be endorsed by many local leaders, community members, and labor advocates. However, the endorsement that matters most is yours. I would be honored to earn your vote and represent you with experience, hard work, discipline, and a deep commitment to our community.



Council District No. 7



Pahaliyah Brown



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Education: University of Washington graduate with training in public service, environmental policy, and community leadership.

Occupation: Public project manager and longtime community volunteer with government experience.

Statement: My name is Pahaliyah Brown, and I'm running for King County Council because our families deserve clean neighborhoods, safe transportation, and access to opportunity—no matter where we live in District 7.

With over 30 years of public and community service at the state and local levels, I've spent my career making government more transparent and responsive. I've coached youth sports, organized block parties, and led efforts to restore our environment and improve public health. I believe in listening first, then leading with solutions that reflect our communities' needs.

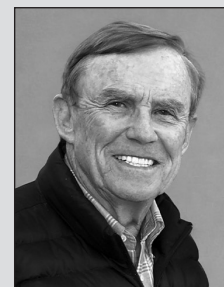
I'm a practical, outcome-focused person who values tangible, data-driven results. I don't claim to have all the answers to our toughest challenges—but I believe the solutions lie within our community, if we care enough to work together. If given the opportunity to serve, I promise to listen first and build collaborative community consensus to tackle both the hardest and the simplest issues.

As your councilmember, I will focus on supporting small businesses and creating family-wage jobs, improving street, sidewalk, and transit safety, expanding access to parks, green spaces, and healthy environments, ensuring fair distribution of resources across all communities, and creating clean and safe public spaces for all.

I come from a military family—my father and brother both served and retired from the Air Force during wartime. I proudly support our veterans and strong families. I'm the son of a Korean mother and proud of my Black American heritage, which grounds my respect for the diverse voices and histories that shape District 7.

I'd be honored to earn your vote and work alongside you to build a better future. Learn more at www.VotePahaliyah.com.

Pete von Reichbauer



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Education: Catholic Schools ; Clover Park High School ; University of Alabama ; US Army (RET)

Occupation: Member, King County Council ; Chair, Regional Policy Committee

Statement: Government works best when we work *together*.

Pete is *our* advocate. He's not just at the Seattle courthouse—Pete is in our neighborhoods listening to people and making government work for us. Whether it's one-on-one at a local coffee shop or at a community town hall, Pete listens to the people about what matters: public safety, better transportation, and responsive public services.

As Chair of the Regional Policy Committee, Pete brings leaders from all 39 cities in King County together to tackle county-wide issues—like crime, homelessness, and creating jobs. He builds local partnerships, like building pre-apprenticeship programs in our schools. "Your commitment to the trades is outstanding. Thanks to you and your colleagues for supporting the youth of Auburn to access pre-apprenticeship pathways," said Alan Spicciati, Auburn SD Superintendent. Pete is a strong supporter for full funding of First Responders, from police officers to firefighters, which is why uniformed personnel endorse Pete.

Pete also helped shape important community programs. He was a founding Board Member of St. Francis Hospital, and a founding Board of Director of the Auburn / Federal Way Boys and Girls Club.

When California billionaires tried to move the Seahawks out of our state, Pete stepped in by brokering a sale to Paul Allen. Former county executive Ron Sims said: "Pete von Reichbauer did a fantastic job keeping the Seahawks in Seattle. I don't believe it would've happened without his intervention," and the Seattle Times called him a "hero of the fight." As a private citizen and public leader, Pete has supported sports at all levels ; sports brings people of all ages together.

Pete is a common-sense leader who is accessible and listens to us. From neighborhood meetings to regional decisions, Pete von Reichbauer shows up, listens, and delivers!



Council District No. 7

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Education: Bachelor of Business Administration, Florida Atlantic University; Lean Six Sigma Management, University of Washington

Occupation: Accountant & Business Analyst; Current Leadership Development Consultant, WSSDA

Statement: With over a decade of elected public service and leadership, I am running for King County Council to bring responsible, community-driven governance to King County District 7, ensuring long-term investments in systems that empower individuals and communities. My husband and I have lived in South King County for more than 30 years, raising our son and volunteering in school and city initiatives across Kent, Auburn, Federal Way, and surrounding areas. I've worked alongside families, educators, and local leaders to strengthen our communities and expand opportunities.

As a School Board Director, President, and Legislative Representative for eight years, I championed balanced budgets, funding for state mandates, improved student outcomes, and stronger legislative support to address opportunity gaps. Today, I consult for a state agency where I train elected officials on finance and legal responsibilities—using my policy-making experience and executive-level management and accounting background.

A government functions best when residents understand how decisions are made and how public funds are spent. I've long advocated for better transparency so stakeholders can *evaluate how public dollars are spent*. We can do this through robust digital systems, responsive feedback mechanisms, and engagement tools that empower residents.

Responsible financial stewardship strengthens essential programs, drives economic growth, and builds resilient communities. Working in collaboration with local government agencies and service providers, I will prioritize smart, compassionate solutions to housing affordability and homelessness.

King County deserves results-focused leadership that reflects our diverse values and addresses real challenges. I will work to strengthen economic growth, improve education access and public safety, expand affordable housing, and ensure transparent, inclusive governance.

For my service, I've been honored with multiple awards and supported by both educators and community leaders. I bring both governance experience and a deep commitment to King County – and *I would be honored to earn your vote*.

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Mayor

Ronnie Morgan

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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: 5th Generation in the Auto Industry Local Entrepreneur Businessman

Statement: I am running. For Mayor because I have a vision to Transform Auburn into a Thriving and safe Community that we can all be proud of.

I am committed to addressing the pressing issues that affects our daily lives in Auburn.

By creating more affordable and worker housing; making the process to build more friendly for developers and setting the bar for other local municipalities the housing shortage will soon be a thing of the past. Reducing Crime and shootings is my top priority. As Mayor I will Insure that local ordinances and state laws will be strictly enforced. By moving the SR 164 Access project forward I aim to alleviate traffic congestion through downtown Auburn.

Creating job opportunities is paramount to the success of Auburn residents and I have ambitious plans to bring new businesses to Auburn and create new opportunities for existing ones. Vote To Change Auburn

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Education: Associate Degree in Early Learning

Occupation: Auburn City Councilmember

Statement: *Auburn deserves a mayor who leads with integrity, compassion, and a bold vision for a safe, vibrant, and inclusive city.* As your councilmember, I've built strong relationships with business owners and community members, renters and homeowners, and elected leaders across the country. I serve as president of the Hispanic Elected Local Officials organization at the National League of Cities and actively contribute to several regional committees.

As your mayor, I'll bring these connections—and my lived experience—to drive real, lasting change. My priorities include improving traffic safety and community policing, expanding access to affordable child care and youth leadership programs, and ensuring that everyone in Auburn has access to affordable housing.

It's time for real leadership on the issues that matter most to our community. It's time for a change. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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Education: B.S. Accounting, City University; Graduate Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound, Graduate WA-CELI

Occupation: Auburn Mayor 2014-present; The Boeing Company finance leadership 1989-2014

Statement: *As your Mayor, I'm dedicated to building a safer, stronger, more resilient city we can all call home - turning ideas into action, challenges into opportunities, making key investments in public safety, housing options, and essential infrastructure to keep our community safe, healthy, and vibrant.*

I've focused on downtown improvements and living wage jobs. Our work together is creating a thriving city where families feel secure and businesses prosper. I've expanded anti-homelessness efforts, connecting more than 400 people with housing and essential services. I believe in compassion, accountability, and community. I also believe in practical solutions. We're enhancing our community spaces with revitalized parks and growing arts and culture initiatives—including summer block parties.

I've been endorsed by regional leaders including Congresswomen Kim Schrier, Marilyn Strickland, Congressman Adam Smith, Firefighters #1352, local mayors and more. Committed to *our* progress through decisive, collaborative leadership, *I'd be honored to earn your vote again.*



Council Position No. 4

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Education: Bellevue College, professional training in business management and project leadership

Occupation: Small Business Owner & Senior Project Manager

Statement: I'm running for Auburn City Council to represent the people. Auburn deserves leadership grounded in common sense, accountability, and integrity. I bring those values to every decision I make.

With a background in project management and business ownership, I know how to cut through bureaucracy and get things done. I'll support stronger community policing, youth outreach, and local solutions to homelessness that combine housing, mental health treatment, and job training. I'll push to reduce red tape for both small businesses and affordable housing projects so Auburn can grow in ways that serve working families. Reviving downtown Auburn is key to our city's future. I'll champion smart growth that fills storefronts, creates jobs, and builds community.

I'll be accessible, transparent, and focused on results. I'll listen to your concerns, advocate for practical solutions, and work collaboratively to move Auburn forward. Safer, stronger and more prosperous – now and into the future.

Yuval Fleming

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Education: University of Colorado Boulder; Bachelor's Degree, Political Science and Government

Occupation: Program Manager

Statement: Auburn needs a plan and vision for the future. I intend to bring new ideas, a fresh perspective and bold solutions to enhance our quality of life, make our streets safer and lower the cost of living. My core commitment is to always be accessible, transparent and to actively seek engagement and dialogue with constituents and feedback from the community.

We face an unprecedented cost of living crisis and need to find efficient ways to reduce the tax burden on the working class.

I have over 20 years of experience in leadership roles in the military, private sector and government, I excel at collaboration and consensus building to develop innovative solutions to complex problems. Auburn is a special place to live, sacred and enchanting, blessed with natural beauty, abundant resources and economic opportunities. Our diverse population is kind, tolerant, wise and compassionate our elected leaders should be the same.

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Education: Bachelors of Science from University of Washington, Masters of Public Health from George Washington University

Occupation: Epidemiologist, Washington State Department of Health

Statement: Auburn is city that's growing; the infrastructure and community supports that we have now were not made for the city we are today. I am running for city council because I want to make sure as Auburn grows, we aren't just tackling problems facing us now, but planning for the future too.

As a proud union member, I will always advocate for the needs of working people of all ages who call Auburn home. That means increasing the affordable housing supply; that means increasing transit options; that means building grocery stores, amenities, and community gathering places; that means making sure good-paying union jobs are brought to and kept here in Auburn. And it means ensuring Auburn is ready to welcome all who are looking for a place to prosper and grow.

I would be honored to earn your vote, and to make Auburn thrive now and in the years ahead.



Council Position No. 6

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Education: Completing: Bachelors of Arts and Science, Economics and Policy Analysis, Politics and Philosophy, and Mathematics

Occupation: Former Housing Producer

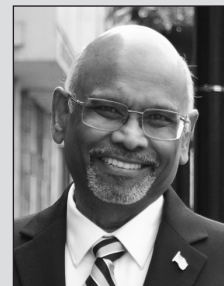
Statement: I am a lifelong local resident, recognized as a top 40 Under 40 business professional. I delivered over 300 homes across Washington before shifting my focus to public service and serving Senator Jeff Wilson during the 2025 legislative session. My background in housing and policy allows me to bring common sense leadership, rooted in real-world experience, to address Auburn's challenges.

I am committed to expanding affordable housing through smart zoning reforms, upholding rule of law and civil liberties with Auburn's court and police systems, and setting our local businesses up for success. While I bring strong ideas to the table, I firmly believe in *listening* to feedback to ensure every policy aligns with the community, while respecting individual freedom.

With deep local roots and a clear vision for the future, I am ready to step up and serve our community. Learn more at CobiClark.com and please vote Clark this election!

James Jeyaraj

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Education: Bachelors in Organizational Management, Whitworth University. AA in Network Technology Renton Technical College.

Occupation: Production Planner/Scheduler

Statement: I bring a well-rounded background in public service, business, and community involvement. As a former Auburn City Councilmember and Deputy Mayor, I prioritized public safety, housing, and equity. My experience enables me to understand community needs, build partnerships, and implement inclusive, results-driven policies that improve residents' everyday lives.

Professionally, I've worked in the electronic and aerospace industries, which has provided valuable insight into how business and local government intersect. I also hold an Advanced Certificate in Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities. This combination of public and private sector experience allows me to approach city governance with a balanced and practical perspective.

Currently I'm deeply involved in nonprofit work. As Board President of a local organization providing affordable housing to low-income families, I see firsthand the challenges our most vulnerable neighbors face. I'm committed to expanding access to stable, affordable housing to help families thrive.

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Psychology, emphasis in Human Motivation and Performance, Capella University

Occupation: Auburn City Councilmember, Position 6; Leadership and Business Performance Coach

Statement: I'm a mom, wife, proud Auburn resident, and someone who has overcome a lot of adversity to build a life of purpose. I worked my way up from bank-teller to senior executive, leading teams of up to 425 team members and budgets as large as \$2 billion. I earned my college degree at 43, driven by my passion for transformational leadership *and the impact* it has on people's lives. With 20+ years of leadership in the private and non-profit sectors, I bring grit, perseverance, heart, and most importantly, results.

I'm running to *retain* my appointed seat on *Auburn City Council*, where I have *demonstrated* transparency, accountability for truth, and heart!

I'm *proudly endorsed* by Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Councilmembers Tracy Taylor, Clinton Taylor, and Hanan Amer, as well as Renton Mayor Armando Pavone, Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1352, and many more...



Council Position No. 1

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Education: No information submitted.**Occupation:** Operations Training Chief, King County Metro**Statement:** Cameron Boosman for Burien City Council; Progressive leadership. Proven service.

As a husband, father, veteran, and dedicated public servant working for King County Metro, Cameron understands the challenges Burien families face every day. He's committed to delivering forward-thinking, fiscally responsible solutions—strengthening city services, improving efficiency, and safeguarding Burien from economic uncertainty.

Homelessness, traffic congestion, and public safety are regional challenges that require coordinated regional solutions. Cameron will advocate for stronger partnerships with King County and neighboring cities, ensuring Burien has a powerful voice in policy decisions and sees real, lasting results. His leadership is guided by a commitment to progress, equity, and practical problem-solving. Burien deserves a champion who understands its needs and is ready to take action. Vote for Cameron Boosman—a leader dedicated to making Burien stronger, safer, and more resilient.

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**Education:** Evergreen High School and some college**Occupation:** Burien City Council Member, Small Business Consultant, Board Member, Entrepreneur**Statement:** My extensive experience, including serving on Planning Commission and Economic Development Partnership, has served Burien well during my first term. I continue to be a strong advocate for working families, small businesses and workers.

Common sense, compassionate representation has been slim on the Council and it has hampered our effectiveness. My immigrant background and lived experience reminds me that strong coalitions built to uplift the most marginalized are worth fighting for. I will continue to listen to neighbors and amplify their voices in creating a resilient city where all of our families, no matter how they identify or where they were born, can thrive.

My focus will be on keeping Burien affordable and families and workers at the center of city policies. Early endorsements include: King County Democrats, MLK Labor, 33rd LD Democrats, KC CM Girmay Zahilay, Working Families Party, Transit Riders Union, Women of Color in Politics, UFCW 3000.

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**Education:** MBA, Bachelor of Science in Marketing, Western Governors University; Associate Degree, Design, El Paso College**Occupation:** Director of Marketing for Seattle Orcas**Statement:** As a working mom who raised my kids in South King County, I understand the real pressures Burien families face—rising costs and the need for safe, welcoming neighborhoods. As Vice Chair of Burien's Planning Commission, I've helped shape a vision that addresses housing affordability, invests equitably across neighborhoods, and promotes sustainable growth. With a professional background as a marketing leader, I bring experience building strong communities and uniting people around common goals.

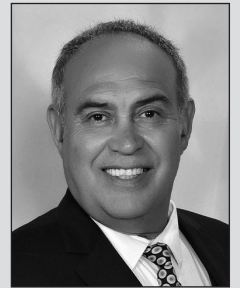
I'm running for City Council to move beyond division and deliver real results. I'll champion affordable housing and new paths to ownership, support economic growth by attracting jobs and backing small businesses, and work to keep Burien safe, walkable, and vibrant. I'll also prioritize our parks, services, and co-responder mental health programs.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I'm committed to building a thriving, inclusive Burien for everyone. I would be honored to earn your vote.

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**Education:** Certificate Degree of Business and Marketing, Orange Coast College**Occupation:** Construction Manager and Laborer**Statement:** Our city must become more affordable and safer for residents. Many people, especially seniors on fixed incomes and working families, are being forced out due to rising costs. I am seeking election to increase affordability and improve public safety.

As a small construction business owner, I understand the need for practical, cost-effective solutions. I'll support responsible development that creates jobs, attracts new amenities, and a growing economy that will bring more revenue to our city and eliminate the need for higher taxes.

Our city needs leadership focused on real world challenges. I'm a local dad and labor worker, and am seeking to better my city, not become a politician. I'm committed to protecting public safety, supporting working families, and building a future where everyone can thrive. I promise to serve Burien with integrity and purpose. I'd be honored to earn your vote.



Council Position No. 3

Rashell Lisowski



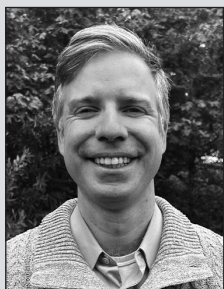
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Education: Bachelor's in Political Science, Syracuse University; Bachelor's in International Relations, Syracuse University

Occupation: Organizing Director, Washington Community Action Network (WashingtonCAN)

Statement: I ask for your vote to bring integrity over politics back to Burien. When we uplift working families, we uplift our entire city. I'm a 30-year-old small business owner, community organizer, and spouse of an immigrant, thinking about starting my family here. But like so many, I'm not sure how long I'll be able to call Burien home. I've knocked on hundreds of doors hearing the same fears: losing homes to rising taxes, facing skyrocketing rents and living costs, and feeling shut out of decisions that shape our lives. I will keep property taxes fair, expand affordable housing for neighbors at every income level, protect our green spaces, and demand a transparent, accountable government that answers to you. I'm committed to real conversations, working on hard things together, and turning voters' concerns into action. As a city, we need to ensure every voice shapes the decisions affecting our daily lives.

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Education: BA in Economics & Politics, UC Santa Cruz, JD, University of Washington School of Law

Occupation: Attorney, Washington State Health Care Authority

Statement: I'm running for Burien City Council because I love this city, and it's where my wife and I are raising our son. As a father to a two-year-old, I want what's best for our families: we need more affordable homes, safer streets for families, and a city government that works for *us*. Along with many others, I fought for—and won—a strong minimum wage increase, 57% to 42%, but our council is wasting taxpayer money fighting it in court. That's wrong. Our city should be working with King County, not turning down a million dollars in vital funding without explanation.

We deserve better. Vote for our progressive team—including Councilmembers Hugo Garcia and Sarah Moore—and let's build a Burien that works for everyone. I'm endorsed by King County Democrats, the 33rd District Democrats, Senator Tina Orwall, and many more. Join us!

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Education: Associate's degree in Nursing

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Statement: I'm running for Burien City Council to provide compassionate, common-sense leadership. As a pediatric nurse and 16 year Burien resident, I've seen the heartbreaking impact active addiction has had on our community. Many people, including children, have suffered accidental overdoses sometimes with fatal outcomes. It's time for change.

As Chair of the Human Services Commission, I've worked to address these challenges seeing firsthand how vital it is to invest in public safety, housing, and community services that actually work. Many of our population are low income who are being priced out of Burien. Instead of raising taxes that worsen affordability, we need to grow our city's resources by attracting businesses and building our local economy.

Burien deserves leadership that's focused on public safety, affordability, and sustainable growth. I'll be a voice of reason listening to you, advocating for what matters, and never backing down when our community is at stake.



Council Position No. 5

Jamie Jo Skeen



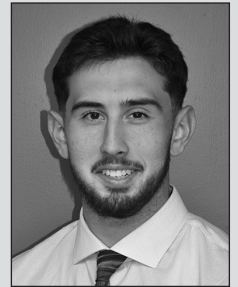
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Education: General Collegiate Studies, Genealogical Studies

Occupation: Entrepreneur, Author, Administrative Assistant

Statement: I love Burien—the spirit of service and sense of community here is unlike anywhere else. I'm running for City Council to serve all the people of this incredible community and help make it a place where everyone feels seen, heard, and included. As a former council member, I understand the importance of communication, collaboration, and compromise. It may be my voice on Council, but it's your vision I will represent. I believe in listening for understanding, leading with heart and humility, and acting on our shared values. My priorities include public safety, affordable housing, and supporting small businesses to grow a thriving local economy. We must move forward together, not backward, and I am committed to building on the progress we've made with transparency and care. It would be my honor to serve Burien. I ask for your vote.

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Education: Evergreen High School, South Seattle College

Occupation: Construction labor and manager for a small remodeling company

Statement: I was raised in Burien and attended Evergreen High School. This community is my home, and I'm running to ensure every part of it is safe, supported, and thriving. Burien has made important progress on public safety over the past few years, and I want to continue building on that momentum. Everyone deserves to feel secure in their neighborhoods not just in the downtown core, but across the entire city. I grew up in the construction world and understand the value of smart, responsible growth. As a council member, I will prioritize investment in areas that have long been underserved. It's time we bring services, resources, and opportunity to every corner of Burien. I believe in practical leadership rooted in community experience and a strong commitment to safety. I'm proud to be from Burien, and I'm ready to work hard for the community that raised me.

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Education: BS Biology, Bates College, Lewiston ME

Occupation: Program Coordinator, Master Gardeners of KC, Burien Deputy Mayor

Statement: Thank you for the honor of serving you as your Councilmember and Deputy Mayor. I've led Burien on climate action, stewarding the water, air, land trees that define and impact us all. As the chair of the Airport Committee, I advocate for Burien residents impacted by airport noise and expansion. I've stood up for renter protections, housing stability, a fair minimum wage for all, and regional partnerships on housing and crisis care.

I'll continue championing walkable neighborhoods, environmental justice, and smart public safety. I will work with council to enact policies that address our complex challenges and the causes of crime, including poverty and lack of opportunity, with compassionate, analytic leadership. I humbly ask for your vote.

Endorsements include: National Women's Political Caucus - WA, 33rd and King County Democrats, Democratic Municipal Officials, State Representatives Gregerson, Obras, Thomas, and Fitzgibbon, State Senator Alvarado, King County Councilmember Mosqueda, and MLK Labor.



Mayor

Chris D. Chung



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Education: NY, St. John's Univ. Pharmacy (Grad), entered Korea Air Force Academy & Chung-Ang Univ. (Seoul)

Occupation: Licensed Registered Pharmacist in Washington State

Statement: Born the youngest of five to a police inspector who passed from overwork when I was three, I was raised by my mother, now 93, who has endured over 15 years with dementia.

I've operated a community pharmacy for 30+ years and lived in Federal Way for over 25. My wife has served as a classical pianist and church organist for 40+ years. Our three children include a bilingual educator, a neurosurgery resident, and a medical student. After graduating Federal Way Public Schools.

After earning 54,469 votes in the 2024 Insurance Commissioner primary, I'm committed to health, safety, and better education in Federal Way—continuing a tradition of public service including a close family member who served over 20 years on the Kirkland City Council.

Jim Ferrell



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Education: University of Washington - Bachelor of Arts; Gonzaga University - Law Degree

Occupation: Federal Way Mayor; former King County Senior Deputy Prosecutor

Statement: As your Mayor, it is an honor to serve you! Every day, I work to improve our City - from adding a record number of officers to make our City safer, bringing jobs to our community and ensuring wise fiscal management.

Since I was first elected in 2013, we've made strategic investments, and the City has never been in better financial shape. We've added 17 officer positions in the past two years without raising taxes and with Light Rail on its way, we're enhancing parks, and taking bold action to develop our downtown.

As a regional leader, I am proud to be endorsed by 13 mayors in King County; Governor Bob Ferguson; Congressman Adam Smith; KC Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer; 10 labor unions representing thousands of workers including firefighters and our local police guild. *Together, we've made our City safer, stronger, and more connected. Let's keep Federal Way moving forward!*

Susan Honda



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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.

Statement: I'm running for Mayor of Federal Way because I love this city and believe in its potential. I have lived here for 46 years, serving the community with integrity, experience, and proven leadership. I've worked to improve public safety, address transportation and land use issues, and support business and economic development. I advocate for a balanced budget and work for the youth, families, and seniors in our community.

I serve on several regional, state, and national boards and committees, enabling me to advocate for Federal Way on important issues. With over a decade of service on the City Council, I know what's working and what must change.

As Mayor, I will focus on enhancing public safety, promoting smart economic development, revitalizing downtown, housing and ensuring transparent and inclusive governance. It has been an honor to serve on the City Council. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Saudia Abdullah



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Education: Bachelor's in Justice Studies, Georgia Southern; Master's in Public Administration, Kaplan University

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Statement: Federal Way continues to face public safety concerns and a lack of resources for our most vulnerable. It's time for a new direction. Saudia Abdullah brings nearly 30 years of criminal justice experience to partner effectively with law enforcement—ensuring our neighborhoods are safe while building trust and accountability. She will champion housing solutions that serve everyone, from affordable units to middle-income homes, alongside smart, sustainable development that strengthens our community. Saudia will prioritize meaningful investments in youth and seniors, ensuring both generations have the support they need to thrive. Her leadership is bold, compassionate, and rooted in lived experience. Saudia understands the daily challenges families face and will deliver lasting, people-centered solutions. She's ready to listen, to lead, and to help Federal Way move forward—together.

Endorsed by: State Rep. Jamila Taylor, Senators Twina Nobles & Claire Wilson, Former Sen. Mona Das, Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards, and more.



Council Position No. 2

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Education: Bellevue College (AA Business Management), Western Governors University (In Progress, BS Software Engineering)

Occupation: Operations and eCommerce Management

Statement: I'm an experienced Operations Manager running for office to build a stronger, more connected Federal Way through real opportunity. Together we can take action to deliver meaningful results for our community.

My biggest priority is creating pathways to good paying jobs, particularly in tech and skilled trades to strengthen families and our community. This will involve finding ways to attract new industries and investing in our residents by preparing our children for the careers of the future and offering retraining for adults ready for new opportunities. By working together we can create an economy that benefits everyone, reduces crime, and ensures every resident can thrive.

With your support, I am committed to bringing lasting and inclusive growth to Federal Way, making it a place where we all have the opportunities we need to succeed.

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Education: B.A., Saint Martin's University; Advanced Municipal Leadership Certificate, AWC; Graduate, Decatur High School

Occupation: Current Guest Teacher, FW School District; former City Councilmember (2013-2021)

Statement: Like so many residents in Federal Way, my immigrant journey is rooted in resilience and service. Adopted as an orphan from Bulgaria at eight years old, I was raised in Federal Way and graduated from Decatur High School. After graduating college, I served our community as an AmeriCorps member, Parks Commissioner, and City Councilmember from 2013–2021.

On the Council, I've added police officers, created jobs, secured rental assistance, and implemented budget transparency. As your next Councilmember, I'll strengthen public safety, champion local hiring policies, invest in youth programs, enhance senior services, and ensure greater government transparency. With Sound Transit train coming in, I see a future full of opportunity—and I'm ready to fight for a Federal Way where everyone has a chance to thrive.

I'm proudly endorsed by your FW Police Officers, Firefighters, Congressman Adam Smith, Rep. Kristine Reeves, Mayor Ferrell, and many more. I hope to earn your vote.

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Council Position No. 6



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Occupation: PSS housing at Peer Kent

Statement: We the people want someone that can hold space for everyone and lead the way for a more inclusive governing body. Creating policies with the needs of low-income families and the working class. To end the cycle of poverty that plagues us. And to change the narrative. I am that person.

My family and I have proudly called King County home for the past five years. We were able to make a stable life for ourselves. I found my way to a life of service to our marginalized and vulnerable communities. I see their struggles and know them well and am living proof recovery is possible. We want to be healthy, housed, and fed. We want equity and understanding without judgment.

I joined Policy Council through PSESD. They taught me about budgets and Robert's rules of order. I then found Parent Ambassadors, where I learned about policy, law, government, and advocacy. And found my way to a fulfilling career. I see a future where people have sustainable housing clean energy and a garden in every community that provides access healthy food.

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Education: Bachelor's - Communications, Saint Edward's University

Occupation: Disabled Veteran

Statement: I am running for Kent City Council to get involved in issues immediately impacting us all. If you select me to represent you, I promise to base my plans and actions on prioritizing our everyday quality of life.

I believe our vibrant and diverse community is best served by someone whose background is multifaceted enough to connect with a broad swath of community members. Like many of you, I'm a parent, but I'm also the daughter of an immigrant from Mexico, and I served the country I was born in, the United States, by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. My experiences help me connect with the wants and needs of many corners of our community. As a hybrid of Generation X and Millennial, I'm highly adaptable and can bridge gaps between worldviews and cultural perspectives. As a queer woman, I support, defend and uplift our LGBTQIA+ community to feel seen, safe and supported. As a traveler who's lived and worked abroad, I've learned firsthand the value of changing old ways while preserving culture and language.

Everyone's engagement is critical to this community, demanding that those who can speak up do so for themselves and others! We are stronger together!



Council Position No. 6



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Education: History, Western Washington University; Masters in Education, Western Governors University

Occupation: Teacher, West Auburn High School

Statement: I am proud to call myself a lifelong member of our community and want to support the efforts of our City Council in bringing forth great changes to Kent that will improve life for all our residents.

I enjoy teaching, but part of my work is the difficult task of hearing my students share their dangers, fears, and struggles. They're not alone. Across the city, from family and friends to total strangers, I hear the same thing: *It didn't used to be like this*. Crime and homelessness are hurting everyone. That's why I'm standing up. I will strive to pass any vote in defense of our safety, our economic livelihood, our quality of life and the roads we use. Our city will not just be liveable, but a city of the future, thriving, and one our children can be proud to call home.

I'm a teacher, a coalition-builder, and an engaged citizen. Someone who cares, not a politician. I've spent years learning to listen, bring order, and bring people together. If you let me, I will bring the same grit, same willpower, and the same sense of duty I've carried in the classroom and put it to work for Kent.

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Education: Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Occupation: Test Engineer, Blue Origin

Statement: Like many of Kent's residents, I am a 1st generation product of the American Dream. Similar to my parents who left their native home of Nigeria for a new life in America, I left the East Coast chasing opportunity here in the Pacific Northwest. I am a problem solver with an accomplished engineering background and currently employed by Blue Origin, headquartered here in the Kent Valley. I am a public servant who contributed to the release of the Kent 2044 Comprehensive Plan and currently serve as a member of Kent's Land Use and Planning Board. Lastly, I am a proud Kent resident who wants nothing more than to see this city prosper and grow while uplifting all those who call it home.

My time in city hall has given me insight to the many concerns of our community. As a city councilmember, my priorities would be promoting public safety, providing easy access to mental health and opioid treatment options, contributing to the economic success of our small businesses, endorsing housing affordability for all income levels, and reserving our recreational areas.

I was not born in Kent, but I chose this city. Choose me and vote to have Kent well kept.



Council Position No. 6



Jamie Lee



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

Occupation: Small Business Owner, All Aglow Spa

Statement: As a lifelong Kent resident, I am dedicated to building a stronger community. At my downtown spa, we proudly support teachers, nurses, first responders, and military families. My journey from parenthood to community leader has deepened my commitment to Kent's future. Raising my family here, I want Kent to be a place all families are proud to call home.

Safety: I've volunteered over 1,000 hours with youth affected by addiction. I believe in a compassionate, accountable response to our opiate crisis—one that prioritizes long-term care to reduce crime and homelessness. My goal is to access funds allocated for public health emergencies to get Kent the support it needs.

Development: As a board member of Kent Downtown Partnership, I've helped revitalize our city through small business events. I'll continue advocating for resources that help local businesses grow, creating one central program for entrepreneurs.

Youth & Families: From coaching sports to directing children's programs, I'm committed to supporting Kent's youth through inclusive, engaging programs where kids are safe and valued. I will lead with transparency, collaboration, and a vision for real solutions. Together, we can create a Kent that leads with compassion, vision, and purpose. Learn more at jamieeeforkent.com

Andy Song



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Education: Seattle University, Johns Hopkins University, Seattle Pacific University

Occupation: Professor, Therapist/Small Business Owner, School Board Director

Statement: Like many cities in America, Kent isn't immune from uncertainty of where the economy is heading. Job losses, rising costs, public safety concerns, and budget cuts will impact Kent families. You can rest comfortably knowing your livelihood is in the hands of a candidate with proven results and records for policy and financial decision making.

As a Korean American raised by a single immigrant mother. I understand the struggles many families face because I have lived them. I'm running for Kent City Council to make sure every resident has a voice at the table.

Kent voters already trusted and elected me as a school board director, where I have written and implemented policy, managed public funds, and worked closely with students and families. I bring proven experience in policy, successful business ownership, and healthcare/public safety systems. As a mental health therapist and college professor, I don't just talk about these challenges. I live and teach them. I've built programs that serve hundreds of Medicaid families while training future front line mental health professionals.

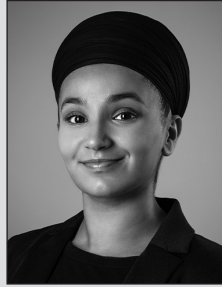
I'm ready to lead with care, integrity, and result. I would be honored to earn your vote. 2024's 40 under 40 recipient: Puget Sound Business Journal



Council Position No. 6

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Education: Master's in Policy Studies and B.A. in Law, Economics & Public Policy, University of Washington

Occupation: Director of King County Policy, Seattle-based Nonprofit

Statement: I am committed to bringing practical solutions to Kent's challenges and ensuring every voice is heard. I've spent years working at the intersection of government and community—advocating for change and turning that advocacy into action. Whether it's expanding youth services, working toward better policies, or building partnerships, I've seen what's possible when people come together.

A lifelong Kent resident, I attended Kent schools and now raise my son in the community I grew up in. My family has owned and operated a local business here for over two decades. With deep community roots and strong leadership experience, I'm ready to help shape a growing, thriving Kent where everyone can succeed and feel secure.

My priorities include building safer neighborhoods and parks, addressing the root causes of crime and homelessness, supporting local businesses, and expanding family-centered programs that ensure access to essential resources. Together, we can ensure Kent remains a sustainable, vibrant city for future generations. I would be honored to earn your vote.

I'm proud to be endorsed by Kent City Councilmembers Brenda Fincher and John Boyd, Former Mayor of Kent Suzette Cooke, State Senator Karen Keiser, and many other local leaders and organizations.

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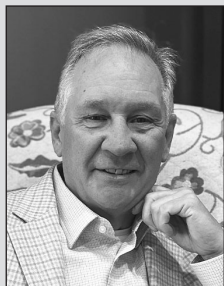
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Council Position No. 1

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Education: Degrees: Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Computer Science – CWU. Financial Designation – Wharton

Occupation: President, Smart Portfolios - RIA, President, Portfolio Mason

Statement: Rooted in Lake Forest Park. Driven by balance. Focused on the future. My family has called Lake Forest Park home for over 75 years. I bring 40+ years of financial leadership, experience on nonprofit and business boards, and have founded several financial and technology firms.

I'm running to restore balance, rebuild trust, and bring shared values back into city decisions: environmental protection, social awareness, and fiscal responsibility. The current path is unsustainable. The past decade, city spending has grown rapidly while reserves have dwindled with annual losses, yet the Council continues to spend about \$1 million a year on consultants—including \$100,000 to recommend a tax hike. A 3% spending reduction across departments could address this—without new taxes.

It's time for transparency, accountability, and community-led solutions on issues like Sound Transit. Let's bring back citizen committees to guide decisions. Vote Bryce

Semra Riddle

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Education: Virtual Design and Construction Manager for General Contractor

Occupation: UW Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Statement: My vision for LFP is simple: a vibrant community for all. This means a community where you can afford a home and build a life. Where you can meet with old and new friends at a Third Place. Where you can walk to any of our schools or well-maintained parks connected by trails and safer streets. Where you can walk to a cozy coffee shop to meet with friends. Where you can sit by the Lake and watch your kids learn to swim and paddleboard. Where you can find art in obvious and not-so-obvious places. Where you are even prouder to call LFP home. It won't be quick or easy but when we work together, we can make this vision a reality. Thank you for your vote.

Proudly endorsed by 1st LD Fighting Dems; King County Democrats, and several state and local elected officials.

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Education: North Oconee High School, SHRM HR Certification(In Progress), First Aid/CPR Certified

Occupation: Human Resources Specialist

Statement: Lake Forest Park deserves thoughtful, inclusive leadership that reflects the values of our community. I'm running for City Council to help our city flourish by preserving what we love while addressing the challenges ahead with care, transparency, and collaboration.

Raised in a multicultural, mixed-race household, I've seen the impact of racism and inequality firsthand. My advocacy work includes supporting survivors of domestic violence and child abuse through Prevent Child Abuse Athens, volunteering with Gays for Good, and participating in forest clean-ups across King County. I've also volunteered at our Lake Forest Park Farmers Market—another way I've stayed connected. These experiences have deepened my belief in listening, showing up, and creating space for all voices.

As your council member, I will work to preserve green spaces, support local businesses, build sidewalks that better connect us, and invest in safe, sustainable infrastructure. Together, we can build a more connected Lake Forest Park.



Mayor



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Elected Experience: Milton City Council, Mayor Pro Tem 2024 - current; Milton City Council, Position #1 2017 - 2025

Other Professional Experience: Word Nerd LLC, Local Business Owner; Comcast Spotlight, Producer, Director, Operations Supervisor; Storer Cable, Producer & Director

Education: MBA specializing in Marketing, City University Seattle; BA in Communications, Washington State University

Community Service: City Council Finance Committee; City Council Community Development & Public Safety Committee; Mission Woods Church, Elder; Karate Edge - Assistant Instructor; Milton Police Foundation, Former president and secretary; FME Chamber of Commerce, Former executive secretary and ambassador

Statement: I love and believe in the City of Milton. Milton has been our home for 20 years. Acting as Mayor Pro Tem the last two years has brought me in touch with the responsibilities of leading a city, and knowing that there is always more to be accomplished. Serving on the city council the last eight years has been a very fulfilling, and working side by side with very committed people who want the best for the City of Milton has been a pleasure.

I am strongly committed to the city being focused on fiscal responsibility and public safety. I have played a significant role in improving the city's ability to provide reliable power, ensure a robust water supply, and endeavor to make Milton a beautiful and walkable city.

As mayor I shall play a bigger role by continuing to ensure that our community grows, prospers, and remains a vibrant place to live. I will create and maintain productive relationships with local community leaders and groups. All stakeholders will be stronger through the constructive collaboration of these partnerships.

I encourage your support and your vote for mayor. Let's move into the future together.

Megan Sheridan

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Elected Experience: Maple Valley Planning Commissioner, City Councilmember, Vice-President of community festival. Focused on transparent decision-making, balanced growth, public engagement, bringing neighbors together.

Other Professional Experience: 30 years of experience in sales, relationship management, contract negotiation and leadership, Skills necessary for effective governance. Megan also filled a need for City of Milton in planning and finance.

Education: Tacoma Community College; Linfield University; Rockwell Institute

Community Service: Megan's commitment to service goes beyond elected roles. She's mentored youth, supported foster families, organized access to education and essential services—especially during the pandemic. Committed to connection, compassion, and inclusion for all, which she will bring to the City of Milton.

Statement: Milton deserves a Mayor who brings a commitment to listen and leads with purpose and compassion—ensuring our city grows in a way that protects its character while meeting the evolving needs of the community.

The role of Mayor is about service, not status. It's about showing up, building trust, and making decisions that reflect the values and priorities of the people who live and work here.

Looking ahead, we must focus on long-term planning that strengthens our economy and reduces the burden on taxpayers. That includes working closely with Sound Transit and the Port of Tacoma to ensure Milton benefits from regional transportation and economic opportunities. Economic development should support small businesses, create local jobs, and expand revenue without asking more of our residents.

Shared priorities for the city include: Open communication and meaningful engagement within the community; A respectful, collaborative relationship with City Staff; Strong advocacy for Milton at the local, county, and state levels; Unified planning with Council to shape a clear long-term vision. Our community is worth investing in. Together, we can move Milton forward—with transparency, integrity, and a focus on what truly matters. Let's focus on shared values, not party lines—because good leadership serves everyone.



Mayor

Bruce White

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Elected Experience: City Council Member, City of Milton 2022 - Present. City Council Member, City of Kent 2002 - 2005.

Other Professional Experience: Computer and Database Programmer, Web Systems Development; Current eCommerce Business Owner

Education: BS Computer Science, Linfield College, McMinnville, OR.

Community Service: Milton Planning Commission, Rotary Club, Habitat for Humanity.

Statement: Bruce White is the leader Milton needs—dedicated to safety, service, and fiscal responsibility. He champions a police force that keeps residents safe while fostering trust, ensuring officers are approachable and effective. White believes a secure Milton begins with law enforcement that reflects our values.

Traffic safety is a key focus. He supports hiring a dedicated traffic control officer to patrol neighborhoods, tackling speeding to protect children and pedestrians. White will enhance walkability by adding sidewalks to neighborhoods, ensuring safer, more accessible streets for residents. White will also ensure city staff are competent and customer-focused, delivering high-quality services residents expect.

As one of your current city councilmen, White has opposed all property tax increases, voting against them every year he's reviewed the budget—years when the city has enjoyed significant budget surpluses. He refuses to burden taxpayers needlessly, knowing rising costs already challenge residents, especially those on fixed incomes. This fiscal restraint will help maintain Milton's appeal as a stable, affordable, and welcoming community—a character he's committed to preserving.

With Bruce White as mayor, Milton will thrive where safety, service, and fiscal responsibility align. His practical, people-first vision sets him apart. Back Bruce White for Milton's stronger, safer, affordable future.



Council Position No. 1

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Occupation: Current Renton City Council President; Business Owner, Sandler Training

Statement: As Renton City Council President, I'm committed to common-sense leadership and fair, thoughtful decisions that improve quality of life in Renton. In my first term, I've gained valuable experience and insight into addressing key issues, advancing vital initiatives, and working with residents to meet real needs.

My priorities are accountability, safety, and opportunity. We must restore personal responsibility, reject a culture of excuse-making, and take meaningful action to protect public safety. I'm also focused on expanding opportunities through inclusive economic growth, workforce development, and affordable access to education and skills training. Everyone in Renton should have the opportunity to build a better life for themselves and their family. With your vote, we will continue building a stronger, more vibrant Renton—one that serves as a model for the region.

Endorsements: Mayor Armondo Pavone, Former Mayor Denis Law, Renton Councilmembers Prince, Perez, and O'Halloran; King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn, and many more.

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Education: Trade and vocational school trained. Electoral school of campaigning with Raise The Wage Renton.

Occupation: King County Wastewater Operator. SEIU925 Shop Steward, Executive Board Member.

Statement: Renton is becoming unaffordable for workers. We now have Seattle-level rents and prices — with few of their high-paying jobs. Raise The Wage Renton ballot initiative that I helped lead was a good start, giving Renton workers the highest minimum wage in the country in 2024.

But that's not enough. I'm running to deliver living wages, affordable housing, public safety, and good transportation.

As a working-class union shop steward who grew up in poverty, I will fight for ordinary Renton workers struggling to pay bills. I will address our cost-of-living crisis by proposing penalties on big landlords who leave properties vacant, building affordable housing, and working to enforce our new minimum wage and modest rent caps approved recently in Olympia. Unlike politicians who serve corporate donors and the Chamber of Commerce, my campaign is volunteer-run, small-donor funded, and backed by IAM751 (Boeing Machinists), DSA, King County Democrats, and MLK Labor.

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Education: PH.D Madison University, Human Resource Management

Occupation: Educator, Small Business Owner, Public Servant

Statement: Meet Dr. Gwendolyn Hosea-Mimms. I decided to run for Renton City Council Position 1, after talking to many people who were disillusioned about voting. I think apathy is killing our democracy and I know that change only comes with persistent advocacy bringing attention to issues that affect you and that you feel is important.

My determination comes from my leaders and mentors from the sixties and seventies. I learned that my voice mattered. I was too young to vote but at the time was able to participate. I was angry with people because of what I went through to help us get the vote. I know those struggles were so that I could Run.

I see the same issues in Renton that growing across the state. Homelessness, Crime, Food insecurity. We cannot influence the outcomes if we are not at the table. Let's Act. Vote for me.



Council Position No. 2

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Education: Attended Central Washington University, 4th Generation Renton High School Graduate

Occupation: Health and Wellness Small Business Owner

Statement: I'm running for Renton City Council to help lead our city towards a future rooted in compassion, action, and belonging. Renton has been our family's home for over 100 years, and I'm deeply invested in keeping our neighborhoods safe, connected, and thriving.

I'm a three-time Renton Volunteer of the Year, a former Renton Arts Commissioner, and a proud advocate for our city. Through years of public and customer service, I've learned the power of listening, creative problem-solving, and helping others. As a former downtown small business owner, I understand our local businesses' challenges and the support they need.

I'm committed to strengthening community connections, strategic growth, and finding inclusive and practical solutions that reflect Renton's shared values. I'll lead with transparency, integrity, and accountability. I am endorsed by former mayor Denis Law, Retired Bishop Kirby Unti and many others. I'd be honored to earn your vote too.

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Occupation: Small Business Owner, Happy Tails Animal Hospital

Statement: As a *lifelong Renton resident* and *small business owner*, I understand our community's needs. My parents—a taxi driver and nurse—taught me the values of hard work, compassion, and service that guide me today. On Council, I'll prioritize investments in *public safety* with more well-trained officers protecting our streets and residents. I'll work for *cleaner parks and trails* by increasing maintenance and security.

My *balanced approach to homelessness* includes expanding wraparound services, outreach programs, and transitional housing while maintaining our public spaces. I support *infrastructure improvements* and creating affordable housing options.

My wife Arsh and I established Happy Tails Animal Hospital, creating *local jobs* and providing *compassionate care for pets* and animals. Now as parents-to-be, we're more committed than ever to Renton's future. You deserve a Councilmember with fresh perspectives and a collaborative style, building a Renton where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Education: Tiffany Park, Nelsen MS, Lindbergh HS, Seattle University, University of Liverpool

Occupation: Renton City Councilmember, Assistant Dean and Assistant Teaching Professor

Statement: As a lifelong Renton resident, educator, and former case manager, I'm running for re-election because we deserve a city that is *safe, affordable, and accountable*.

I was the first Councilmember to support raising Renton's minimum wage, ensuring workers can have jobs with better pay. I've led efforts to invest in youth violence prevention, expand access to mental and behavioral health supports, and rebuild trust between our community and law enforcement through co-responder partnerships. As the only Councilmember with direct social service experience, I know how systems fail and where they must be strengthened. I fight for working families, small businesses, and neighborhoods with safe housing for all.

I'm the only candidate in this race endorsed by our King County Democrats and labor unions. I bring lived experience, progressive values, and a record of action. Renton deserves leaders who show up, listen, and deliver. I'd be honored to earn your vote.



Council Position No. 6

Michael Sanford



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Education: Highline CC--Honor Society, Military specialized training--19D, 11H, 11M BFV, 96R Ground Surveillance Radar

Occupation: Retired Owner/Operator of both local and international businesses

Statement: My life has been defined by service—to my country, my community, and my neighbors. I'm running for SeaTac Council to continue that commitment. A proud King County resident since 1961, I've lived in SeaTac for over a decade and served in leadership roles throughout my life, from Sergeant First Class in the Washington Army National Guard to President of the Bow Lake Homeowners Association.

As a small business owner and security advisor, I understand the importance of safety, economic growth, and local empowerment. During the pandemic, I led a homeless engagement assessment project to connect vulnerable individuals with vital services. I've also led efforts to help businesses reduce losses and increase profitability through innovative security solutions, including drone technology.

I'll use my professional and life experiences to make SeaTac even better than it is today. Please help me to achieve this goal. Vote Michael Sanford for SeaTac Council.

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Education: University of Washington, Bachelor's in Communication and Political Science

Occupation: Executive Director, SeaTac Senior Support Systems

Statement: I'm running for city council because our city needs to be thoughtful, inclusive, and rooted in the needs of every community that calls SeaTac home.

We have made meaningful strides in pursuit of our shared goals; almost doubling our capacity for childcare, launching important economic development programs, building housing of all kinds, signaling our strong intent to protect North SeaTac Park from port development, and so much more.

I'll champion pragmatic policies that deliver tangible results for all our residents: increasing our stock of affordable and middle housing, creating safety in our neighborhoods, refusing to allow our residents to shoulder additional tax burdens, and protecting our natural amenities and parks. I'm proud to be endorsed by: The 33rd Legislative District Democrats, Mayor Mohamed Egal, Councilmember Jake Simpson, Councilmember James Lovell, and dozens of parents, workers, community leaders, and more. I'd be honored to earn your support.

Marianne West



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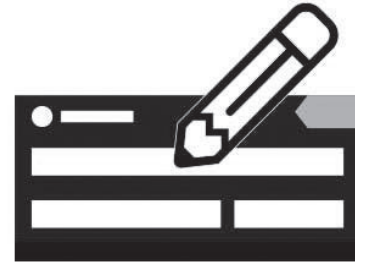
Education: Lake Washington Institute Of Technology

Occupation: Military, Culinary, Corrections, Management

Statement: As a Navy Gulf War Veteran, I have served in various capacities and understand the importance of having a strong support system in place. I believe in the power of community and the significance of providing comprehensive services that address the needs of everyone. I aim to be a champion for the underserved, particularly our veterans and homeless population. Their perseverance and courage deserve recognition and support, and I'm dedicated to ensuring they have access to the resources they need to thrive. I recognize the importance of efficient transportation options to connect our communities, enabling the access to opportunities and services seamlessly. By fostering an inclusive environment, we can encourage dialogue and understanding, ensuring that every individual has the chance to share their voice and contribute to our collective growth. I envision a community where everyone feels safe and valued, where diversity and expression are not only welcomed but celebrated.

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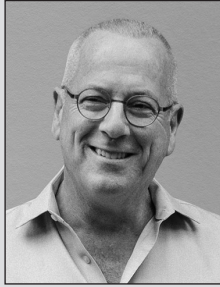
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Mayor



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Education: MA, Japan Studies, UW; MBA, University of Chicago; BA Politics, Catholic University of America

Occupation: Former Senior Executive at T-Mobile

Statement: Seattle is a city with strong values—but city government has fallen behind on acting on those values. I'm running for Mayor because I believe we can live up to our ideals. With a highly efficient city government, *Seattle can be a progressive model for the nation*—an alternative to the chaos and cruelty of MAGA politics.

As Mayor, I'll make the city work for all of us. We need to *vastly improve public safety*, and we need *civilian oversight* of our police department. I'll complete 50 patrol ride-alongs in my first year to get grounded in the realities of public safety.

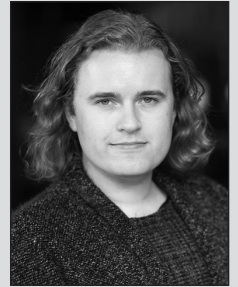
We need to *improve affordability* and *radically reduce homelessness*. I'll cut red tape that delays building housing, invest in projects that serve working families, and leverage federal tax credits to build affordable homes faster. I will expand access to mental health and addiction treatment, and I will deliver *5,000 more emergency shelter beds within my first year*—you can't treat addiction and mental health when people are living on the streets.

I have always been a *change agent*. As a business president, I turned around two different mid-size businesses by working shoulder-to-shoulder with frontline employees. As a VP at T-Mobile, I transformed how we served millions of low-income customers by listening to frontline employees and driving bold innovation. And as a community organizer, I brought people together to solve big urban problems.

I care deeply about Seattle and the people who call it home. We can tackle homelessness with compassion and accountability. We can reform public safety with urgency and integrity. And we can make Seattle affordable again—without sacrificing who we are.

I would be honored to earn your vote. *Joe Mallahan*

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Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree, Central Washington University; Master of Arts Degree, Sustainable Development, American University

Occupation: National Councilor, AEA; Small Business Owner; Co-Executive Director, Sustainable Seattle

Statement: We live in one of the wealthiest cities in history, yet people are still homeless. This is a choice made by our leaders. Born and raised here, I know what this city needs to be for its people, and I'm tired of broken promises from career politicians who are all talk and no action.

I am a labor organizer and nonprofit executive who believes Seattle has a future worth fighting for. I will deliver bold, practical leadership that puts working families, renters, and small businesses at the center of policy decisions. I've spent years organizing with unions and currently serve as an elected National Councilor for the AFL-CIO-affiliated Actors' Equity Association, representing over 50,000 unionized creative economy workers in the fight for living wages, workplace safety, and benefits. As Co-Executive Director of Sustainable Seattle, my days are spent managing a multi-million-dollar budget that allows us to fight for environmental justice in our community.

To address our *livability crisis*, I'll prioritize building affordable, sustainable, and accessible housing while safeguarding Seattleites from displacement, including further social housing investments and expanding affordable childcare. To solve *homelessness*, I will add 1,000 shelter beds in my first 100 days while simultaneously investing in data-driven, long-term wraparound solutions. To improve our city's *public safety*, I believe in refocusing our efforts on providing *the right response* to promptly address the needs of our neighbors, so we can help people instead of perpetuating a broken system.

Let's build a Seattle that listens to everyone and leads with compassion. This election is an unapologetic fight for not "One Seattle," but all of Seattle.

Real change takes real courage. I ask for your vote to build a city that works for all of us.

To view our endorsements, visit www.armstrongforall.com. Have any questions? Call anytime 206-657-6287.



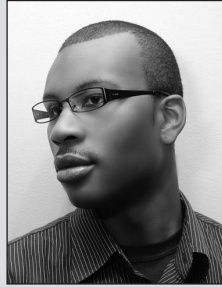
Mayor



Isaiah Willoughby

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Education: Associate of Applied Science Transfer Degree Real Estate North Seattle College

Occupation: Entrepreneurship

Statement: “My Chosen One, in whom My soul delights. I will put My Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations.

This passage from Isaiah 42 not only anchors my faith—it shapes my calling. Like the servant described in this scripture, I am moved by a deep purpose: to bring justice to our city, to uplift those who feel unheard, and to walk in humility and strength as a light in challenging times. My campaign is rooted in these values—compassion, courage, and a steadfast commitment to the people of Seattle.

I’m Isaiah Willoughby, and I’m running for Mayor of Seattle to restore power to the people—where it rightfully belongs.

As a graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Real Estate from North Seattle College, I bring both lived experience and technical knowledge to tackle one of our city’s greatest challenges: housing. I understand the systems, the barriers, and the opportunities—and I’m ready to use that insight to create real, lasting change.

My mission is to build a city that works for everyone, not just the well-connected few. Through transparency, grassroots collaboration, and data-driven solutions, I will champion: Housing that’s truly affordable; Public safety rooted in community trust; A city economy that uplifts working families and small businesses

This campaign is more than a bid for office—it’s a movement. A movement to make government accountable, accessible, and responsive to the voices of everyday residents of Seattle. With “The People’s Voice” as our banner, we will ensure that policy decisions are shaped not in backrooms, but in open forums—by the people, for the people. Together, we will lead Seattle toward a just, vibrant, and inclusive future—one where justice flows like a river, and the voices of the overlooked are heard and empowered.

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Education: University of Washington, BA and Law School; Garfield High School (Valedictorian)

Occupation: Seattle Mayor; former City Council, Attorney representing workers, small business

Statement: With your support, we will continue overcoming challenges— and building a brighter, more equitable future. Since 2022, we’ve helped thousands of vulnerable people access housing and shelter— supporting an 80% reduction in unauthorized tent encampments citywide. Crime rates are lower, we’re rebuilding police staffing, and CARE Department responders trained in de-escalation are assisting people in crisis. We’ve made unprecedented investments in affordable housing, climate action, transit and transportation. *Let’s keep working together for a stronger, united Seattle.*

I am a Seattle Public Schools and UW graduate, lifelong Seattle resident, and father deeply committed to the diversity and dynamism of our city. *With your vote I’ll continue to focus on outcomes, make no excuses, and seek bold, transformative change.*

I am committed to action on housing— directing over \$1 billion to create thousands of affordable homes, and improve supportive housing availability and staffing. I’ve eliminated barriers to housing construction, and passed nation-leading Green Building standards. I will continue working for affordable communities, while connecting unsheltered neighbors with resources.

I’ll keep improving public safety— having delivered on promises to establish an unarmed behavioral health response unit, hire more— and more diverse— officers, reduce response times, and crack down on drug trafficking. A lifelong advocate for youth, I’m committed to reducing gun violence in our schools and communities. Moving forward, we will accelerate programs that keep us safe and healthy.

I will continue protecting Seattle— challenging Trump administration efforts to disrupt Seattle’s stance as a welcoming city for immigrants, LGBTQ, and BIPOC communities. I’ll ensure our rights and laws are respected.

Endorsements: Governor Ferguson; Attorney General Brown; Senator Cantwell; Congressmembers Jayapal, Smith, Strickland; former Governors Inslee, Locke, Gregoire; MLK Labor, Building Trades, ATU 587, Machinists 751, Seattle Fire Fighters; Environmental and Housing leaders; Transportation4Washington; WA Bikes, and more!



Mayor



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Education: Completed Family Practice Residency at University of Washington, Graduated from a top ten medical school

Occupation: Small business owner and Primary Care Physician in Wallingford

Statement: Hello, I am Doctor Bliss, a primary care physician in Seattle and small business owner. Our business values are Quality, Compassion, Service, and Integrity and you can see them reflected in our Google reviews. I have a lifetime of leadership and public service.

I am running for mayor to end the tearing down of our lives, families, country and our system of governance and replace these with a new paradigm of positive change.

One of our biggest problems is that we blame each other for problems that are based on our system of economic inequality and favoritism in our government, our courts and our schools. Our system of legalized bribery of public officials through campaign donations followed by payback with public funds is inherently unjust and wasteful. When we rectify this problem, there will be less waste, more cooperation, and real representative government.

My top priorities are to restore public safety and civility, use public funds to benefit all, and end economic favoritism in government. My campaign does not rely on donations from any group or business and is entirely volunteer driven so I am free to fully represent you the voter. If elected I would work to:

Build shelter space so anyone experiencing homelessness has somewhere to go; help those struggling with addiction and mental illness; arrest criminals; end graffiti; end the wasteful and ineffective war on drugs; use our libraries and community centers as a resource for students where our public schools fail to educate; create zoning that values density, green spaces, planting trees, and mixed use with close proximity of housing, businesses and shopping; and, last but not least, replace noisy, dirty, and unsafe transportation with clean, quiet affordable transportation now!

For more information, please visit DoctorBlissForMayor.com Thank you for your support!

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Statement: Seattle, much like the rest of the nation, is going through a crisis of identity in the modern era. Even as corporate profits soar, the people of the city see none of the benefits as they are priced out of their homes, further isolated by lessened public transit, and depressed by a system that seemingly isn't interested in caring for them. We have to decide if we are going to be a city for the richest among us or for everyone, and I wholeheartedly choose the latter.

I am running for Mayor for many reasons, but my overall goal is one of service. I've spent my entire young life in service to the people, and I see this as a continuation of that aim. I want to build a city that welcomes its citizens with affordable housing, robust public transit, safety, and security in the future for both them and their family.

That means attacking housing costs problems at their source; supply. It means expansion of the Light Rail and bus routes faster than ever before. It means holding our public safety and government entities to a higher standard. It means supporting and expanding the personal liberties of the citizens of Seattle, and protecting them and their rights from being infringed upon, whether that be from the federal government or their landlord.

For far too long we have been forced to treat our government with contempt, hoping that the decisions made by them don't hurt us too much. It's time we flipped that paradigm, and fight for every inch we can get for our people.

It's time to believe in something better. It's time to believe in Seattle.



Mayor

Joe Molloy



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Education: B.S. in Public Administration with a Concentration in Community Development

Occupation: Previously as an Operations Manager Current Concessions at T-Mobile Park

Statement: I'm Joe Molloy — a housing and disability advocate, a visionary systems-thinker, and a leader shaped by lived experience on the frontlines of broken systems. I'm not a career politician, but a public servant — running for Mayor with a profound sense of urgency and purpose.

I moved to Seattle with intention — believing it to be one of the few places in the world where people like me could fully be themselves. Many of us came here drawn by that same promise. But the truth is clear: our systems don't reflect our values. Not yet. I believe they can — if we are brave, willing, and committed to real change.

This campaign isn't just about ending homelessness. It's about making sure the possibility of becoming homeless no longer exists. That means building a city with universal access to housing, health care, crisis response, and social support — a city that works for all of us.

Seattle can be the first city in the nation to eliminate homelessness — and show the world how it's done. When we do that, we don't just solve one crisis. We build a foundation for a safe, sustainable, and thriving future.

I have lived the consequences of our city's and our nation's broken systems — from housing to health care to public safety. That lived experience informs my leadership and drives my clarity of vision. Our campaign is here to transform that pain into policy, and build systems rooted in dignity, equity, and care.

This is not just about policy — it's about purpose. Seattle is ready for leadership that knows the stakes, sees the path forward, and refuses to leave anyone behind.

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Education: Studied physics and philosophy at Balliol College, Oxford University

Occupation: Founder and Executive Director of the Transit Riders Union

Statement: Career politicians want to protect the status quo, but it's clear the status quo isn't working. Seattle is a great city, but it's becoming less livable. Working families are struggling. More people are unsheltered than ever before. We deserve a mayor who's not distracted by cronyism and scandals, one who will focus on tackling the major challenges Seattle faces: skyrocketing living costs, homelessness, public safety, and Trump's cruel and chaotic attacks.

This is your city — and we can do better.

I've spent my career fighting alongside the people who make our city run to win major victories for working families: the highest minimum wage in the country, stronger protections for renters, affordable fares for transit riders, and the landmark JumpStart tax on wealthy corporations, which prevented devastating cuts during the pandemic.

As your mayor, I'll create 4,000 units of emergency housing to reduce unsheltered homelessness. I'll invest in alternatives to police response for nonviolent calls so SPD can focus on serious crime. I'll expand mental health and addiction treatment. I'll support small businesses and create good, green jobs. I'll build on the gains we've made for our city's workers, and raise new progressive revenue to protect vulnerable communities from Trump's cuts. Voters have twice supported social housing, by a landslide; Seattle deserves a mayor who will work to make it successful, not undermine it.

Seattle can have abundant and affordable housing, great public spaces, high-quality schools, world-class mass transit, and vibrant neighborhoods. You shouldn't need a six-figure income to feel at home here. This is your city — a city that we can build, together.

With your vote, we can have a true champion for working families and a coalition-builder in the mayor's office. *Endorsed by King County Democrats, UAW 4121, and many more listed at wilsonforseattle.com/endorse.*



City Attorney



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Occupation: Seattle City Attorney

Statement: Since elected in 2021, I have led the fight to make our city safer; and now I'm leading the fight against Trump by using the full weight of my office to keep our community safe from his threats to immigrants and to protect Seattle's most vulnerable.

As Seattle's first woman, and mom, to serve as City Attorney, I have fought against human trafficking on Aurora; worked to eliminate open air drug markets threatening whole neighborhoods; and created a Drug Prosecution Alternative, giving those struggling with addiction a pathway to treatment.

To aid in reducing gun violence, I proposed common sense rules for after-hours venues to curb late-night shootings. I've fought for the environment and for consumers, winning \$160 million from corporate polluters dumping toxic chemicals into the Duwamish River, and I sued Kia/Hyundai for needlessly exposing consumers to auto theft.

Because I believe in transparency and accountability, I created a ground-breaking data program to show the public how our criminal justice system works; a model now followed by others nationwide. And I led the effort to push the State Legislature to address the toxicology lab backlog for DUIs in order to improve roadway safety.

I am endorsed by Democratic Governors Christine Gregoire and Gary Locke, Democratic Congressman Adam Smith, King County Prosecutor Leesa Manion, Pierce County Prosecutor Mary Robnett, Democratic State Representative David Hackney, Rev. Harriett Walden, Pastor Aaron Williams, Seattle Building and Construction Trades Unions, Seattle Fire Fighters Union; and by a majority of the City Council including the City Council President, and retired judges.

We cannot go back to being a city that did not enforce its own laws and allowed our public spaces to become unsafe and inaccessible. I offer proven leadership, pragmatic solutions and a promise to keep fighting for Seattle's future.

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Education: JD, Georgetown University Law Center; Bachelor of Science in Economics, University of Washington

Occupation: Founding Partner, Washington Employment Benefits Advocates

Statement: Rory's legal career has tracked the needs of our community. During the foreclosure crisis he helped Northwest Justice Project by representing homeowners facing foreclosure. When King County declared a homelessness emergency, Rory served as the Managing Attorney of the Housing Justice Project, a program across two court houses involving more than 100 attorneys ensuring tenants were not wrongly evicted.

For decades, Rory has been working to loosen the grip of big corporate interests on our elections. In 2003, he helped to found an organization called Washington Public Campaigns. More than 20 years later, that organization, now called Fix Democracy First, is still bringing people together around the issue of money in politics. In 2015, Rory helped craft the language of the initiative that created the first in the nation democracy voucher program.

Rory knows it's time to fight for our city. He will hold employers accountable when they steal wages from workers and create unsafe working conditions. He will prosecute domestic violence cases and protect survivors. He will fight to protect Seattle from Trump's deportations and overreach. He will help our neighborhoods build trust with the police by holding SPOG accountable and he will bring back community court to reduce recidivism and give people the chance to succeed.

Rory is running for City Attorney to build community, break the cycle of crime, and deliver a safer, fairer Seattle for all. He lives with his wife, son, and dog in Columbia City.

Rory is endorsed by: Every Democratic Organization that has endorsed; including the 32nd, 36th, 37th, and 46th District Democrats, The King County Democrats, The Seattle Dispatchers Guild, ILWU Local 19, FairVote Washington, Senator Saldaña, Representatives Thomas, Santos, and Street, Former City Councilmembers Morales, Herbold, and O'Brien, Former Senator Kline, Former County Councilmember Kohl Welles, and many more.



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Occupation: Public Defender (Current); Attorney, Davis Wright Tremaine; Federal Judicial Clerk

Statement: Seattle deserves a justice system that reflects our values—one rooted in accountability and compassion. Right now, that's not what we're getting. The City Attorney's Office is failing to deliver on its most basic responsibilities. Domestic violence and DUI cases are being dismissed at an inexcusable rate and victims are left without support. Low-level offenses continue without changing behavior, and instead of creating real public safety we get political headlines and performative prosecutions.

I'm running because I know what's broken and where real change needs to happen. I'm a public defender, legal advocate, and father of two young children. I've clerked for federal judges, handled complex civil litigation at one of Seattle's largest firms, and spent years representing people failed by the system.

I'm not a prosecutor or a political insider. I'm someone who's been in the trenches—standing with people when the system comes crashing down. I bring extensive legal experience and lived values—not political ambition.

I'll be a City Attorney who delivers outcomes, not excuses. This means prosecuting serious cases effectively and using proven alternatives to break the cycle of harm. I'll bring back and strengthen community court, expand access to treatment and support services, and invest in tools that actually reduce recidivism. I'll also end cash bail for nonviolent, low-level offenses. Freedom should never depend on how much money someone has—it should depend on risk, safety, and justice.

I'm proud to be endorsed by Democratic leaders and respected legal advocates who know Seattle needs a City Attorney rooted in values—someone who will lead with integrity, deliver results, and reject political theater.

I promise to be a City Attorney who protects Seattle from Trump's attacks, believes accountability and compassion can co-exist, and understands that real safety comes from breaking cycles—not deepening them. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

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Education: JD, Seattle University; BA, University of Washington

Occupation: Former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Assistant City Attorney—Criminal, Civil

Statement: Seattle deserves a City Attorney who will keep us safe and stand up for our rights. I am running to deliver real public safety—holding violent offenders accountable and addressing root causes like substance use and housing instability. I've spent my career fighting for victims of violence, children, and underrepresented communities. I've prosecuted wage theft and hate crimes, and held gun and fentanyl traffickers accountable.

I'm the only candidate with experience as a city and federal prosecutor, a civil defense lawyer for the City of Seattle, a pro tem judge, and a community leader. In those roles, I saw firsthand that the law is not just about punishment—it's about justice, balancing accountability with compassion.

I was raised in a union household rooted in civil rights and economic justice. My grandfather, a field laborer, later used his 1968 Olympic platform to stand up for civil and human rights. My mom was a construction worker and social worker. My dad is a proud transit driver. They showed me the values of hard work, fairness, and courage.

As the next City Attorney, I'll restore Community Court and focus on rehabilitation—not revolving doors. I'll end unacceptable delays in prosecuting domestic violence and DUI cases. I left my job as an Assistant U.S. Attorney when Trump took office. With civil, environmental, worker, and reproductive rights under attack, we need a City Attorney who shares our values, knows the law, and will fight for us.

Proudly endorsed: Washington State Attorney General, Nick Brown; King County Prosecutor Leesa Manion; King County Council Chair Girmay Zahilay; Seattle Port Commissioners Cho, Calkins; State Senator Saldaña, Representatives Street, Reed, Thomas; City Councilmembers Hollingsworth, Juarez (fmr), Lewis (fmr); ATU587; King County, 36th, 46th Democrats, and 100+ legal, labor, civil rights leaders!

Let's build a safer, more just Seattle—together.



Council District No. 2



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Statement: As a lifelong Southeast Seattle neighbor, Union member, transportation expert, and community outreach leader - my roots run deep in District 2. From the Chinatown-International District to Rainier Beach, District 2 is defined by our diversity, belief in equity, and commitment to include everyone - values I'll bring to the City Council. I am running because our community deserves better. With your vote, we'll make Southeast Seattle more affordable, safe, and welcoming for our children and families.

Together, we can: End Gun Violence by investing in family support services, after-school enrichment activities, conflict resolution and diversion programs; House the Unsheltered by funding services that prevent homelessness and bring people inside faster; Build Housing People Can Afford by creating and funding opportunities for housing that meets the needs of renters, workers, families, and seniors; Stop People from Speeding on Rainier Ave and MLK, and prioritize transit, pedestrian, and bike safety; Protect Our Rights by standing up against Trump.

I was raised on Beacon Hill by a single mom who worked two jobs. I worked at Jefferson Park Golf Course and for the Seattle SuperSonics as a ball boy. I returned to college at age 30 through the Worker Retraining Program.

Today I live in Rainier Beach with my wife, a former public defender, and two daughters. In my role at the City, I bring people together around critical policy investments including last year's successful transportation levy. I am a community advocate for youth; teaching kids to skateboard and I advocate for the Rainier Beach skatepark.

Endorsements: Councilmembers Solomon, Hollingsworth, Strauss, Kettle; Former State Representative Dawn Mason; Former County Councilmember Larry Gossett; Women of Color in Politics; ATU587 Transit Operators; UA32 Plumbers and Pipefitters; more!

I would be honored to earn your vote and represent the city and district that raised me!

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Education: Juris Doctorate, Seattle University School of Law; B.A. East Asian Studies, Macalester College.

Occupation: Assistant City Attorney, Seattle Office of Housing.

Statement: Everyone deserves to feel safe, to have an affordable home and good neighborhood schools. I'm running to ensure the Chinatown International District and South End have a strong voice at City Hall - someone who listens and responds to constituent concerns. As a lawyer for the Seattle Office of Housing, I've helped fund thousands of affordable homes. Based upon my lived and professional experiences, *my top priority is lowering housing costs and increasing housing options.*

I'm proudly married to a public school teacher and union leader, and raised our sons on Beacon Hill attending public schools. As the son of a Taiwanese immigrant, I've faced discrimination and will fight to defend immigrant communities. In college, I relied on scholarships, financial aid, and jobs as a house painter and janitor. And moving to Seattle, I first got by working as a bike messenger, at a bakery and a bookstore.

The Stranger put it best: "Seattle's affordability crisis isn't new to Eddie, he's lived it."

With a city budget shortfall looming and chaos at the federal level, we need experienced, thoughtful leaders to deliver meaningful progress. I'll fight to tax wealthy corporations and the ultra-rich to fund our essential needs.

We're experiencing record levels of youth gun violence, especially in the South End. I won't rest until we have comprehensive public safety and better emergency responses. This means investing in community-based organizations who work closely with at-risk youth and help our community access housing, services, and necessities. I'll scale up programs that bring social workers and mental-health professionals to more calls for help, while addressing our police staffing crisis.

Lastly, I'm not financially conflicted by any business before City Council, and therefore able to vote on all its critical legislation with long-lasting impacts. *Together, let's make Seattle a place where everyone thrives!*



Council District No. 2

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Occupation: Building Inspector City of Seattle, Former Carpenter, 37th Dems Board

Statement: Seattle is one of the richest cities on the planet, but walk down Jackson Street or ride the light rail through Rainier Valley, and it doesn't feel that way. We've got billionaires dodging taxes while families go without the basics. This isn't a crisis of resources, it's a crisis of priorities.

I remember when Seattle was a place where working class families could own homes and thrive. It's this experience and the experience of being in a union that have taught me that we don't have to accept things the way they are. We don't have to accept a city that only works for a select few. We can build a Seattle where everyone has a home, where every kid feels safe walking to school, and where our communities are rooted, strong, and filled with hope.

I was an early supporter of Social Housing because we need to provide high-quality, union built housing as a public good. I will expand opportunities for permanently affordable housing, protect tenant rights, and build shelter capacity. My council office will expand the Care Team and support the community organizations working on the front lines to solve our drug and mental health crisis. We'll refuse to accept a police contract without accountability measures, partner on diversion programs, and restore feelings of safety in our city.

I'm not a career politician and never saw myself doing this, but our city deserves to have regular people with regular problems in city hall. I'm not afraid to stand up, ask the hard questions, and lead.

I'm *proud* to be endorsed by former City Council Member Tammy Morales and King County Council Member Larry Gossett; MLK *Labor* and the following unions, PROTEC17, ILWU19, ATU587, SUP. I'd be honored if you supported me too.

Jeanie Chunn



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Occupation: Director, The Hometeam; Project Consultant, Seattle Good Business Network

Statement: In these times, we need a councilmember who listens to our diverse community, fights tirelessly to represent their needs, and is unbought by special interests.

We live in a city with upside down tax rates that favor the rich, a police force with no accountability, and an administration that continuously sweeps our unhoused population. I decided to run so we can have someone on the inside willing to dismantle systems that don't serve us and follow through on the progressive values we preach.

As a longtime community advocate, I know that the challenges facing our neighborhoods—affordable housing, homelessness, public safety, and environmental justice—require practical solutions and bold leadership.

My advocacy has helped pass many policies including Jump Start Seattle, Pay Up Legislation, free outdoor permits for restaurants, capping delivery fees, and secured \$28.6 Billion in federal funding for independent restaurants nationwide. My policy successes have shown that I can make real change happen, and I want to do this for our district on a daily basis.

I'm committed to affordable housing policies that prioritize people over profits, keeping our streets safe through evidence-based, community-driven solutions, and strengthening our local economy by supporting small businesses and creating job opportunities that pay living wages.

We have the opportunity to make real change in Seattle and break from the current administration's corporate agenda. Instead of wasting resources criminalizing poverty, we can force corporations to pay their taxes, divest from fossil fuels, and build an economy of care and compassion. These are the changes that will actually make our city safer, more equitable, and environmentally sustainable. I'm asking for your vote to build a Seattle where everyone matters and everyone thrives. Together, there is nothing we cannot do. Let's create a city that's affordable, accountable, and welcoming for all.



Council Position No. 8



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Occupation: Journalist for The Summit, musician, camera/video, food/service

Statement: As a millennial knowing firsthand the struggles of working and renting in Seattle, my main priority as a council member will be to make Seattle safe and affordable for everyone.

In 2022, I ran for Congress on a platform centered around tax reform for working and middle class people, on top of defending reproductive rights. Since then, I joined the new Cascade Party, and was elected to its Board of Directors after I led a strong, successful push to add freedom of speech and universal healthcare to the party's platform. Despite these principled escapades, I believe ideology should take a backseat to practicality and community when it comes to local government. This is where most real change happens, and I'm here to make a genuine difference!

Federal policy is chaotic, and we need stability in local government to counter the mayhem. Seattle has made progress over the last couple of years with public safety and housing, while keeping our city attractive to business, although, in my opinion, more can be done to prioritize our charming small businesses over bloated corporations. We can find the sweet spot by providing compassionate social programs, while also supporting small business owners.

I embrace continued expansion of light rail and regional transit as part of a forward-thinking transportation strategy. I am also a longtime advocate for abolishing the regressive Sugar Tax. I support local artists, naturally, being a musician. These policies go hand in hand with my general goal, which is to bring accountability, balance, and a community-first mindset to the City Council. We don't need buzzwords or one-dimensional slogans, we need real change and solid decision-making, so I'm here to put in the work!

Endorsed by Krist Novoselic, Mary McClure (Democrat) Commissioner of the Port of Kingston, and others

Cooper Hall



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Education: Seattle Academy of Interactive Entertainment - Diploma in Game Design and Production

Occupation: Freelance Game Developer

Statement: Cooper Hall is a bold new type of progressive running for Seattle City Hall to deliver inclusive policies and tangible results. He was raised in a small logging town in Southwest Washington, where he faced profound challenges. After losing his father to a drunk driving accident, his mother raised him and his siblings in modest circumstances, teaching him resilience and empathy.

In Seattle, Cooper pursued higher education, studying graphic design, video game design, and coding, fueling his creative and innovative spirit. To manage student loan debt, he worked demanding overnight shifts at Amazon, experiencing the economic struggles many Seattleites endure—financial insecurity, debt, and the search for meaningful work.

Cooper's journey mirrors the realities of countless residents, giving him a deep understanding of their challenges. Unlike career politicians who make empty promises, Cooper offers a fresh, empathetic, and diverse perspective, grounded in lived experience. He's committed to progressive, practical solutions that promote equity, uplift marginalized voices, and address systemic barriers.

Cooper will incentivize enrollment in Seattle public schools, boost education revenue, provide universal childcare, and subsidize higher education through a college-to-work pipeline. He will champion elections for police captains, ensuring accountability and representation while improving property crime clearance rates. Cooper will drive down rent by linking it to property tax incentives. He will update archaic zoning laws and propose individualized transition plans for each houseless individual. He will prioritize green energy initiatives, providing the city with better infrastructure, lower energy costs, and a smaller carbon footprint while incentivizing new businesses to move in that increase wages and make Seattle more self-sustainable.

Now deeply engaged in community advocacy, Cooper's vision is a vibrant, just Seattle where everyone has a fair shot, ensuring real progressive solutions over hollow rhetoric. Vote Cooper Hall for City Hall and visit his website hallforseattle.com for more!



Council Position No. 8



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Education: MA Public Administration, UW Evans School; BA, Syracuse University

Occupation: City Councilmember; former policy and planning professional, UW

Statement: Since my first day on Council, I've been a voice for progressive change and working people—leading the charge to fund union-built affordable housing, protect wages and benefits, and ensure our public safety system is accountable, appropriately staffed, and responsive. I've partnered with legislators to secure funding for programs that keep us safe and help people in crisis, and passed a transportation electrification package to meet our climate goals. In response to the harms of the Trump Administration, I led the creation of a Committee on Federal Policy Change to respond to attacks on Seattle.

Born to teenage parents caught in cycles of gang violence, substance use, and homelessness, I was able to thrive thanks to my grandparents, great teachers, and the Boys & Girls Club. That perspective drives my commitment to building a Seattle where everyone can succeed, regardless of background or income.

I bring a collaborative, data-driven approach to policymaking centered on equity, compassion, and real-world impact. I've supported climate action through investments in sidewalks, transit, and green infrastructure, and am working to craft a balanced, progressive city budget that protects essential services.

We've made meaningful progress, but there's more to do. I'm running to continue this work—advancing affordable housing and fighting rollbacks of key housing opportunities, standing for workers, and improving neighborhood safety. I'll keep showing up, listening closely, and building coalitions to meet this moment with urgency and care. I would be honored to earn your continued support.

Endorsements: King County, 32nd, 36th, 37th, and 46th Democrats; MLK Labor; SEIU 1199NW, ILWU Local 19, UniteHere Local 8, Protec17, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates; OneAmerica Votes; APACE; Working Families Party; Fuse WA; The Urbanist; Transit Riders Union; LGBTQ+ Victory Fund; Congresswoman Jayapal; County Councilmembers Mosqueda, Barón, Zahiray, and Dembowski; Legislators from every Seattle district—and more!

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Education: Real life MBA. Founder and business owner in Seattle 1993-2025

Occupation: Entrepreneur, Non-profit Director in the Addiction Treatment and Recovery field

Statement: *As a business owner* I live with the consequences caused by politicians dismantling our criminal justice system, allowing crime, addiction and mental illness to cause death, the ruin of our businesses and beautiful downtown and the sense of safety of every citizen. *As a resident* I have to contend with ever increasing rent and have experienced being priced out of buying a home. *As your at large city council member*, my mission will be to serve everyone, by passing practical policy that closes the wage versus rent gap, rebuilds our police department, secures our own city jail, permits arrests and jail sentences and builds long term residential treatment centers to solve the drug and mental illness epidemic.

In Seattle we still live without fundamental safety. Police are not allowed to arrest, the county tells us there is no room at the jail, judges don't convict and sentence, cops are treated as criminals and criminals are treated as victims. Under these conditions our city's quality of life is being destroyed. Businesses are failing and leaving. In the city our working people cannot afford the sky high rent and have nothing left over at the end of the month. Worst of all, we are a city where the press and the government stifle critical thinking and diversity of opinion, even in the face of repeated policy failures.

We can do better. Every citizen has the same wish, to be treated fairly under the law and to live in a peaceful, stable, prosperous society. Safety will bring back business and prosperity. We can do this together. With your vote, I will represent the unheard voice, the common sense voice, the united voice, against a status quo that has failed us for too long.

Endorsed by: Seattle Police Officers Guild, King County Republicans



Council Position No. 8

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Education: BA in Theology and Certified Positive Discipline Peer Educator

Occupation: Presiding Bishop, Full Gospel Pentecostal Assemblies; Student Family Advocate, SPS

Statement: I know what happens when government fails because I lived it. I grew up in Southeast Seattle at a time when too many kids, including me, were pulled into violence and addiction. I spent years battling homelessness, drug abuse, and incarceration. My life could have ended there. But it didn't, because a community leader took the time to believe in me when no one else would. I turned my life around. And for the past 20 years, I've been working to help others do the same. Now I'm running for Seattle City Council because our city is at a crossroads.

I have real experience on the ground fighting crime and addiction. I founded Circle of Love Outreach, a grassroots program supporting people facing addiction, violence, and homelessness. I've organized peace marches in the same parks where I once slept. I've fed the hungry, mentored young people, and stood with families fighting to keep their kids safe.

Some on the Council want to return us to the dysfunction, division, and denial that caused so much harm. I won't let that happen. I'll fight for a fully staffed and community-centered police department, so that every neighborhood feels safe. I'll work to move people out of tents and into housing, with compassion and urgency. I'll invest in youth programs, violence prevention, mental health support, and real economic opportunity—because I've seen what happens when we don't. And I'll stand up for the small businesses that keep our communities vibrant.

We can't afford to keep electing politicians that are out of touch with reality. I'm not running to score political points, and I'm not interested in endless ideological battles while families are struggling. I'm running to get things done and bring real leadership rooted in lived experience, compassion, and common sense to city hall.

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Council Position No. 9



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Education: Bachelor's in Economics and Political Science, Towson University; Master's in Public Affairs, University of Missouri

Occupation: Economist, Freelance Opinion Writer

Statement: Seattle deserves a city council that listens to constituents, not ignores them. Seattle deserves a council that passes popular legislation, not legislation that people vehemently oppose. Seattle deserves a council that wants to help you, not enrich itself. I will be the council member who listens, supports, and fights for you.

I moved to Seattle in 2018 because I found a beautiful city where I could be my authentic queer self. Every job I've had here has been to serve the community I love. I have assisted consumers in fighting deceptive businesses at the Attorney General's Office, provided transparency at the Health Department, and brought accurate inflation numbers at the federal government. Even in my free time, I work to improve Seattle through my op-eds, where I call out politicians who lie and fail our communities, especially regarding Little Saigon.

As your council member, my top priority will be to bring accountability and transparency back to City Hall. If I am in office, Seattleites will be heard, and I will push for legislation that most people want, not what a select few desire.

Due to our environmental and economic crises, I will introduce legislation for a Green New Deal jobs program. Seattle needs well-paying union jobs to clean all our neighborhoods, parks, and waterways, not just Downtown. Litter removal, tree plantings, and restoration projects will all help clean our environment while supporting our economy.

Finally, we need to build more shelters and affordable housing *everywhere*. Diverse neighborhoods are stronger than the segregated ones we currently have. The first steps include a vacancy tax on apartments and lots, and increased fees on the Mandatory Housing Affordability program to increase funding for the city's social housing developer.

I would be honored by your vote this Primary election.

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Education: Masters in Social Work, UW; BA, George Mason University, Sociology, Women's Studies

Occupation: Progress Alliance Director; former Seattle Foundation Officer, Seattle Policy Advisor

Statement: Seattle needs Council leadership focused on urgent citywide priorities, not personal agendas. I'll bring focus and experience to address housing affordability, support people in crisis, and keep our city safe and welcoming for all.

My commitment to outcomes that improve lives is rooted in my career as a City policy analyst, philanthropic leader, and social work educator. I've experienced the challenges facing too many families: working multiple jobs in high school and college, and relying on housing and healthcare assistance to find stability for my family. I've worked citywide to advance housing and climate action and statewide to fund affordable childcare through a capital gains tax. On City Council, I'll fight for bold, progressive action to build a stronger Seattle.

We need more affordable homes in Seattle. I'll prioritize getting people indoors with shelter, treatment, and permanent housing. I'll end Council inaction that delays needed housing construction. I'll promote homeownership, prevent displacement, and back voter-approved housing options so all Seattleites have access to stable, affordable homes.

I've called 911 for both urgent and non-emergency situations. *I want to ensure every call gets the right response.* I'll support effective, accountable policing, advance gender equity in law enforcement, and expand the CARE Team. I'll invest in youth engagement, behavioral health, gun violence prevention, and community-driven safety solutions.

With your vote I'll provide leadership on light rail and sustainable transportation. I'll fight for workers—supporting unions and fair pay, including for gig workers. I'll reduce burdens on small businesses, and champion arts and culture. *Together, we can build a fairer, greener, and more connected Seattle for everyone.*

Endorsements: MLK Labor Council; King County, 32nd, 36th, 37th, 46th Democrats; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates WA; Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate; National Women's Political Caucus of WA; Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal; Seattle Democratic Legislators; OneAmerica Votes, more!



Council Position No. 9

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Occupation: Citywide Seattle City Councilmember; small business owner (Fremont Brewing).

Statement: I ran four years ago because I saw a city in urgent need of recovery. Years of failed policies had left people living unhoused in our parks, on our sidewalks, and across our neighborhoods. Fentanyl had become a public health emergency. Drug use was ignored. First responders were leaving and 9-1-1 response times were getting worse. This crisis was hitting our most vulnerable neighbors the hardest, and I knew Seattle could do better.

As a person in recovery myself, the belief in second chances drives everything I do. It's why I pushed for expanded access to comprehensive, on-demand treatment and secured major investments in recovery services and overdose prevention. Because real help changes lives.

I brought that same urgency to housing, too. We moved people inside, expanded shelters with services, and streamlined permitting to get more projects moving. Seattle's investment in affordable housing is now at an all-time high.

Under my leadership, we've reversed the years-long trend of losing more officers than we hire. Now we're advancing the most ambitious public safety plan Seattle has seen. *More on-demand treatment. More crisis teams. More trained responders.* And don't take my word for it. As Danny Westneat recently wrote in the Seattle Times, "It's undeniable – Seattle's story has taken a plot turn for the better."

Seattle is recovering, but progress is fragile. As the Trump administration turns against us, cities like ours must lead – clearly and with purpose. We can't go backwards to the failed policies of the recent past. With your vote, I'll keep doing the work: expanding treatment, keeping people safe, and delivering real results for the people of Seattle.

Endorsed by Seattle Fire Fighters, Seattle Building Trades Union, Ironworkers, Congressman Adam Smith, Senate Majority Leader Jamie Pedersen, former Governors Chris Gregoire and Gary Locke, and many more.

Mia Jacobson



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Occupation: Longshoreman

Statement: My name is Mia Jacobson. I am 37 years old, a third generation West-Seattleite, a third generation union Longshoreman, and a single mother of three. I was born in the house that I'm raising kids in, which means I have witnessed the city of Seattle drastically change over my lifetime.

I am running for office to disrupt the social hypnosis that what we are doing is working for us. Our local policy making process is no longer dynamic enough to adequately address our modern issues. Legislation is crafted in conversations that citizens cannot meaningfully access, contribute to, or hold accountable. There is no public dialogue between our representatives and their constituents. There is no opportunity to check any proposal made in real time against evidence, public opinion, or personal experience. We have no measurable impact on the decisions of our representatives outside of the election cycle.

This is a serious problem for all of us, regardless of our political differences. We must prepare a process which allows the people of Seattle to guide their own government.

Technology has changed the way we live our lives. We now have access to the research and experts needed to check what we've been told is working against evidence. We can coordinate within large numbers in a digital space to discuss our local policies 24 hours a day. Seattle has outgrown the need to rely on representation when determining a way forward that works for us.

If I am elected, we will work together to improve citizen access and introduce accountability to the local legislative process. With your vote, I can get in the door and rip it down behind me. With your vision, we can shift our focus from the powers that be to the powers that we have become.



Council Position No. 7

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Education: HS diploma, Service High School & Welding certification(s), WW NDT services

Occupation: Parking Enforcement Officer, City of Seattle

Statement: I've been a working man since I was 16, and working adults are exactly who we need in the government. We know the struggle of living paycheck to paycheck & food insecurity. I'm running for City Council to bring practical solutions to our community; I've seen the dangers we face, the trouble we're in, and the potential we hold to take care of ourselves. My priorities are: improving public transit, supporting the poor, supporting local businesses, expanding affordable housing, and ensuring transparency at City Hall. I vow to listen first, act thoughtfully, and always put people above politics. With your support, I'll work every day to make our city a safer and more inclusive place for all.

Washington has been my home since 2021, I've met many amazing people here, including my beautiful wife. I love this state, our community, and I'll endeavor to help anyway I can.

Thank you.

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Education: Administration and Performing Arts Certifications, Columbus Community College; American Musical and Dramatics Academy

Occupation: Administration; Personal Assistant

Statement: I am a Progressive Democratic Socialist Community Organizer. I have been a community organizer and political activist for 14 years, 10 of which I have spent in South King County. Tukwila has been my home this past decade, and deserves a *voice for the working class and marginalized*. We deserve democratic decision making power in every facet of life: work, housing, education, healthcare, and beyond. This is why my policies are created with in depth research; through direct development processes alongside residents.

I have been endorsed by the Transit Riders Union, Foster High YDSA, 11th LD Dems, UFCW3000, and more as a testament to my record for change.

Tukwila residents deserve to thrive, not just survive. We will thrive by funding our city through progressive revenue sources to build permanently affordable housing, expand public transit, create publicly managed food networks, and become a Queer and Immigration Sanctuary City.

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Management with International Relations minor, St Martin's University

Occupation: Project Manager

Statement: As a first-generation Vietnamese American and 30-year South King County resident, I'm committed to helping our community thrive. My parents immigrated to the U.S. in 1990 to build a better future, and their resilience inspires my dedication to serve Tukwila with the same determination.

Through my experience on Tukwila's Planning Commission and involvement with the Tukwila Historical Society, I've learned that strong leadership requires knowledge, preparation, and action. I care about our city's past, present, and future. My priorities include improving public safety through community policing, expanding affordable housing, supporting small businesses and economic growth, and responsible budgeting that produces results.

Tukwila deserves leadership that listens, engages, and reflects our city's diverse families. I will be accessible, responsive, and committed to building a community where every voice can be heard and every person feels valued. I would be honored to earn your vote and represent you.

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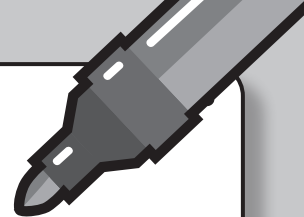
Occupation: Tukwila Parks Commissioner; Senior Business Process Analyst—City of Bellevue

Statement: As a third generation, lifetime resident and Tukwila Parks Commissioner, I am proud to call this incredible city home. I've witnessed decades of our city's transformation—growing in diversity, business, and opportunity—while honoring its history. I am vested in the health, prosperity, and continued growth of our community.

As your advocate, my focus includes prioritizing increased affordable housing options through the city's middle-housing initiative, updating infrastructure, enhancing parks and health and wellness options, increasing business and job opportunities, expanding transit availability, and public safety.

With over 20 years in city government and change management, I bring experience and leadership focused on thoughtful, balanced decision-making. I believe in inclusive, whole-community solutions—balancing needs with optimized budgets and driving advancements for the betterment of our entire city. I'm committed to making our city a place where all feel safe, connected, represented, and proud to live, work, and thrive here—together. I'm honored by your vote.

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Director District No. 4



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Statement: This district has failed our children for decades by prioritizing everything but education. It's time to put academics first. I'm running for Highline School Board to ensure that all students—mine and yours—are better prepared for the future.

As a product of vocational education, I've built a successful career by applying real-world skills. My family spans four generations in the Highline School District, and I bring over 20 years of experience using that education in my own life. Whether students choose college, trades, or vocational training, they deserve every opportunity to succeed. Our children don't have decades to wait—we must make education work for them *now*.

Some blame the teachers union. That's not fair. As a proud union member for most of my life, I've seen firsthand how unions support growth and opportunity. The real issue is poor leadership and misplaced priorities. Students deserve a board that listens, leads, and puts learning first.

I've served as a teacher, youth leader, coach, and mentor. I care deeply about our students—yet 80% are falling behind. I'll restore stability, raise academic standards, and support both teachers and families. Please help me help our community and children. Now is *their* time. Vote for Ken Kemp.

Damarys Espinoza



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Education: Doctorate and Master's in Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Washington

Occupation: Nonprofit Leader; Educator; Consultant

Statement: I'm running for election as your Highline Public Schools Board Director because I believe every student deserves the opportunity to thrive.

As a proud product of public schools, a first-generation college graduate, and the daughter of Mexican immigrant parents, I understand the life-changing power of education.

I'm a mother to three young children, current and future HPS students, and I'm deeply committed to their future and the future of all students in our district. I want every student to feel valued and to be prepared for their future through meaningful learning and opportunities to grow and succeed.

I've worked as a paraeducator and now teach at the University of Washington. HPS educators play a pivotal role in helping students thrive. They need the support and resources to do their best work. Families and communities are at the heart of my work. I work at a nonprofit that serves families experiencing homelessness, many with students at HPS. Students thrive when their families and communities thrive. Let's build an ecosystem of support that connects schools, families, and community resources. As your current School Board Director, I'm asking for your vote in this election. Together, we can build the schools our students deserve.



Director District No. 4

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Occupation: Project Manager, Plymouth Housing

Statement: We deserve leaders who recognize and respect the diverse backgrounds and experiences of people, leaders who celebrate cultural and racial differences and leverage them as a strength, promoting an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive while learning. We need visionary leaders who see beyond the present and envision a future where barriers to equal educational opportunities are broken

Born and raised in Ghana, West Africa, I moved to the United States when I was 18 years old for college. My family and I have lived in Washington for 11 years, and I am raising two amazing children. My experiences while in school and at work have given me a deep appreciation for the value of education.

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working closely with diverse teams and stakeholders. These experiences have equipped me with the skills to navigate complex challenges, foster inclusive environments, and drive meaningful change.

By serving on the school board, I aim to strengthen community engagement by fostering strong partnerships between schools, families, and the community to support student success and well-being and enhance educational opportunities to ensure all students have access to resources and support they need to succeed academically and personally.



Director District No. 4



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Occupation: Admin Assist @ FPSD, Pacific Lutheran University, Puyallup SD

Statement: I am running for the Kent School District school Board to contribute to district decisions prioritizing academic excellence, clear communications & true community representation. As a lifelong child advocate with decades of hands on experience in education, serving the Franklin Pierce School District in Tacoma, Washington public schools as; Secretary, PTA Council & PTA President at various schools; Secretary Union President and promoting school district levy's. Also serving Pierce County Juvenile Courts; Guardian ad Litem/ CASA gal and Diversion Counselor. Before my involvement with the school district I owned and operated a licensed day care for 8 years. I understand the value of strong respectful collaboration between schools and families.

I am especially concerned about failing test scores nation wide. Our focus must return to core learning; Reading, Writing & Math. Schools must prepare students for life, not replace parents in personal matters. It would be my honor to listen to and represent the Kent School District and Community to protect the integrity of education and work towards decisions made for children to receive the foundational skills they need to succeed.

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Statement: I'm running to retain my seat on the KSD school board as a parent and community member who believes in the transformative power of education. Our schools are more than buildings—they shape futures. I will prioritize three key areas: 1. Academic Excellence – I'll advocate for resources that empower teachers and ensure all students, from kindergarten to high school, have access to modern tools and support to succeed. 2. Financial Transparency – I'll work to ensure every dollar is spent wisely and transparently, always prioritizing student needs. 3. Strong Community Connections – I'll foster open communication among families, educators, and the board, encouraging collaborative decision-making.

Together, we can create an inclusive, high-quality educational environment where every child thrives. I'm asking for your vote to serve not only on the board but to serve you and your children. Together, we can make a difference.



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Statement: Our children deserve a quality education, regardless of circumstance or status. Our Diversity should be our strength and not a boundary to our collective growth. I am running to disrupt the status quo, to enrich academics, support and raise the quality of our schools. To be fiscally responsible to our students and therefore our community. Let's make Kent Schools a place where parents want their children, and teachers fight to come to, but don't have to fight for what they need. As a proud parent of two elementary students, my parent journey within the district is just beginning. I want to ensure they, along with every other student, don't have to struggle for what should be a fundamental right. A quality education free of undue stress.

I want funding that is clear and concise, funding that rockets past the finish line without obstacle. Not just one Big, Beautiful Bond Measure promising everything under the sun, but with no clear path to success. As a Marine Corps Veteran, and proud civil servant, I have spent my entire career in public service, and now, more than ever, is the time to fight for what is right.

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Director District No. 5



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Statement: My name is Laura Jensen and I’m running for the Kent School Board position, District 5. Growing up in Kent, I experienced firsthand the value of a strong, supportive education. I want to ensure all students in our district receive the same opportunities for success that I had.

I am committed to *equitable access to education* for all students. Every child deserves the resources and support to reach their full potential. Additionally, I believe in *transparency* and *accountability* in all district decisions. Our community should be fully informed about how our schools are run and how funds are allocated. Supporting our teachers and staff is a priority for me. I spent 16 years as a para in Kent, and I know staff is essential to student success. We must ensure that staff have the resources and professional support they need. I also believe in *fiscal responsibility*—every dollar should be spent with students’ needs in mind.

As a candidate, I promise to work collaboratively, listen to the community, and advocate for the best interests of our students. I ask for your vote to help make Kent School District a place where all students thrive.

From our schools. For our schools.

Jane Smith



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Education: Bachelor’s of Science in Computer Science, University of Washington Tacoma

Occupation: Mom; Software Engineer, PayPal

Statement: I’m a Kent homeowner and mom of two. I’ve lived in Washington my entire life and established my family in Kent. I also volunteered teaching computer science in a Washington high school through the Microsoft TEALS program.

Our community has generously supported school levies, yet student outcomes remain poor. I will advocate for responsible budgeting that directs resources to students and teachers, and for policy to utilize those resources effectively. I am committed to restoring safety and structure to create schools that are conducive to learning.

I will champion a return to *academic fundamentals*, *safe sex-separated spaces*, and *order and fairness* in the classroom. I hold parents in high esteem and will work to restore their rightful role as the primary decision-makers in their children’s education. I respectfully ask for your vote to serve Kent schools.



Director District No. 5

Laura Williams



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Education: Bachelor in Math Education, University of Montana; Masters in Education, University of Washington Tacoma

Occupation: Fifteen year high school math/theater teacher; Union Executive Board

Statement: Our students, educators and families deserve strong, experienced leadership that understands the challenges inside and outside the classroom. As a veteran teacher and dedicated mom, I bring firsthand knowledge of what our schools need to succeed. I've spent years advocating for students, supporting teachers, and working to strengthen public education.

I believe in safe schools, high academic standards, and smart, transparent budgeting because every student deserves their *best education experience*. As a local graduate, I have lived the reality of our education system, and I'm ready to lead with integrity, action, and heart. Let's put our kids first and build a stronger future together.

Endorsed by Mayor Dana Ralph, all Kent City Council members, Congressman Adam Smith, Lands Commissioner Dave Upthegrove, Former Majority Leader Pat Sullivan, Speaker pro tem Chris Stearns, local and King County Democrats. I'd be honored to bring my experience to the board and earn your vote.



Director District No. 1



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Occupation: Accounting and Bookkeeping Clerk

Statement: It is written "the fear of the lord is the beginning of all wisdom"

While I do not advocate the establishment of religion in public school; nevertheless, the secularization of public education to the exclusion of all consideration of any moral truths or absolutes, has had devastating consequences since 1962.

Children are deprived the opportunity to even consider whether their own personal actions have temporal and eternal consequences; leaving children often without the simplest of reasoning abilities. Do school shooters and other children that commit senseless acts of violence and crime in and out of school against the innocent consider the consequences awaiting them after death? Are students permitted in an intelligent culturally based philosophical context to consider the existence of the human soul, and judgment?

Children, can be educated in both ways of this world as well as taught to consider the eternal one to come. And for those who say public school is no place for the teaching of personal moral values, what is the LGBTQ & social justice movements but the conveying of one set of moral values belonging to a group of people upon another. Today's children will be tomorrow's authority, teach them right from wrong

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Operations Research and Financial Engineering, Princeton University

Occupation: Northshore School District Test Proctor; President, HiCap Parents Council

Statement: As a biracial mother of four students with unique educational needs, I understand parents' challenges. I have spent years volunteering in schools, PTAs, and the HiCap Parents Council and teaching in Girl Scouts.

Northshore is a great school district and regional leader in education innovation, but is facing several challenges. With a new superintendent, we require a school board with deep experience and strong community connections. We must work together to balance our budget, fight for more state funding, rebuild our reserves, and maintain educational excellence supporting the needs of *all* learners.

It takes all of us working together to make kids and families successful. I have seen what works and what could be improved. We must better support our students' unique neurodiversities, cultural identities, and family structures to support their mental health. Students and families with different first languages need to be better assisted with translation services. I would be honored to receive your vote so I can champion these causes.

Endorsements: *Northshore Education and Office Professionals; Washington Education Association; 1st LD and Snohomish County Democrats; Sen. Derek Stanford; Reps. Davina Duerr, April Berg, and Brandy Donaghy; Mayor Mason Thompson; School Board Director Dr. Jacqueline McGourty; continued on webpage.*



Director District No. 1

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Education: MS in Mechanical Engineering, UW Seattle; BS in Mechanical Engineering, University of Delhi, India

Occupation: Technical Fellow (Distinguished Engineer) - Boeing

Statement: I am an engineer, educator, community advocate, and proud parent of two Northshore graduates—both now thriving in healthcare careers. I'm running for the Northshore School Board to support the development of the whole child, including special education and highly capable programs.

I believe in strengthening our public schools through equitable funding, fair educator compensation, expanded mental health services, rigorous academics, broader access to STEAM, and college and career readiness. I will champion inclusive, safe, and supportive schools, invest in excellent teachers and staff, and make data-informed decisions that reflect our community's values.

I support responsible budgeting with clear accountability—ensuring public funds drive measurable student outcomes, including emotional and academic growth, and life readiness. I'll also work with educators and legislators across Washington to reform the outdated prototypical funding model and expand basic education to meet every student's needs.

Drawing on my unique leadership experience across private industry, higher education, nonprofit service, and lived experience, I will fulfill my commitment to advancing the development of the whole child. Endorsements: 1st LD Democrats; Senators - Derek Stanford, Manka Dhingra and John Lovick; Representatives - Shelley Kloba, April Berg, and Bandy Donaghy; Councilmembers - King County Rod Dembowski, and Snohomish County Jared Mead

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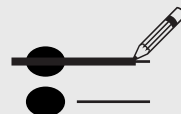
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Director District No. 4



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Occupation: Lawyer, currently have a restorative justice practice.

Statement: Serving on the Northshore School Board for the last sixteen years has been my greatest honor. While much has been accomplished in my time on the board, there is still much work to do, including advocating for our needed financial resources and making sure that each and every student feels safe, respected and valued so they can excel in the future of their choosing. With your continued support, I will bring the voices of parents, students, and educators together to ensure that our students are prepared for jobs that do not yet exist, in a world that will look dramatically different than what existed even a few years ago. I believe that every one of our students can and should be a contributing member of our community and I want to be part of the conversation of how we get there.

Endorsements – Northshore Education and Office Professionals Associations, 1st and 45th District Democrats

Sehaj
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Education: University of Washington – Political Science and Public Policy

Occupation: Public service in legal, nonprofit, healthcare, financial, and women’s protection.

Statement: Americans often talk about how important it is for the next generation to step up and get involved in politics and public service. Sehaj Dhaliwal, proud product of Northshore schools, believes now is the time, especially when it comes to safeguarding and strengthening our education system.

A core focus of her public service work has been supporting women affected by human trafficking, providing individualized recovery and education support. She is also active in library programming, cultural advocacy, youth mentorship and environmental restoration in Northshore communities.

Sehaj brings deep personal connection to the district and its students. “My education shaped who I am, and I want to make sure today’s students, and tomorrow’s, receive the same opportunities. Our generation must be at the policy table now as critical decisions about public education are being made.”

“If there’s one thing we need to get right, it’s education. Our future depends on it,” Sehaj said. “I know the district is facing real financial pressure and rising debt, but that doesn’t mean we cut what matters most. We need to protect the people and programs that directly support student learning – teachers, mental health services, extracurriculars, and academic support. These aren’t extras. They’re essentials.”



Director District No. 4

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Occupation: Music teacher 35 years, software sales, retired, passionate about education.

Statement: I am a devoted NSD grandparent and longtime resident, driven to ensure that every student reaches their potential in a safe, financially sound system. Our children's success lights a radiant future! My experience in Governance, Risk, and Compliance is the missing piece to complete the NSD diverse board. Facing NSD's \$21 million debt, I will bring fiscal accountability, and audits, making sure NSD's limited dollars educate your children to the greatest extent possible. Our focus must be academic excellence for all.

I champion your voice, empowering parents, teachers, and taxpayers to shape policies. Through transparent, community-driven decisions, we will adopt a curriculum fostering critical thinking and soft skills, preparing students to excel. We must support our great teachers and boost test scores. With \$17,000 per student annually, we can achieve excellence!

Safety is my top priority. I will fearlessly address bullying and drugs, creating schools where learning thrives. Fair athletic policies (girls versus girls, boys versus boys) will uphold safety and respect. My vision is to have vibrant, welcoming schools where students have the opportunity to soar academically and socially. With transparency, collaboration, and boundless energy, I will work to strengthen our Northshore Family. Educational excellence starts with your vote...



Director District No. 5



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Occupation: Credentialed K-12 and preschool teacher, curriculum specialist, and teacher trainer

Statement: As a teacher with over 15 years of experience in classrooms and a parent/advocate of an incoming Northshore student, I will bring a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities both students and families face in public schools.

I've designed *inclusive, rigorous* curricula and helped students close *years-wide learning gaps* across multiple subjects. Beyond my own classroom, I've led the creation of a computer science department, spearheaded mental health initiatives, trained educators nationwide on *equity-driven*, high-impact instruction, and served in leadership roles at the school and district level.

As your representative, I will champion the policies, practices, and funding that ensure Northshore students and educators succeed—from smaller class sizes and mental health supports to creating inclusive and welcoming learning environments *for all learners*. I'll tirelessly work to rebuild our financial reserves through sustainable funding, locally and at the state level. I'll work to ensure that every child has access to the exceptional resources and opportunities they need to succeed, including access to special education, arts, technology, and college and career-ready skills. I humbly ask for your vote.

Endorsements: Washington Education Association (WEA), *Northshore's educator's unions* (NSEA and NEOPA), 45th District Democrats, Sen. Derek Stanford, Woodinville City Councilmember Michelle Evans

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Occupation: Full Time Parent, Community Organizer, Nonprofit Board Member, Technical PM

Statement: I believe that together we can make public education the place where every child learns to thrive. My children's challenges revealed weaknesses in the system that must be strengthened for all students. Becoming a full-time parent supporting my blended family has shown me how we can evolve and innovate to meet every learner's needs.

I'm excited to build on my strong community connections to help our new superintendent grow lasting partnerships across Northshore. I've served our community as VP of Advocacy for Northshore Council PTSA, founding leader of the Northshore Special Education Community PTSA, HiCap Council, PTA President, Financial Advisory Committee, and more. I've introduced thousands of students to coding through IGNITE Worldwide and TEALS.

I will continue to advocate in Olympia and beyond for the vital funding our educators need to prepare every student for success.

For over 15 years as a Technical PM, I led initiatives to ensure quality and legal compliance, secure products on millions of computers, and cultivate a diverse and inclusive culture. I'll bring these skills—holding powerful parties accountable and building trust through honest conversations—to the school board. With your support, we can build schools where every student belongs and thrives. #WeAreNorthshore #EveryoneBelongs #FundPublicSchool



Director District No. 5

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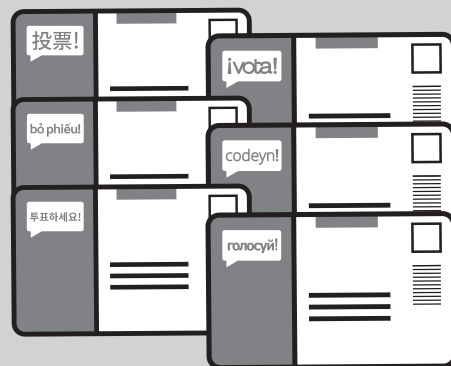
Occupation: past: Hewlett Packard, Motorola, Texas Instruments, HS Teacher. Present: Parliamentarian

Statement: Our State Superintendent of Public Instruction is opposed to Parents Rights but he is in favor of allowing boys in girls' bathrooms, locker rooms and allowing boys in girls' sports. Our state is risking losing billions of dollars in federal funds by refusing to comply with the federal Title IX Rights of a half million girls.

A joint Dept. of Education/DOJ Task Force is currently investigating our OSPI for this violation. Multiple Washington school districts have reported that OSPI is requiring school boards to adopt policies that allow males to participate in female sports and occupy female intimate facilities, *all Title IX violations*.

Parents in the Northshore School District have a powerful voice through their school board directors. Local boards can uphold Title IX and ensure our girls' rights are respected. It's crucial for parents to engage actively—attend school board meetings, in conversations with coaches, and most importantly your daughters.

I have been an active parent and grandparent in the Northshore School District for *35 years*. I will advocate for the responsible allocation of public resources, transparency and accountability to the laws and policies that support high-quality education. *I ask for your Vote!*



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Director District No. 2



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Occupation: Business Development Executive

Statement: It's not enough to be a good person and have the best interest of our students and community at heart. I've watched the last eight years while well intentioned board members failed to arrest a downward spiral of enrollment and academic rigor.

I have two children enrolled in SPS; I've been active on the PTA boards of all the schools my kids attend, and I follow the school board meetings online and have made a few testimonies in person. I was sympathetic to the very real funding crisis that stems from outdated state policy. But I've come to see that many of our problems are not funding related, and have straightforward direction and operational steps to turn things around.

I will see that we increase school autonomy and focus the administration back on lifting up those that need extra help, rather than holding back those who are able to charge ahead. I'll secure the option for schools to bring back advanced class work and reasonable levels of home work and challenging assignments that push our kids to grow.

Nobody should fall between the cracks; I will assemble people into action groups and connect them with district staff to solve problems. I will also help SPS stop jilting families with last minute announcements.

I will put in place a better roll-up escalation process aimed at enabling excellence and clearing blockers that are holding each school back. And I will help the district get creative at using technology and AI to carry some of the repetitive work load of our overtasked teachers in order to facilitate more personal student attention.

Sarah Clark



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Occupation: Director of Policy, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Statement: Students deserve school leaders that listen and are proactive, not reactive, in their decision making. *I am that leader.* As an alumna of Seattle Public Schools, a woman of color and low-income first-generation college student, I am intimately familiar with the systemic barriers students face in SPS and I will fight for the success of all our students.

My lived experience, Buddhist practice, education, and the systemic racism and trauma I've had to overcome guide my perspective and I've dedicated my career in public policy to fighting for real racial equity for students and educators within education systems. I believe in collaboration and community engagement, and have worked with and for diverse communities, including progressive policy think tanks, non-profit advocacy organizations and the business community.

After years of watching SPS decline, unsuccessful advocacy from the outside, and spending a year in office understanding the real issues and listening to our community, I believe *I am the candidate who can best deliver the change students and parents want and need.* My perspective, roots in our community and systems change background is needed to turn SPS around. I want our students to have the physical safety, and mental and emotional support they deserve, equitable access to excellent academic programs and services, and preparation to take on life post-graduation.

The status quo has sustained a \$100M budget crisis, declined enrollment and academic rigor, increased inequities and neglected student safety. *This is unacceptable.* I will work with community, bring back transparency, common sense governance, fiscal management, and policies and programs that put students' needs first. I humbly ask for your vote.

Endorsements: 36th District Democrats, 46th District Democrats, King County Democrats, and current and former school board members Joe Mizrahi, Gina Topp, Dick Lilly, Vivian Song-Maritz, Lisa Rivera, Stephan Blanford, Peter Maier, Michael DeBell



Director District No. 2

Kathleen Smith



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Occupation: Data Scientist, Microsoft Corporation; previously Lecturer, University of Colorado, Boulder

Statement: As a parent of two incoming SPS students and multi-generational Washingtonian, I am committed to our schools and teachers. With years of classroom teaching experience, I bring a strong foundation in education, coupled with expertise in math and data science to ensure a data-driven, analytical approach to school board decisions. My current work focuses on AI and emerging technologies. I have seen compelling cases of AI used well but am also familiar with its pitfalls. If elected, I would bring valuable perspective on AI's potential in education.

While I recognize the financial challenges facing our district, the current approach of closing schools is needlessly disruptive. Worse, closing schools has not successfully resolved funding gaps in other cities, and the lack of transparency in decision-making has eroded trust within our community. Furthermore, unclear waitlist management weakens confidence in the system and can artificially deflate the enrollment numbers used to justify school closures.

As a parent, I know that there are many reasons to sustain neighborhood schools. Walkable schools build children's independence, well-being, and sense of place, while reduced car traffic improves safety and eases congestion, benefiting families and the community. If closures are unavoidable, I hope to explore consolidating elementary and middle schools into K-8 institutions, an alternate model that could address many of SPS's stated reasons for school closures.

As a board member, I will advocate for a more open, collaborative decision-making process and explore solutions beyond school closures. While systemic change takes time, I recognize the strengths within our schools and aim to preserve what works. I will listen to teachers, back up policy recommendations with data, and work to share the data and increase transparency.

The statements I offer represent my own personal views. I am speaking for myself and not on behalf of my employer, Microsoft Corporation.



Director District No. 4



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Statement: Public education is our nation's most valuable investment and greatest democratic asset. Every student deserves a safe, supportive, and equitable learning environment. Seattle Public Schools require bold leadership. I will prioritize our children's safety and well-being, actively listen to families and educators, and advocate for informed and courageous action to address opportunity and academic gaps.

I'm running because I believe in a school district that serves all students, particularly those who have historically been marginalized by our systems. As a lifelong student of public education, I've witnessed both its potential and its inequalities. I've navigated special education systems and systemic barriers and have fought to ensure that others receive the resources and support they need to thrive.

Professionally, I've conducted neuroscience research at MIT and led community outreach initiatives serving low-income and immigrant families. I've coordinated emergency response efforts, mentored underrepresented students in STEM, and advocated for environmental sustainability and equity in public services. These experiences have taught me how to listen deeply and mobilize resources strategically.

As your School Board Director, I will fight for transparent budgeting, robust student support services, and meaningful engagement with families across all communities. I will advocate for policies that empower community voices, uphold integrity, and align our shared values with practical, people-centered solutions that prepare every child for a thriving future.

This moment demands leadership rooted in lived experience and a deep belief in the power of public education. It would be my honor to serve this community and contribute to the strengthening of the institutions that uphold our democratic values.

I respectfully ask for your vote.



Director District No. 4



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Statement: I'm honored to serve as your District 4 representative on the Seattle School Board. As a first-generation American, a parent of three Seattle Public Schools students, and a longtime labor leader, I bring a deep commitment to educational equity, fiscal responsibility, and community-centered leadership.

Appointed during a time of significant budget challenges, I've drawn on years of experience managing multimillion-dollar budgets to advocate for responsible financial strategies that prioritize student learning and stability. When dramatic school closures were proposed, I worked with my colleagues, families, and staff to navigate these challenges—helping to prevent devastating disruptions for thousands of students and families.

My upbringing, along with my parents' experience as special education teachers, taught me the value of inclusive education and the importance of fighting for every child's right to succeed. I understand the real-life consequences of underfunded schools, and I'm committed to expanding access to inclusive, high-quality academic and support programs across Seattle.

In my first months on the board, I've worked to strengthen transparency and rebuild trust. I've prioritized open communication with families, educators, and school communities, and I've listened deeply to what our students need to thrive.

I'm committed to continuing that work—addressing our budget crisis with equity-focused solutions, building stronger partnerships between schools and families, expanding inclusive education, and advocating for the funding our students deserve. Together, we can build a district where every child has the tools to learn, grow, and reach their full potential. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving our students and communities.

Endorsed: 36th, 46th, and King County Democrats; Governor Ferguson; Congresswoman Jayapal; County Councilmembers Dembowski, Mosqueda, Zahilay; State Legislators Frame, Reed, Berry, Scott, Macri; Seattle Public Schools Board President Topp and Directors Clark, Hersey; King County Labor, and unions representing thousands of working families; and many more!

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Statement: I graduated from a public high school in a Washington school district that failed to pass its levy for nearly a decade. My husband is also a teacher in Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and we are from immigrant families. I coach in SPS and try to substitute teach two weeks a year. As such, I have a strong understanding of chronic mismanagement in our school systems.

In high school, to combat this mismanagement I helped found my district's first citizen's budget review committee. The committee ushered in 12 years of passed levies. Clearly, community voice and involvement are paramount for school and student success.

The biggest problem at SPS is that the school board has abdicated its authority and no longer involves the community in its decision-making process. The board has moved to one public meeting a month instead of its historical two, has hired outside consultants from Texas at exorbitant costs to lead the district, and fails to listen to parent, student, and community needs. This is the underlying problem that led to budget deficits, decreased enrollment, and failed programming.

In my first 90 days I will 1) return the school board to two traditional public meetings a month; 2) found an SPS citizen's budget review committee to involve the public in yearly budget audits, recommendations, and levies; 3) fire the Texas consultants; and 4) set individual meetings with at least 100 parents, teachers, and principals.

Once the community is involved, the next step is to reevaluate high academic expectations, strong yet equitable disciplinary procedures, and increased access to option schools.

I grew up extremely poor, but public schools saved my life. I now own two small businesses and have a strong background in accounting. Our students deserve the same opportunities. Thank you for your vote.



Director District No. 4

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Statement: We have the future of our society in our classrooms today! Seattle’s families deserve leadership that listens and puts students first. Too often, major decisions are made by a board who doesn’t understand what’s happening inside our classrooms or in our homes. That disconnect has led to confusion, mistrust, and policies that fail to reflect what students and families actually need. I’m running for School Board to change that dynamic— and bring transparency, accountability, and student-centered thinking back the forefront.

I’m a Mother of four, an educator, an artist, and a lifelong advocate for students furthest from educational justice. I have experience teaching in overcrowded classrooms, supporting special education and multilingual programs, working alongside families navigating systemic barriers, consistently recognizing individual needs, and protecting our most vulnerable students and access to option programs. I’ve seen how top-down decisions can leave students behind and know that real solutions start with listening, not assuming.

I am the only educator in this race. That real-world experience is missing from our current leadership and urgently needed now more than ever. As someone who understands both the classroom and the community, I’m prepared to leverage that insight to ask better questions and demand thoughtful answers that center students.

The board’s recent actions have left many communities feeling unsafe, unheard, and unwelcome. We need leadership that plans responsibly, communicates clearly, and puts student wellbeing ahead of political convenience. I will be present, have difficult conversations, and ensure students and families have a real voice in decisions impacting their lives.

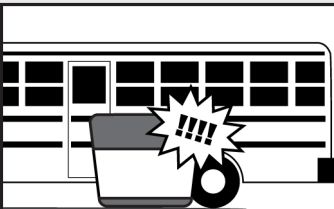
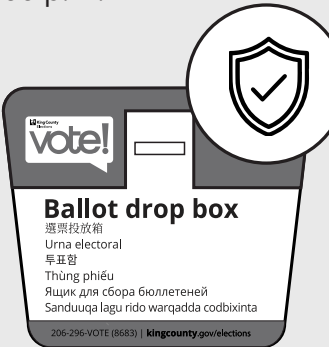
Proudly endorsed by community leaders, educators, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal, NWPC/LD36/LD11/KCDems and more. They know I bring a culturally inclusive approach and a record of showing up when it matters most.

I’m ready to lead with integrity, focus, and care. I’d be honored to earn your vote.

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Director District No. 5



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Statement: Public education transformed my life. I started as an English as Second Language student with a hearing disability. Thanks to dedicated teachers, I'm the first woman in my family to earn a college degree. As a Seattle Public Schools parent, finance professional, and former School Board Director, I'm stepping up to serve at a time when the district faces major decisions about a new Superintendent, a \$100M budget deficit, and its future direction.

I bring steady, experienced leadership, budgeting and financial expertise, and deep roots in school communities to navigate challenges with accountability and a needed focus on student outcomes. We must protect and invest in programs that keep students engaged and push for long-term planning, not short-term cuts. I'm ready to work for you and our 49,000 students — from the Central District to Montlake, Capitol Hill to Leschi, and across Seattle.

Here's what I will do: *Bring clarity and oversight to our budget* to ensure equity, accountability, and stability. *Safeguard schools* from arbitrary cuts and closure plans. *Pursue academic excellence for all kids*, inclusive special education, advanced learning, career pathways. *Invest in mental health*, gun violence prevention, and safety at schools. *Stand up to Trump's attacks* on our schools, LGBTQ+ students, and families like mine who came to this country to seek education and opportunity.

We deserve schools that prepare *every* child to reach their potential. With experience, community ties, and a deep belief in the power of public education, I'm ready to help lead us forward.

I would be honored to earn your support and vote.

Endorsements: King County Democrats; Senate Majority Leader Jamie Pedersen; Mayor Bruce Harrell; City Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth; County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda; SPS Board President Gina Topp; Directors Sarah Clark, Joe Mizrahi; Kay Smith-Blum, Lisa Rivera (fmr.); students, parents, educators, and community leaders!

Vivian van Gelder

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Education: B.A., LL.B.; Certificate in Education Finance

Occupation: Director of Policy and Research at Southeast Seattle Education Coalition

Statement: As a parent, advocate, former PTA leader and an education policy expert, I know what it takes to make real change in our schools. If elected to the Seattle School Board, I will help rebuild our district to ensure a high-quality education for all our students.

Right now, our district doesn't meet the needs of all students. We can change this broken system. I recently published a well-received report detailing how our district's problems have developed over the past four decades, and I've created a roadmap for a better future. I understand how we got to where we are today, and I know the frustrations of people wanting to better serve our students in a system that isn't set up for success. We can and must do better.

It's time for a change. Our school district is at a crossroads, and we need new people on the Board who can steer us toward a hopeful future for all of Seattle's students. We need more than a candidate with good intentions; we need a candidate with the knowledge to turn good intentions into successful schools.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.



Director District No. 5



Landon Labosky



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Education: Boise State University: Masters in Public Administration - State and Local Policy; BA in Communication

Occupation: Manager, Aquatics - City of Covington

Statement: I am the proud son of two lifelong educators and a product of public schools—from kindergarten through putting myself through graduate school. My experience has shown me the value of a strong public education system, and I've also seen the consequences when we fail to invest in our youth.

Seattle Public Schools faces a projected \$90+ million budget shortfall for the 2025–2026 school year. The current school board has been presented with limited options: closing schools, cutting staff who directly support students, or applying short-term fixes that ignore systemic issues. This is unacceptable. Our community deserves bold, responsive leadership and a vision for long-term solutions.

For over a decade, I've worked in youth development and advocacy. I've managed complex budgets and led high-performing teams through difficult challenges. These experiences have prepared me to serve on the Seattle School Board with integrity and urgency. I will prioritize: Listening to students and families about their specific needs at each school site. This must be a central focus moving forward. Creating a transparent, understandable budget. Our community deserves clarity and accountability in how public dollars are spent. Partnering with the City of Seattle and King County to improve school safety. No student or parent should fear for their safety at school, and this work requires collaboration across institutions.

With your vote, we can change the trajectory of our school district. We can grow enrollment, meet the needs of *every* student, and build a thriving, equitable public school system—but I can't do this alone. I'll need your support.

I'm honored to be early endorsed by the LGBTQ+ Victory Fund, Freedom From Religion Foundation, and Democratic Municipal Officials. Let's work together to build the future our students deserve.

Allycea Weil



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Education: Bachelors of Science in Communications

Occupation: Filmmaker

Statement: Every child deserves to be seen, supported, and set up for success — no matter their zip code or background. I'm a longtime Seattle Public Schools parent, a fierce advocate for equity, and someone who knows what it's like to grow up with housing instability, empty shelves at home, and teachers who made all the difference.

I'm running for school board because SPS is and has been in crisis — and our kids can't afford more leadership turnover, budget missteps, or broken trust. Families have felt abused and neglected by the district. They faced wait-lists, shifting boundaries, threatened closures, and a remote learning experience that deepened inequities. We need urgent, accountable leadership.

I'll fight to stabilize leadership, protect equity-focused programs from cuts, and bring transparency to budgeting and enrollment decisions. I'll partner with educators, families, local government, and students themselves to rebuild the district from the inside out.

This work isn't abstract to me. I've lived the data points we talk about in meetings. I've walked my kids through this system. I know what's at stake. Together, we can build a district that is sustainable, innovative, and deeply rooted in justice. I'm ready to get to work.



Director District No. 5

Julissa Sanchez



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Education: BA Latin American Studies, Double Minor Human Rights & Law, Society, & Justice at UW

Occupation: Director of Advocacy, Choose180; Parent; Board Member; Seattle Renter's Commissioner

Statement: *Issues Facing Seattle Public Schools*

Our public schools are at a turning point. Families across our district — of every race, language, and income level — want schools where their children are safe, challenged, and prepared for the future. Students from immigrant, Black, Brown, and multilingual communities bring valuable perspectives, experiences, and cultural strengths that enrich our schools. I believe that when we build on the strengths of all our students, we create an environment where every child can thrive.

Who I am, Julissa Sanchez

I'm running because I know what it's like to grow up in our schools feeling invisible. I am a former ESL student, the daughter of immigrants and a Mexican American Chicana, and current renter who grew up in the Central District.

As a graduate of SPS Interagency Academy, I understand firsthand the challenges students face. My son is enrolled at Garfield HS. In my role at CHOOSE180, I lead efforts to empower youth, advocate for policy reform, and create systemic change, ensuring all students have the support they need to succeed.

Like so many students today, I navigated a school system that wasn't designed for me — where my potential was too often overlooked. I'm running because I want something different for today's students: schools where every child feels seen, supported, and empowered to succeed. *My Commitment to Community* I will work to build trust between the district and the communities I serve. I understand the strength of community and the importance of belonging and transparency. I'll bring bilingual, bicultural leadership to the board, actively listening to youth and families, ensuring the district remains accountable to them. I am dedicated to creating policies that reflect the voices of youth and families, ensuring that every decision prioritizes their needs. I hope to earn your vote.

Janis White



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Education: JD, Boston University School of Law; BA in History, Oberlin College

Occupation: Disability Advocate and Founder, All Youth Belong; Trial Lawyer, Fidelity

Statement: Schools must be places where every child is empowered to succeed. I'm running to challenge the status quo, hold leadership accountable, and bring people together to find solutions.

We are facing a budget crisis. Unfortunately, the district previously proposed closing dozens of schools, including TOPS K-8 where my children went to school, and I served as President of the Site Council. As our School Board director I will fight for transparent budgeting, with a focus on early, meaningful, and frequent engagement with impacted communities, so we can avoid devastating school closures.

The closure of High Achievement programs is leading to declining enrollment that exacerbates budget issues. I will work to bring back these programs and keep as many kids as possible in our public school system.

1 in 5 kids in our K-12 schools are struggling with anxiety, depression and other mental health challenges. Delivering more mental health counselors, increasing access to group therapy, and addressing the use of cell phones in schools is a top priority.

As a parent of students with disabilities, I have seen firsthand how Seattle Public Schools has often failed to meet the needs of all students, regardless of their background or abilities. Teachers, staff, and administrators want to do the right thing— but they need stronger guidance and support. I will bring experience supporting kids with disabilities that is sorely needed on the School Board.

Whether it was as Board President of the Seattle Special Education PTSA or founding a nonprofit organization to increase inclusion and belonging for disabled youth, I have been fighting for Seattle's students and families for more than two decades. Together, we can support all students to achieve success. Endorsements: See all endorsements at <https://www.janisforseattleschools.com>



Director District No. 3

Charles Simpson



Education: Tukwila School Educated

Occupation: Automotive Locksmith

Statement: My name is Charles Simpson, and I am honored to serve as Vice President of the Tukwila School District Board. With a deep commitment to our community and a focus on fiscal responsibility, I am dedicated to ensuring that every student receives a high-quality education in a safe and supportive environment.

In my role, I have prioritized:

Balanced Budgeting: Navigating our district through financial challenges with a focus on sustainability and resource allocation that directly benefits students and educators. **Transparency and Accountability:** Fostering open communication with families, staff, and the community to build trust and ensure that decisions reflect our shared values. Together, we can continue to build a district that is financially stable and prepares all students for success. I respectfully ask for your continued support as we work towards a brighter future for our students and community. Sincerely, Charles Simpson Vice President, Tukwila School District Board

Brandon Eastman



Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: I'm running to represent parents and families across TSD. I've attended nearly every school board meeting over the past two years and have worked to understand the district's funding challenges and budget realities. As we move toward rebuilding, I believe it's essential that parents and students have a voice in shaping that future.

I currently serve as the lead for the Parent Advisory Committee, where I advocate for families and communicate their concerns and hopes. With three young daughters, I'll be part of the TSD community for many years and am committed to helping create a strong, inclusive future for all students.

I've come to truly value how special TSD is and have made it a priority to support its vibrant and caring community, and would be honored to be able to advocate for it as a School Board Director.

Ara Papyan



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Education: Bachelor's in Business Administration, University of Washington, Tacoma; Master's in Business Administration, Seattle University

Occupation: Director of Budget and Operations, Seattle University

Statement: I was raised in Tukwila, educated in Tukwila, and I still call this city home. From elementary through Foster High, our schools helped shape who I am. I'm running for School Board to ensure every student receives the opportunity to thrive in a safe, supportive, and future-ready learning environment while making cost efficient decisions that strengthen our schools without compromising quality.

For over a decade, I've led financial and operational strategy in higher education. I currently manage multimillion-dollar budgets at Seattle University. With Tukwila schools facing a major budget crisis, we need leadership that's not only experienced with numbers but deeply cares to the people behind them.

Our district faces a serious financial crisis. We need informed leadership to restore stability, embrace innovation, and build pathways to success. High-achieving students deserve access to rigorous coursework, cutting-edge technology, programs that prepare them for college and the workforce. Website: Papyan.Carrrd.Co



Commissioner Position No. 2



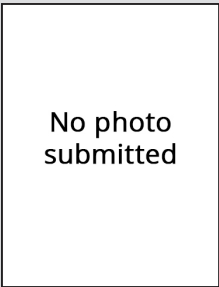
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Commissioner Position No. 2

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Juarez



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Education: Pursuing B.S. in Communications, Western Governors University
Occupation: Communications, Washington State Legislature; Speech and Debate Coach

Statement: Through many years of involvement in civic leadership and service as a Federal Way city commissioner, Juan has seen firsthand how essential infrastructure and transparent governance are to building thriving communities where families can prosper. His experience in government communications, public outreach, and community leadership has prepared him to serve you effectively as Lakehaven Water and Sewer Commissioner.

As your commissioner, he will ensure Lakehaven maintains its fiscal responsibility while investing wisely in the infrastructure that delivers clean water and reliable service to your home every day. His work translating policy materials has given him firsthand knowledge of government operations and clear communication between public utilities and residents.

His campaign experience and speech and debate background have sharpened his ability to advocate effectively for policies that benefit our communities. As a current student at Western Governors University, he understands responsible stewardship of public resources.

With his government communications experience, bilingual capabilities, and dedication to transparent representation, he is ready to ensure Lakehaven continues providing reliable, affordable service. Together, we can keep Lakehaven on solid financial ground while ensuring every resident has access to clean, safe water. Elect Juan Juarez to deliver on these commitments.

Ilya
Kukhar



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Education: Common Sense
Occupation: Nonsense Eliminator
Statement: Vote for me or else you want dirty water.



Commissioner Position No. 4



Daniel Kukhar



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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: President, Kukhr's Build Inc

Statement: I am dedicated to preserving our community's exceptional water quality and affordability. Our water tastes great, a testament to the outstanding work of our skilled and knowledgeable staff who manage our water and sewer systems with expertise. They are doing a great job, and I have no intention of interfering with their proven success. As an immigrant, I deeply understand the challenges of a high cost of living and the sacrifices families make when prices rise. With inflation driving up costs for everyone, my primary goal as commissioner will be to keep water rates steady, ensuring residents continue to enjoy high-quality water without added financial strain. Vote for me to support affordability, excellence, and the talented team keeping our systems running smoothly.

Laura Belvin



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Education: Master of Public Administration, California Baptist, 2019, M.S. Civil Engineering, UW 1988, B.S.C.E, 1985

Occupation: Lakehaven Commissioner, previously professional civil engineer, non-profit business owner, educator

Statement: It has been a privilege to serve you as your Lakehaven Commissioner over the past five years. I am passionate about water and the Federal Way community. I bring skills in public administration, engineering, leadership and community service to lead the utility.

We have kept our rates among the lowest in the region, and have obtained a AAA bond rating through enacting sound fiscal policies.

The utility needs strong, sensible, qualified leadership by those who understand the needs of the community. I am a professional engineer with master's degrees in Public Administration and Civil Engineering (focused on hydraulics and hydrology). Good engineering and planning are essential for the reliable water and sewer service that we all enjoy, and I bring this perspective to the board.

I care about our customers, and I work hard to promote policies which meet needs, and keep us safe and informed. I have served the community as chair of the Federal Way Parks Commission, and have led in several non-profit community organizations for over 30 years. I am motivated to provide great service and maintain our assets with reasonable rates. I humbly ask for your vote to continue serving Federal Way on the Lakehaven Board.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Shura Grigorenko



Education: Studied Business Management & Marketing at the University of Washington

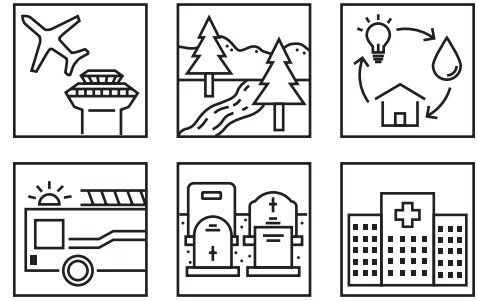
Occupation: Management & Marketing at BM

Statement: Im Shura Grigorenko, and I'm running to serve you as the next Lakehaven Water & Sewer Commissioner, Position 4. Imigrated from Ukraine in 2000, riased in the Federal Way/Auburn area, and I'm committed to keeping our essential services safe, affordable, and reliable.

I studied Business Managment and Marketing at the University of Washington and currently work in Management & Marketing at Boyko Motors in Federal Way. My background includes experience in quality control, customer service, and leadership- skills i will bring to the board to ensure accountability and smart decision making.

Outside of work, I stay connected to our community through church and local volunteer efforts. As a husband and father, I care deeply about the future of our region and want to make sure it's well prepared for the next generation.

If elected, I will focus on: Protecting water quality and infrastructure; Using ratepayer funds responsibly; Planning ahead for sustainable growth Im not a politician- I'm your neighbor, and I'm ready to serve, I'd be honored to earn your vote. Vote Shura Grigorenko for Commissioner, Pos. 4



Special Purpose Districts are Extra Special

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

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

Proposition No. 1**Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Levy**

The King County Council adopted Ordinance No. 19922 replacing the expiring parks levy. If approved, this proposition supports county, city, park district, and town parks, open space, and trails; recreation; public pools; and educational and civic venues. It authorizes an additional six-year property tax beginning in 2026 at \$0.2329 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, uses the 2026 levy amount to compute annual increases in 2027-2031 by the King County inflation plus population index or chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater, and exempts qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 98.



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 would authorize an additional regular property tax levy to replace an expiring levy and would fund King County's system of parks, trails, and open space. Levy proceeds would also be used for operations, maintenance, and facility improvement projects for county, town, city, and park district parks, and for grant programs and community partnerships throughout the County supporting healthy communities and parks, aquatic facilities, ballfield preservation and access, climate resilience, and youth and amateur sports. The levy would further provide funding for Woodland Park Zoo; Seattle Aquarium; Memorial Stadium; Seattle's Waterfront Park; Pacific Science Center; recreation facilities; and acquisition, conservation, and stewardship of additional open space and forests.

The levy would have a duration of six years beginning in 2026. The rate in the first year would be limited at just over 23 cents (\$0.2329) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the prior year's assessed valuation. For a property with an assessed valuation of \$844,000, the maximum rate would be approximately \$16.38 per month in the first year. The dollar amount of the levy collected in the first year would be the base for computing annual increases for years 2027 – 2031 which would be limited by the greater of: (1) the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County office of economic and financial analysis; or (2) the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation. The levy would include an exemption for qualifying seniors, veterans and others under RCW 84.36.381 and provision for a levy oversight board.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Rod Dembowski, Tracy Myers, Susan Pappalardo
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This measure renews funding for more than 250 parks, playfields, swimming pools, and hands-on learning destinations, in every city and across rural King County. Your vote will fund essential maintenance, update restrooms and playgrounds, expand ballfields and sport courts, provide programs for families, and improve safety with additional park rangers.

Healthy and Safe Places to Play and Learn– For All: Our parks, playgrounds, ballfields, trails and swimming pools are essential places for kids to play, learn to swim, and for our communities to gather, recreate and enjoy nature.

Protecting our Forests, Water, and Climate: As our region continues to grow, it is essential that we act now to preserve and protect our last forests, farmlands, open spaces and waterways. This levy protects these treasured landscapes, and provides a model for regional climate action.

Equitable Investments in Trails and Parks: Your Yes vote will expand our regional trail system, improve access to popular hiking and biking areas, and provide direct resources for parks and playfields for cities large and small.

Accountable and Impactful: This measure builds on over two decades of successful levies, and will cost an average homeowner around \$2.50 more per month than the current, expiring levy - a small investment in our health, environment, and quality of life. Levy investments are independently audited for accountability with annual public reporting from the Parks Oversight Committee.

This renewal is endorsed by Executive Braddock and Mayors countywide, city and county council members, The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, WA Trails Association, Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, Mountains to Sound Greenway, League of Women Voters, Seattle Parks Foundation, *SplashForward*, KC Play Equity Coalition, unions, and more!

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

Property Tax for Democracy Voucher Program

The Mayor and Seattle City Council passed Ordinance 127204, concerning funding for Seattle's Democracy Voucher Program.

If approved, this proposition would replace an expiring levy to fund the City's Democracy Voucher Program that provides public funds to participating candidates for certain elected offices. Levy funding would also cover Program administration costs.

It authorizes a ten-year levy for collection beginning in 2026 of an additional \$0.015/\$1,000 assessed value, for a maximum total levy rate of \$2.27/\$1,000. 2026's levy amount would be the base for subsequent levies through 2035. RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 103.



You will be voting
Yes or No
on Proposition No. 1

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Seattle Proposition 1, which would replace an expiring Democracy Voucher Program levy if approved, is expected to raise approximately \$45,000,000 over ten years for the Program's funding purposes. Seattle's Democracy Voucher Program provides four \$25 Democracy Vouchers to each Seattle voter per city election, assignable to and redeemable by candidates for Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney, who agree to particular campaign spending and contribution limits. Money from this levy would cover costs associated with the program, such as providing funding for campaign contributions backed by Democracy Vouchers, voucher printing and mailing, administrative staff, public outreach, and voucher processing costs.

In 2026, the first year of this proposition's collection, no more than \$4,500,000 would be raised. The additional tax rate associated with this proposition's increase for each property owner would be approximately \$0.015 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and the maximum rate for the total levy would be \$2.27/\$1,000. RCW 84.36.381 allows levies to include a property tax exemption for senior citizens and disabled persons. This levy includes that exemption.

Without voter-approved levies, the City is generally limited by state law to increasing annual property taxes by no more than one percent above the highest amount that the City could have received in the prior year. After this levy expires with 2035 collections, that one percent maximum increase would be calculated as if this proposition had not been passed.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

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Vote Yes on Proposition 1 for People Powered Elections!

Seattle’s Democracy Voucher Program is a proven tool that empowers residents of every income, race, and age to elect candidates accountable to all of us—not just wealthy donors. Since it launched, small donor participation has skyrocketed, and the share of campaign dollars from big money and out-of-city donors has plummeted. Campaign funders now better reflect the city’s income and racial demographics, and more candidates—especially women, people of color, and renters—can compete by running people-powered campaigns.

At a time of deep national concern about the health of our democracy, Seattle can lead by example. For about \$13 a year per median homeowner, we can empower everyday people to support candidates they believe in—even if they can’t afford to give. Eliminating democracy vouchers would reverse the progress we’ve made—just as billionaires pour more money into elections across the country.

Proposition 1 is supported by trusted organizations across the city, including the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, LiUNA Local 242, OneAmerica Votes, Washington Bus, the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, Washington CAN, and more. Keep Seattle of, by, and for the people. Vote Yes on Proposition 1!

Statement in opposition

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Seattle’s Democracy Voucher Program is a flawed attempt to reduce big money’s influence in campaign financing using an unnecessary tax on citizens in a city that is already unaffordable.

With only 4.72% participation in 2023, most vouchers go unused, showing a lack of interest in the program. Administrative costs from 2016 to 2023 hit \$6.4 million to distribute just \$9.4 million, wasting the hard-earned money of taxpayers on an unnecessary tax. In the last mayoral election, one candidate hired consultants to harvest vouchers, collecting more vouchers than votes, finishing a distant sixth. Receipts for the campaign show non-campaign-related items like headphones, proving the system can be gamed.

In 2023, Political Action Committees spent over \$1 million, overshadowing voucher contributions and undermining the program’s purpose. A 2017 lawsuit raised First Amendment concerns with the program. The first-come, first-served system also benefits incumbents over challengers.

Seattle’s Democracy Voucher Program is inefficient, underutilized, and fails to curb big money’s influence. Seattleites are forced to pay a tax, in an already unaffordable city, to fund political campaigns where most of the money doesn’t even get used. The city should return the money to the taxpayers. Let’s start by ending the program.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Opponents of this program are the rich donors driving PAC spending. Seattle now leads all other major cities in resident participation thanks to democracy vouchers. More people are giving—and running for office—because this program mitigates the influence of wealthy donors and outside interests.

Democracy vouchers are also funded by one of the smallest levies in history. At a time when democracy faces unprecedented threats, Seattle must continue to lead. Yes on Prop 1!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Contrary to supporters’ claims of the program’s popularity, Seattle’s Democracy Voucher Program has low participation, under 5% in 2023. Big money still dominates via unregulated PACs, undermining the program’s intent and demonstrating the program hasn’t leveled the playing field. Candidates exploit the system, some collecting more vouchers than votes. If Seattle wants to get big money out of politics and ensure transparency, then propose legislation to ban PAC money from elections or pass other reforms.

Proposition No. 1

One-Year
Supplemental Levy for
Educational Programs
and Operations

The Board of Directors of Shoreline School District No. 412 adopted Resolution 2025-7, concerning supplemental funding for educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would, subject to recent legislative changes taking effect, authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes for one year, on all taxable property within the District, to supplement the final year of the existing educational programs and operations levy that expires at the end of 2026:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Supplemental Levy Amount
2026	\$0.34	\$7,250,000

all as provided in Resolution 2025-7.
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
on Proposition No. 1

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

Explanatory statement

Washington State law allows voters to approve a supplemental levy for educational programs and operations when the legislature increases the maximum levy authority for school districts. In the 2025 legislative session, the Washington legislature passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2049, which increases the maximum levy authority for school districts.

As a result of this recent legislative change, passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Shoreline Public Schools to supplement the final year of the existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026.

If the voters of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park approve the one-year supplemental levy, the taxes collected in 2026 will fund a portion of the educational programs and operations not fully funded by the State of Washington. These include instructional and support staff, staff pay and training, transportation, and programs such as special education, athletics, and other extracurricular activities.

The proposed one-year supplemental educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$7,250,000 in 2026. The levy rate required to produce this amount is estimated to be \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206-296-3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Jenny Skytta, Malorie Larson, Sarah Crowder
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Public education is a shared investment. Even if your family is not a past, current, or future public school attendee, we all benefit from an educated society. Shoreline and LFP voters have a long history of supporting public education. That support is one reason our cities consistently attract young families.

According to OSPI data, Shoreline SD outperforms the state in both graduation rate (91.8% vs. 82.8%) and averages for college and grade level learning in English, Math, and Science. Shoreline SD is teaching the essentials and doing it better than most.

Yet, our district is struggling to meet basic needs. Since 2020, gaps in state funding have cost our district \$132M to fund vital services like special education, utilities, insurance, transportation and staffing. Our public schools are dealing with rising costs from inflation, years of underfunding by state lawmakers, and are at risk of losing federal dollars.

Shoreline SD faces a \$6.5M deficit. The estimated \$7.25M over two school years would provide vital support amid financial and political challenges. A yes vote supports students of *all* backgrounds and helps prevent staff cuts, larger classes, and fewer extracurriculars. If passed, the tax rate will be *lower* in 2026 (\$3.13) than in 2025 (\$3.21) per \$1,000, due to broader tax distribution from property growth in Shoreline and LFP.

Multiple internal and external audits of Shoreline SD have all concluded that without an increase in revenue, drastic cuts must be made. Our government should fulfill their constitutional duty to provide ample education for *all* children. Until then, a levy is the best option to protect Shoreline and LFP schools.

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. The committee in opposition withdrew from the process 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

Levy Lid Lift for Healthcare Services

The Commission of King County Public Hospital District No. 2 (EvergreenHealth) adopted Resolution No. 949-25 concerning the district's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide additional operating and capital funds for EvergreenHealth to provide hospital and other healthcare services to its residents and other persons served by EvergreenHealth. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2026 of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

King County Public Hospital District No. 2 operates EvergreenHealth and provides hospital, outpatient, and other healthcare services to the residents of the public hospital district and other persons served by the district.

Under state law, public hospital districts are authorized to levy regular property taxes at a rate of up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for purposes of operating and maintaining the hospital and other healthcare facilities and services. Because state law limits the amount that taxes can increase without voter approval, EvergreenHealth's levy rate has declined over the years to approximately 14 cents in 2025.

EvergreenHealth's board has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents served by EvergreenHealth to request approval of a regular property tax levy at the rate of 50 cents per \$1000 of assessed value beginning in 2026, which would be an increase of 36 cents from its current rate. The levy will provide additional operating and capital funds to support the delivery of hospital and other health care services including funds to sustain lifesaving, preventive care and other health care services by hiring additional providers and upgrading and expanding facilities to increase access to OB, cancer treatments, emergency services, cardiology, behavioral health, pediatrics, gastroenterology, primary care, and other specialties for the community served by EvergreenHealth.

The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for the District's levies in subsequent years.

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Statement in favor

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As a nurse, emergency department physician and firefighter/EMT, we've witnessed the health care needs of our communities growing as the region has. We know the Puget Sound area has a critical shortage of available hospital beds and wait times for primary and specialty care appointments can be long. We've also seen a growing number of healthcare mergers leading to consolidated services and longer travel times for many services.

Proposition 1 will address these challenges and renew support for EvergreenHealth - our independent, community-owned public hospital - to meet the needs of the Eastside on the Eastside.

Vote yes to reduce wait times and expand access.

Prop 1 means more physicians and clinical staff and expanded access to primary, emergency, and specialty care including maternity services and behavioral healthcare.

Vote yes to maintain high quality. EvergreenHealth is nationally recognized for its quality of care receiving five stars from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service and ranked a top-50 hospital nationally by Healthgrades. Prop. 1 allows investments to maintain this high quality.

Vote yes to keep quality care close to home and protect local decision-making. Prop 1 ensures EvergreenHealth stays independent, avoiding the need to merge with a larger organization where services and staff will be consolidated and local residents will likely have to travel to Seattle or other urban centers for many services.

When our families need medical help – in an emergency, for regular check-ups or specialized care – we want to access high-quality healthcare close to home. Join physicians, nurses and emergency responders in voting yes on EvergreenHealth's Prop. 1 to expand access here on the Eastside and protect our independent, locally-controlled community healthcare.

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.

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AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than \$0.2329 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County office of economic and financial analysis, or the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents; repealing Ordinance 19914, Section 1, Ordinance 19914, Section 2, Ordinance 19914, Section 3, Ordinance 19914, Section 4, Ordinance 19914, Section 5, Ordinance 19914, Section 6, Ordinance 19914, Section 7, Ordinance 19914, Section 8, Ordinance 19914, Section 9, and Ordinance 19914, Section 10; and declaring an emergency.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County owns and operates a system of regional and local parks and trails that consists of thirty-two thousand acres of parklands and more than one hundred eighty-five miles of regional trails. The county provides regional trails, regional recreational facilities, regional natural areas, regional parks, and local parks in unincorporated areas. Examples of regional and local county parks and trails include Marymoor park, Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland park, Steve Cox Memorial park, Dick Thurnau Memorial park, the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, and the Sammamish River trail.
2. Parks, natural areas, and trails contribute to a high quality of life. A robust system of parks and trails provides: physical, social, and mental health benefits to individuals; economic opportunity through recreation and tourism; economic growth for private businesses that must attract and retain skilled workers; increased climate resilience; environmental benefits like clean water and healthy habitat; and cultural resource protection through open space conservation. King County's open space system provides all these benefits to King County residents and businesses.
3. Provision of urban green space, through parks or other investments such as street trees, is particularly important to achieve the benefits listed above. The addition of trees and plants to concrete-dominated urban areas can help reduce the higher ambient temperatures in those areas, which are anticipated to worsen as anthropogenic climate change progresses. That contributes to health and quality of life for nearby residents, in addition to providing additional capacity to sequester planet-warming greenhouse gases.
4. The 2002 Parks Business Transition Plan, adopted by the King County council and enacted by Ordinance 14509, became the blueprint for establishing the regional open space system we have today. Building on that blueprint, the county has adopted open space plans, which have provided the framework guiding King County in the acquisition, planning, development, stewardship, maintenance, and management of its complex system of parks, regional trails, and acres of open space. The latest open space plan was updated in 2022 and adopted by Ordinance 19501.
5. In implementing the open space plan, the parks and recreation

division of the department of natural resources and parks has successfully focused its lines of business on regional parks and trails, backcountry trails, natural areas, and local parks in unincorporated King County and has implemented business practices that generate revenue from park system assets by implementing or increasing user fees and establishing corporate and community partnerships that enhance park amenities and leverage public and private dollars to improve parks and increase access to parks.

6. Consistent with the recommendations of past parks-related task forces and community advisory committees, the county has sought voter-approved levies on four prior occasions: in 2003, enacted by Ordinance 14586, to provide maintenance and operating funding for the parks and recreation division for 2004 through 2007; in 2007, enacted by Ordinance 15759, to provide funding for maintenance and operations as well as funding for open space acquisition, regional trail development, the Woodland Park Zoo and for King County towns and cities for use in their open space acquisition and trail projects for 2008 through 2013; in 2013, enacted by Ordinance 17568, to provide funding for maintenance and operations as well as for open space acquisition, asset maintenance and improvement, parks and trails projects, the Woodland Park Zoo and for King County towns and cities to use for their parks and recreation for 2014 through 2019; and in 2019, enacted by Ordinance 18890, to provide funding for maintenance and operations as well as for open space acquisition, asset maintenance and improvement, parks and trails projects, the Woodland Park Zoo, the Seattle Aquarium, aquatic facilities, and for King County towns and cities to use for their parks and recreation for 2020 through 2025. Voters approved the funding measures on all four occasions that they were on the ballot. The voter-approved levies have helped keep the open space system clean, safe, and open.

7. Tribal nations are comanagers with the county in managing our shared public lands, waters, and resources. The county recognizes that this relationship is informed and guided by the treaty rights, which many tribes exercise within King County. The department of natural resources and parks has undertaken many actions with tribes as comanagers in an effort to foster mutual respect, and establish regular and meaningful communication, cooperation, and consultation with tribal officials in developing and executing state and King County policies that have tribal implications. The county has an ongoing goal to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with tribes that share territory with and have interests in King County.

8. The 2020 through 2025 voter-approved parks, trails, and open space replacement levy provides approximately eighty-five percent of the operating budget of the parks and recreation division, with approximately fifteen percent generated through business activities and entrepreneurial efforts. King County general fund support to the parks and recreation division was eliminated as of 2011.

9. The community partnerships and grants program enacted by Ordinance 14509 enhances parks amenities by partnering with parks and recreation organizations. Since the inception of the community partnership and grant program in 2003, more than seventy projects representing more than seventy million dollars' worth of new, enhanced, or preserved public recreation facilities have been completed, with only twenty-two million dollars of King County capital investment.

10. The Woodland Park Zoo received distributions from the past three voter-approved levies to supplement zoo operating revenue for education and conservation programs, horticulture and maintenance, and capital improvements. Levy proceeds distributed to the zoo provided environmental education, programming and transportation focusing on accessibility for underserved areas, supported thousands of students annually, and benefitted residents throughout King County. Levy proceeds also provided conservation and animal care for threatened Pacific Northwest species.

11. The Seattle Aquarium received distributions from the past voter-

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approved levy for capital costs for the Ocean Pavilion project to amplify the aquarium's existing global conservation efforts by bringing visitors face-to-face with tropical species native to the Coral Triangle and by housing approximately three thousand five hundred sustainably sourced tropical fish and invertebrates, including rays, sharks, mangroves, and up to thirty species of coral.

12. The Memorial Stadium project will create an innovative multi-purpose student and community events facility at Seattle Center. That transformative project will be led by Seattle Public Schools and the city of Seattle, providing an improved venue for local and regional sports and events.

13. The removal of the Alaskan Way Viaduct provided an unprecedented opportunity to create new green space in the heart of Seattle. The resulting waterfront park is a twenty-acre public space stretching from Belltown to Pioneer Square, providing the entire region lasting economic, social, and environmental benefits. Seattle's Waterfront park will link iconic attractions including Olympic Sculpture park, Pike Place Market, the Seattle Aquarium, the Colman Dock ferry terminal, Pioneer Square, stadiums, and surrounding neighborhoods.

14. King County towns and cities received funding from the past three voter-approved levies. In 2008 through 2013, towns and cities could use levy proceeds for open space and natural lands acquisition and development of town or city trail projects that supported connections to the regional trail system with distributions being contingent upon an equal or greater contribution of matching moneys from the recipient town or city for the same project. In the 2014 through 2019 and the 2020 through 2025 levies, types of uses for the distribution to King County towns and cities were broadened to provide flexibility and better meet the parks and recreation needs of cities.

15. Parks levy oversight committees were established to monitor the expenditures of the proceeds from the 2004 through 2007, 2008 through 2013, 2014 through 2019, and 2020 through 2025 levies. Annual committee review has concluded that the county has complied with all levy requirements.

16. During the 2008 through 2013, 2014 through 2019, and 2020 through 2025 levy periods, the process for developing, reviewing, and recommending potential conservation futures tax and parks levy acquisition projects has maximized acquisitions for open space, natural lands, and regional trail rights of way due to the similar objectives for the conservation futures tax and parks levy acquisition programs. Parks levy open space funding distributed to King County is a critical component of match for county applications for conservation futures tax funding. The process for conservation futures tax outlined in K.C.C. 26.12.010 maintains transparency, accessibility, and consistency of the distribution of conservation futures tax and parks levy acquisition funds for the public, stakeholder groups, government agencies, and officials.

17. King County is growing rapidly as a region. In 2024, King County's population increased by more than thirty thousand people; over the next ten years, the county is expected to grow by another two hundred fifty thousand people. Recent trend reports indicate that participation in outdoor recreation continues to grow, increasing by more than four percent nation-wide in 2023. More and more people are using King County parks and trails, which puts greater pressure on the system. As development increases to accommodate population growth, the risk of losing open space lands, including urban greenspaces throughout the county grows. Those valuable lands contribute to King County residents' high quality of life. The cost of land to accommodate this growth and preserve open spaces is also increasing. Today is the opportune time to address future needs of residents by investing in our parks and trails and accelerating conservation of open space.

18. In King County, many communities have experienced a history of inequitable and limited regional investments in parks, recreation, and open space, limiting the ability of residents to lead healthy lives.

Approximately five hundred thousand King County residents live without ready access to parks, recreation, and open spaces. There is a need to address disparities in access to parks, recreation, and open space for traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities. This ordinance provides an opportunity to address parks and recreation needs of these traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities.

19. Recognizing growth in population, increased use of parks and trails and the need to address disparities, to prepare the 2026 through 2031 levy, the parks and recreation division conducted outreach to obtain feedback on the current park system and future parks and recreation needs for all King County residents. In March and April 2024, parks and recreation division staff conducted twenty-one in-person and virtual community engagement events and hosted two online surveys across eight languages. Participants represented all geographic areas of the county including towns and cities, business, recreation, community, and environmental interests. More than four thousand eight hundred people across all nine King County Council districts participated in the surveys. Parks and recreation division staff also met with towns and cities, parks districts, and key partners to receive additional feedback about the levy.

20. Feedback from engagement events, online surveys, and meetings showed support for the King County open space system and defined measures of success. Four themes emerged as top priorities: safety and belonging; new parks, trails, recreation, and infrastructure; equity, representation, inclusion, and access; and maintenance, repairs, and staffing. Feedback supported funding for King County towns' and cities' parks and recreation programs; expansion of the regional trails system; and natural lands conservation.

21. From January through July 2024, parks and recreation division staff convened a Community Advisory Committee tasked with recommending how to preserve King County's open space system of parks, trails, and natural areas and resource lands after the 2019 through 2025 levy expires. The Community Advisory Committee also advised staff about how best to meet the growing parks and recreation needs in King County and the region. Representing King County Boards, cities, non-profit organizations, community and environmental interests, businesses, and sports, the Community Advisory Committee met nine times to provide guidance on developing the 2026 through 2031 levy.

22. The King County executive took into consideration information obtained from this engagement, the region's growing population, increased use of parks and trails across King County, and the lack of parks, recreation, and open space in some communities, and has put forth this ordinance that acknowledges the changing landscape and the need to grow the open space system to keep up with regional demand. This ordinance is also consistent with the goals and priorities of past levy task forces.

23. This proposal would exempt low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and other people with disabilities from the regular property tax increase on their residences resulting from a levy authorized by this ordinance if they have been approved for an exemption under RCW 84.36.381.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. On April 15, 2025, the county council adopted Ordinance 19914 to submit to the voters at a special election to be held in King County on August 5, 2025, a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW. Commonly referred to as the "Parks Levy," if passed by the voters, among the eligible levy expenditures would be direct distributions to cities, towns, and municipal park districts.

B. Ordinance 19914, as enacted, contained an incorrect cross reference in Section 4.I.3.c. that would preclude distribution of approximately ninety-one million dollars, over the life of the levy, to towns and cities, which is contrary to the intent of the council, and contained an incorrect

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cross-reference in Section 7.B. that would result in omitting an intended reporting requirement.

C. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, in order to submit a levy proposition to the voters at the special election to be held in King County on August 5, 2025, an effective ordinance must be presented to the county's elections department no later than May 2, 2025.

D. In order to meet that deadline, the council must take action on this ordinance on an emergency basis to ensure that the voters have the opportunity to consider the correct and intended levy proposal at the August special election. If the levy proposal is passed by the voters, the proceeds from the levy will continue and expand support of not only the King County's open space system, but also the parks, trails, open space, and recreational programs of all the county's cities and towns, and some municipal park districts, as well as making investments in environmental education, the Woodland Park Zoo, the Seattle Aquarium, Seattle's Waterfront park, the Pacific Science Center, and the construction of a revitalized Memorial Stadium.

E. This ordinance repeals and replaces Ordinance 19914. Except for the correction of the cross-references in the subsections that are now Section 5.I.3. and Section 8.B. of this ordinance, and the additions of this Findings section, the repeal section, and the emergency declaration, this ordinance is identical to Ordinance 19914.

SECTION 2. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise. For those definitions herein that contain terms not defined but include a reference to the 2022 Open Space Plan adopted by Ordinance 19501, or the provisions of the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW, then the definition or categorization found in the referenced document shall apply.

A. "Aquatic facilities grants program" means the program through which King County provides moneys to publicly owned pools for: capital improvement projects, including planning, feasibility studies, preconstruction and design, and construction; and major maintenance repair or replacement projects.

B. "Ballfield access and preservation grant program" means the program through which King County provides moneys to eligible entities to increase public access to ballfields.

C. "Community partnerships and grants program" means the program through which King County provides moneys to recreation-oriented groups, sports associations, and community-based organizations to undertake any combination of developing, operating, or maintaining a recreation facility or public park in unincorporated King County and King County towns and cities for public benefit.

D. "Conservation" means protection of natural areas, as defined in the county's open space plan, natural resource lands, categorized in RCW 36.70A.170, from development through fee or easement acquisition, restoration of natural functions, and administration of incentives for landowners that voluntarily preserve open space.

E. "Conservation futures tax program" means the program defined in K.C.C. chapter 26.12.

F. "Educational and civic venues" means the Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, Memorial Stadium, Seattle's Waterfront park, and Pacific Science Center.

G. "Get active/stay active grant program" means the program through which the King County council provides councilmanic grant awards for youth or amateur sport activities or facilities.

H. "Healthy community and parks grants program" means the program through which King County provides moneys to eligible entities in order to achieve equitable opportunities and access to parks and recreation for traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities, located in unincorporated King County and King County towns and cities.

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

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

K. "Limit factor" means the most recent published King County office of economic and financial analysis King County inflation plus population index, or the limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater.

L. "Open space system" means the categories of King County's open space system of parks, including recreation and multiuse sites, regional trails, natural areas, and natural resource lands. "Open space system" also includes structures or buildings owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources.

M. "Open space" means any land defined as part of the open space system or a parks district, town, or city parks system.

N. "Parks district" means the active metropolitan park districts under chapter 35.61 RCW and parks and recreation service areas under chapter 36.68 RCW in King County.

O. "Town or city parks system" means any building or other structure related to parks or recreation; parks, trails, natural areas, natural resource lands, and other parks or recreation property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of a town or city within King County.

SECTION 3. Levy submittal to voters. To provide necessary moneys for the purposes identified in section 5 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2026, at a rate not to exceed \$0.2329 per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. The dollar amount of the levy in the first year shall be the base upon which the levy amounts in year two through six shall be calculated. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, this levy shall be a regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor.

SECTION 4. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited into a dedicated subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

SECTION 5. Eligible expenditures. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, levy proceeds shall be used for the following purposes:

A. Costs incurred by the county that are attributable to the special election called for in section 6 of this ordinance as well as future parks, recreation, trails, and open space levy elections;

B. Distributions to educational and civic venues, limited to the following facilities:

1. Up to forty million dollars for distribution to the Woodland Park Zoological Society which shall be used solely for: environmental education with an emphasis on accessibility to traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities; horticulture and maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation of threatened species; and development of conservation and education strategies to mitigate impacts to animals and habitats from climate change;
2. Up to twelve million dollars for distribution to the Seattle Aquarium which shall be used solely for: environmental education with an emphasis on accessibility to traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities; maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation of threatened species; and development of conservation and education strategies to mitigate impacts to animals and habitats from climate change;
3. Up to two million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to the city of Seattle, which shall be used solely for capital costs for the

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Memorial Stadium project;

4. Up to six million dollars for distribution to the Pacific Science Center, which shall be used solely for capital or operations and maintenance purposes relating to environmental and climate stewardship and education; and

5. Up to six million dollars for distribution to the 501(c)(3) organization, registered with the Washington secretary of state under number 1133863 and known as Friends of Waterfront Park or its successor 501(c)(3) organization registered with the Washington secretary of state, which shall be used solely at Seattle's Waterfront park, and which shall be used solely for: accessibility to the park for traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities; support for a clean and safe environment; free arts, culture, wellness, and recreation programming to all visitors; and development of inclusive community partnerships;

C. Twenty-five million twenty-five thousand dollars for a municipal parks capital and open space pass through distribution to towns and cities in King County for their town or city parks system operations and capital improvement projects. These moneys shall be distributed based on 2025 population and presence of opportunity areas as defined in K.C.C. 26.12.003.J.1., as follows:

1. Algona and Pacific – two hundred fifty thousand dollars each;
2. Enumclaw – five hundred thousand dollars;
3. Tukwila, SeaTac, Des Moines, and Burien – one million dollars each;
4. Auburn, Federal Way, Renton, and Kent – one million nine-hundred fifty thousand dollars each;
5. Seattle – two million eight-hundred thousand dollars;
6. Skykomish, Beaux Arts Village, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Milton, Carnation, Medina, Clyde Hill, Normandy Park, Black Diamond, North Bend, and Duvall – one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars each;
7. Lake Forest Park, Newcastle, Woodinville, and Snoqualmie – two hundred fifty thousand dollars each;
8. Covington, Kenmore, Mercer Island, Maple Valley, Bothell, Issaquah, Shoreline, and Sammamish – five hundred thousand dollars each; and
9. Redmond, Kirkland, and Bellevue – nine hundred seventy-five thousand dollars each.

D. Up to sixty-eight million dollars for aquatic facilities, limited to the following:

1. Up to forty-six million dollars for the aquatic facilities grant program; and
 2. Up to twenty-two million dollars for the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center for major maintenance capital projects;
- E. Up to ten million dollars for the Get Active/Stay Active grant program, to be divided evenly among the nine council districts;
- F. At least thirty million dollars for distribution to eligible entities for the healthy communities and parks grant program;
- G. Up to twelve million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to eligible entities for the community partnerships and grants program;
- H. Up to thirteen million five-hundred thousand dollars for distribution to eligible entities for the ballfield access and preservation grant program;

I. The remainder of levy proceeds for the following purposes:

1. forty percent of levy proceeds for maintenance and operations of King County's open space system;
2. fifty percent of levy proceeds for:
 - a. Acquisition, conservation, and stewardship of additional open space, including urban greenspaces, natural areas, natural resource lands, and rights of way for regional trails;
 - b. Acquisition of rights of way for and development of regional and other publicly owned trails; and

c. Capital improvement projects and major maintenance repair or replacement of open space system infrastructure, town and city parks system infrastructure, and recreation facilities owned or operated by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization;

3. Ten percent of levy proceeds for distribution to towns, cities, and parks districts in King County for their town or city parks system operations and capital improvement projects, of which amount:

a. Seventy-five thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each town and city, and to each of the following parks districts that predominantly serve unincorporated King County: Fall City Metropolitan Park District; Si View Metropolitan Park District; and Vashon Park District;

b. An additional fifty-thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each town and city with a population of over four thousand; and

c. Of the remainder of levy proceeds, after the distributions made in accordance with subsection 1.3.a. and b. of this section, sixty percent shall be distributed in proportion to each town or city's population and forty percent shall be distributed in proportion to the assessed value of parcels within each town or city;

4. Of the levy proceeds distributed to entities other than King County, a portion shall be retained by the county to be used for expenditures related to administration of the distribution of levy proceeds. Eligible administrative expenditures shall include all costs and charges to the parks and recreation division or the county associated with or attributable to the purposes listed in this section as well as sections 7 and 8 of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with the primary election on August 5, 2025, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the King County director of elections in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required for the proposition listed below by the prosecuting attorney:

King County

Proposition No. 1

Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Levy

The King County council adopted Ordinance _____ replacing the expiring parks levy. If approved, this proposition supports county, city, park district, and town parks, open space, and trails; recreation; public pools; and educational and civic venues. It authorizes an additional six-year property tax beginning in 2026 at \$0.2329 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, uses the 2026 levy amount to compute annual increases in 2027-2031 by the King County inflation plus population index or chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater, and exempts qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381. Should this proposition be:

Approved? _

Rejected? _

SECTION 7. Distributions. Before distribution of levy proceeds to an entity other than King County, the receiving entity and the county shall have fully executed a contract setting forth the terms and conditions, including the applicable eligible purpose or purposes identified in section 5 of this ordinance, under which the entity is receiving a distribution of levy proceeds.

SECTION 8. Parks levy oversight board established.

A. If the proposition in section 6 of this ordinance is approved by the qualified electors of King County, a parks levy oversight board shall be appointed by the executive. The board shall consist of nine members.

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By March 31, 2026, each councilmember shall nominate a candidate for the board who resides in the councilmember's district. If, by March 31, 2026, the executive does not appoint the person nominated by a councilmember, the executive must request that the councilmember should, by June 30, 2026, nominate another candidate for appointment. Members shall be confirmed by the council. Members may not be elected or appointed officials of any unit of government, except that individuals serving in a civic capacity on a local board or commission would be eligible to serve on the parks levy oversight board.

B. The board shall review the allocation of levy proceeds and progress on achieving the purposes of this proposition. On or before December 31, 2027, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee on the expenditure of levy proceeds for 2026. Thereafter, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee annually. Each report shall include an accounting of levy spending by King County council district and ZIP Code, grouped by purposes described in section 5.B. through I.3. of this ordinance. Any report to the King County council under this section shall be electronically filed with the clerk of the council, who will retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the chief policy officer. The board expires December 31, 2032.

SECTION 9. Exemption. The additional regular property taxes authorized by this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW 84.36.381.

SECTION 10. Ratification. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the King County council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the election on August 5, 2025, and any other acts consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 11. The following are hereby repealed:

- A. Ordinance 19914, Section 1;
- B. Ordinance 19914, Section 2;
- C. Ordinance 19914, Section 3;
- D. Ordinance 19914, Section 4;
- E. Ordinance 19914, Section 5;
- F. Ordinance 19914, Section 6;
- G. Ordinance 19914, Section 7;
- H. Ordinance 19914, Section 8;
- I. Ordinance 19914, Section 9; and
- J. Ordinance 19914, Section 10.

SECTION 12. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

SECTION 13. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

Full text of Ordinance No. 127204

AN ORDINANCE relating to publicly-financed election campaigns; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing the City to levy regular property taxes for up to ten years in excess of the limitation on levies in chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding the cost and administration of the City's Democracy Voucher program and other City purposes; outlining a process for contemplation of changes to the program; applying RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption to such levy; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, in November 2015, Seattle voters approved Initiative 122, a people's initiative designed to build "honest elections in the City...by: giving more people an opportunity to have their voices heard in our democracy"; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 122 also created "a Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program...to expand the pool of candidates for city offices and to safeguard the people's control of the elections process in Seattle"; and

WHEREAS, the levy backing the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program began in 2015 and lasted for ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Democracy Voucher program has been successful and popular, with more than 105,000 Seattleites using Democracy Vouchers to contribute to candidates for City office since the program's inception; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has had among the highest rates of people contributing to local candidates in the country since the program's inception; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle intends to place a levy proposal on the August 5, 2025, primary election ballot to replace the expiring levy that has supported the Democracy Voucher program, in order to continue to provide financial support for the program for the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, after ten years of use, changes to the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program may be desired; and

WHEREAS, this legislation requests the Executive, the City Council, and the Ethics and Elections Commission to commence a stakeholder process beginning in 2026 (after the November 2025 general election) to consider any potential changes to the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program, and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding those changes; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in this ordinance:

"City" means The City of Seattle.

"Democracy Voucher program funding" means not less than \$45,000,000 of the increased levy amount over ten years resulting from the proposition's passage.

"Levy proceeds" means that portion of regular property taxes levied and collected as authorized by voter approval pursuant to this ordinance, and all interest and other earnings thereon, and, if the City issues bonds, notes, interfund loans, or other evidences of indebtedness payable wholly or in part from the additional taxes authorized under this ordinance, as permitted by Section 4 of this ordinance, then "levy proceeds" also includes the proceeds of those bonds, notes, interfund loans, or other evidences of indebtedness.

Section 2. Levy of regular property taxes submittal. The City submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the levy limitation on regular property taxes contained in RCW 84.55.010 for property taxes levied in 2025 through 2034 for collection in 2026 through 2035 respectively. The proposition shall be limited so that the City shall not levy more than a total tax rate of \$2.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, representing an additional tax rate of \$0.015 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year. The proposition is expected to raise approximately \$45,000,000

in aggregate over ten years for Democracy Voucher program funding purposes. The levy amount in the first year shall be used to determine subsequent years' allowable regular levy limit in accordance with chapter 84.55 RCW. Amounts collected in excess of the Democracy Voucher program funding amount are available for other City purposes for which the City's regular levy may be applied. In accordance with RCW 84.36.381 and RCW 84.55.050, the City will exempt seniors, veterans with disabilities, or other persons with disabilities who qualify under RCW 84.36.381 from the increased levy amount resulting from the proposition's passage. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2035 for collection in 2036 and in later years shall be computed as if the limit on regular property taxes had not been increased under this ordinance.

Section 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. Unless otherwise directed by ordinance, Democracy Voucher program funding shall be deposited in the Election Vouchers Fund to fund the Democracy Voucher program. The levy proceeds may be temporarily deposited or invested in such manner as may be lawful for the investment of City money and all investment earnings on Democracy Voucher program funding shall be deposited in the Election Vouchers Fund. The Director of Finance is authorized to create other accounts within the Elections Vouchers Fund as may be needed or appropriate to implement the purposes of this ordinance.

Section 4. Bond and notes. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the City may issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness payable wholly or in part from the additional taxes authorized under this ordinance, and may pledge and may apply such taxes to the payment of principal of, interest on, and premium (if any) on such bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness and to the payment of costs associated with them.

Section 5. Use of levy proceeds. The Democracy Voucher program funding amount shall be used solely for the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program in accordance with the provisions in Section 6 of this ordinance and in accordance with RCW 84.55.050. If levy collections exceed the Democracy Voucher program funding amount, the excess funds are available for City purposes for which the City's regular levy may be applied.

Section 6. Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program. The Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program includes costs for administering the program as well as the cost of supporting the campaign contributions backed by Democracy Vouchers. Administrative costs include items such as voucher printing and mailing, staff, outreach, and King County Elections voucher processing costs.

Section 7. Workgroup process. The Executive, the City Council, and the Ethics and Elections Commission are requested to convene a workgroup in early 2026 to recommend to the Mayor and City Council improvements to the Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program, including addressing the impact of Political Action Committees in City elections. The stakeholder process should include input from candidates, campaign staff, professional elections consultants, good government advocates, and the Executive Director and members of the Ethics and Elections Commission.

Section 8. Reporting. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission will prepare and submit to the City Council and the Mayor a progress report on levy spending and project and program delivery after each year in which the voucher program is utilized in an election.

Section 9. Election ballot title. The City Council directs that the City Clerk file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting that the Director of Elections call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the primary election to be held on August 5, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The City Clerk is directed to certify

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to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the City Attorney in accordance with the City Attorney's responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The following ballot title containing a statement of subject and concise description is submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

The Mayor and Seattle City Council passed Ordinance XXXX, concerning replacing funding for Seattle's Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program.

If approved, this proposition would replace an expiring levy to fund the City's Democracy Voucher campaign public finance program, including the costs of administering the program.

It authorizes a ten-year levy for collection beginning in 2026 of an additional \$0.015/\$1,000 assessed value, for a maximum total levy rate of \$2.27/\$1,000. The 2026 amount will be the base for subsequent levies through 2035. RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

Section 10. Section titles. Section titles are for convenient reference only and do not modify or limit the text of a section.

Section 11. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances, including the validity of authorizing additional taxes by levy.

Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 13. Those portions of this ordinance providing for the submission of a ballot proposition to the voters shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070. Those portions of this ordinance that are dependent upon voter approval of said ballot proposition shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Make a **vote!** Plan.

Month(s):

July and August

Goal(s):

Vote and make my voice heard!

Notes:

Election Day is August 5, 2025

King County voters automatically receive their ballots in the mail around two weeks before Election Day! We recommend using that time to research the candidates and issues, and to make a Vote Plan.

My August Primary Vote Plan!

When will you mark your ballot? Choose a date!

*Some folks vote at the kitchen table, others at a local café.
Where will you vote?*

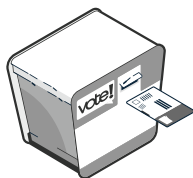
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Where will you find information to help you make your choices? Examples include your local news, your local political parties, and the League of Women Voters.

Will you return your ballot in the mail, or will you use an official ballot drop box?

Circle one



* If you plan to use the mail, we highly recommend getting your ballot mailed by the Friday before Election Day.



If you're using an official ballot drop box, which drop box will you use?

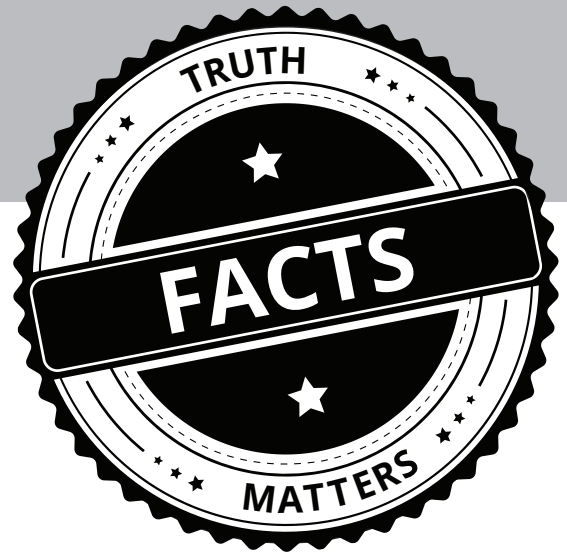
Visit [kce.wiki/DropBox](https://www.kcelections.org/wiki/DropBox) to see a map of all locations.



You can vote using a pencil, pen, or marker! Do you have a favorite pen you'll use to vote?

Think your Vote Plan is especially good? Tag us in your social media posts @kcelections

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:



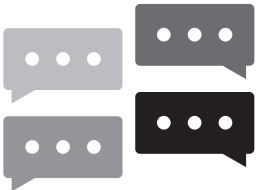
Question the source

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

Seeking out information from sources with a variety of viewpoints and backgrounds can help paint the clearest picture of the truth.



Ask us!

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Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы получать материалы для голосования на русском.

Nala soo xiriir si aad u hesho agabkaaga codeynta oo ku qoran Af-Soomaali.

Comuníquese con nosotros para recibir sus materiales de votación en español.

Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Sở Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

