



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](mailto:elections@kingcounty.gov).

Happy voting,

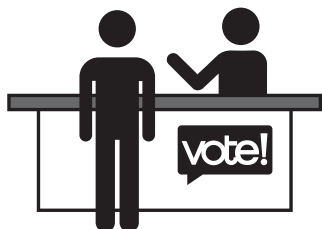
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julie Wise'.

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.



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## 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.

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## How can I register to vote?



### Online

Visit [VoteWA.gov](https://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](https://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](https://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.**

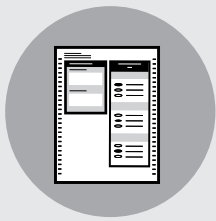


## 1. Get registered.

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.



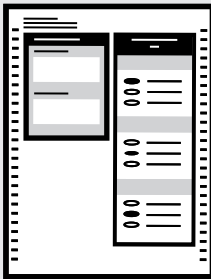
**3** Sign your envelope. Your signature must match the signature on your voter registration record for your ballot to be counted.



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



**5** Track your ballot. Visit [kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot](http://kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot) or sign up for ballot alerts at [kce.wiki/BallotAlert](http://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](http://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	<b>King County Elections</b> 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	<b>Crossroads Community Center</b> 16000 NE 10th St, 98008	Saturday, August 2, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Federal Way	<b>Federal Way City Hall</b> 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	<b>Kenmore City Hall</b> 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
Kent	<b>Kent Green River College Campus</b> 417 Ramsay Way Ste 112, 98032	
Seattle	<b>Lumen Field Event Center / WAMU Theater</b> 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](https://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

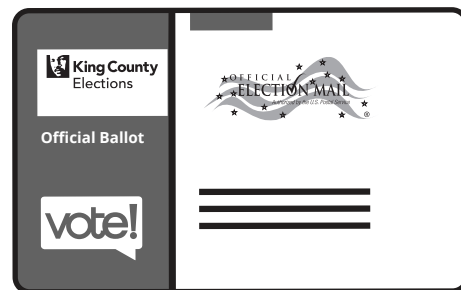
SeaTac
Angle Lake Transit Station, 19955 28th Ave S, 98188 Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188
Shoreline
Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St, 98155 Shoreline Park & Ride, 18821 Aurora Ave N, 98133
Snoqualmie
Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Blvd SE, 98065
Tukwila
* Tukwila Community Center, 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
<div>NEW</div> 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

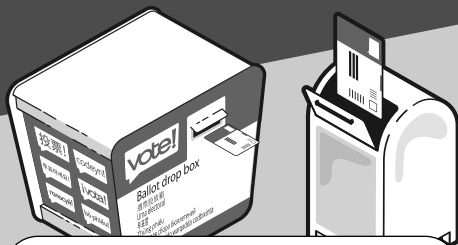
About three weeks before Election Day, King County Elections mails ballots and voters' pamphlets to all registered voters. Voters can fill out, sign, and return their ballot any time before the Election Day deadline.



## 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!

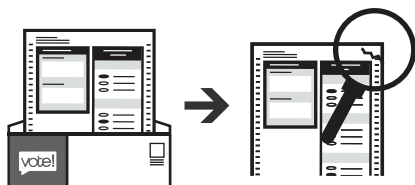
Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day.



## 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.

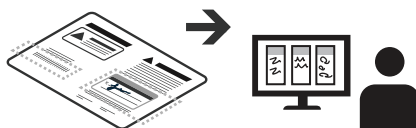


## Journey begins!

## We receive and scan your ballot envelope

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



## We verify your signature

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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.



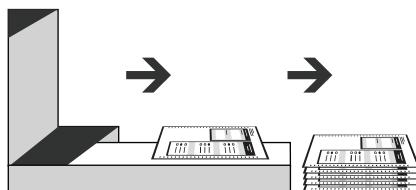
If your **signature is missing** or **doesn't match** your registration record, the ballot will be challenged. We will contact you to resolve the issue before the ballot is opened.



## 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

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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](https://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](https://kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot)



## Where is my ballot?

Visit [kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot](https://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](https://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**

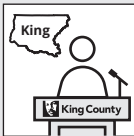
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There are 98 State Representatives. Two members are elected from each of the state's 49 Legislative Districts.

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 County<sup>1</sup>*



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 district<sup>1</sup>*

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*





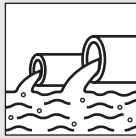
**Seattle City Attorney**

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 district<sup>2</sup>*



**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*

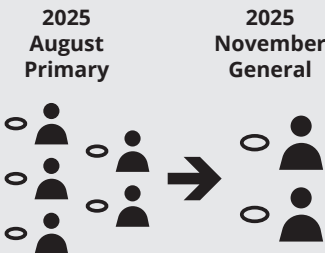
**About the Washington Primary Election**

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](https://sos.wa.gov/elections).



<sup>1</sup>In 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.

<sup>2</sup>In 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.



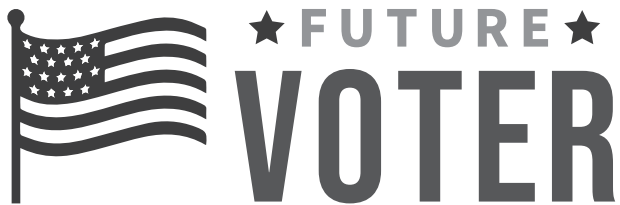
## Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:

**Public Disclosure Commission**

[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)

Toll Free 1 (877) 601-2828



## Pre-register to vote

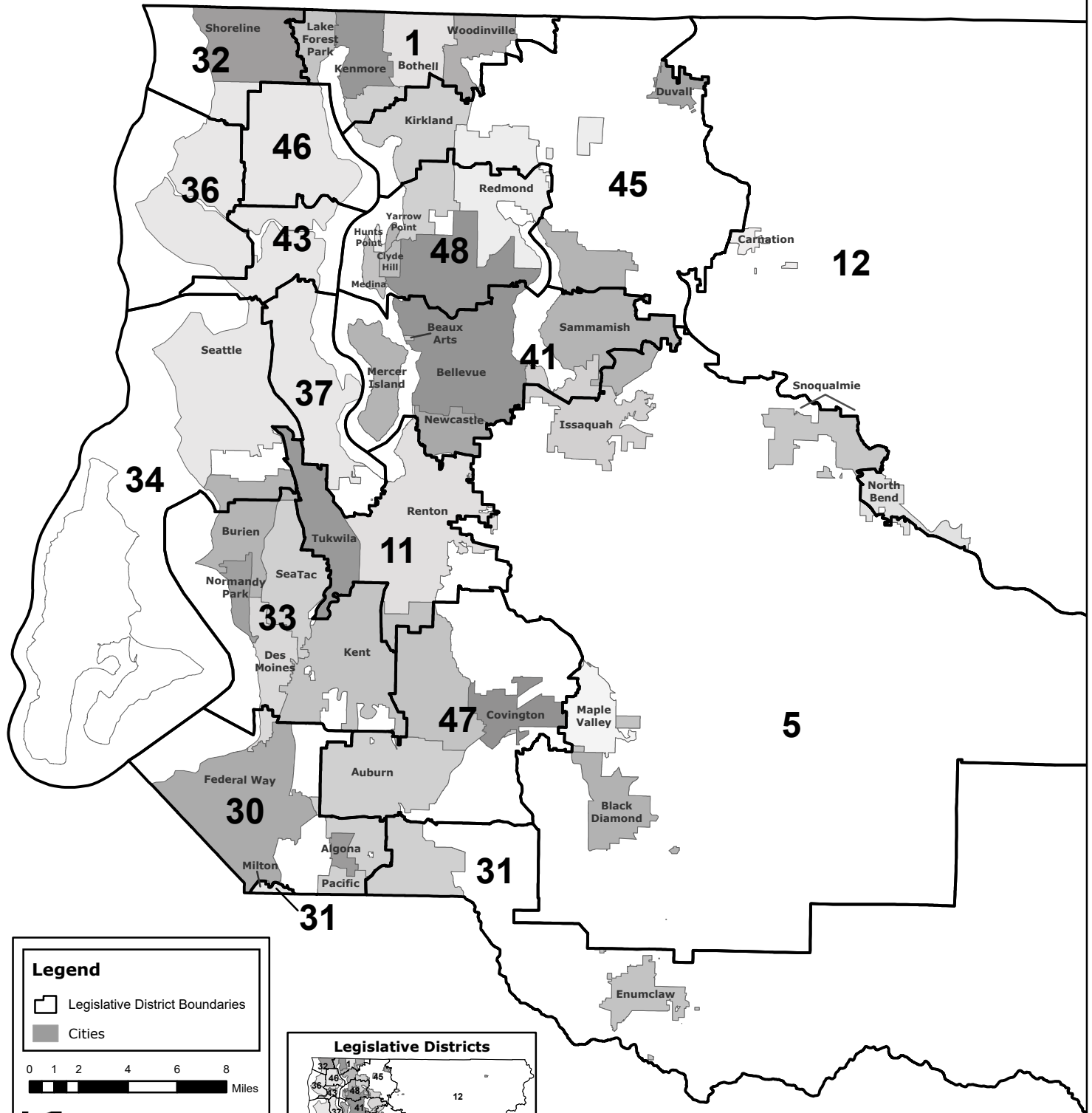
If you are at least 16, you can pre-register to vote online or by mail at any time.

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



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

# Legislative Districts



## Legend

- Legislative District Boundaries
- Cities

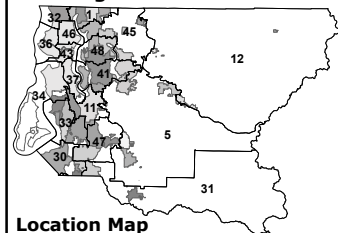
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## Legislative Districts





## State Senator

## Chad Magendanz

(Prefers Republican Party)

(425) 395-4895

info@magendanz.com

Vote4Chad.com



**Elected Experience:** Former Issaquah School Board President elected to House of Representatives (2013-17); Served on Education (Ranking Member), Higher Education, Technology & Economic Development, Rules, and Appropriations committees; Appointed to five bipartisan school funding and quality task forces

**Other Professional Experience:** Computer science teacher (Bellevue SD); Software developer (Microsoft, Nike, Panasonic, etc.); U.S. Navy submarine officer

**Education:** Master of Arts in Teaching from CWU; Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Cornell University

**Community Service:** PTA Outstanding Advocate; Microsoft TEALS volunteer; American Legion commander; AFS host; Eastside Education Network board; Tiger Mountain resident with wife (36 years) and two sons (graduated MIT and University of Utah)

**Statement:** In a time of rising partisanship and growing disconnect in Olympia, voters in the 5th District have a chance to send a proven, independent leader back to the state legislature.

As a former State Representative, I consistently put people ahead of politics. I built bipartisan coalitions to deliver real results for Washington families, including landmark progress on computer science education, public safety, emerging technologies, and leading negotiations to double state funding for schools while reducing property taxes in suburban districts.

My background is unique. I served as a Navy submarine officer, developed software at Microsoft, and now teach computer science in the Bellevue School District. That experience has shaped my commitment to modernizing government, making it more efficient and open, and ensuring we're investing in the future, not wasting taxpayer dollars.

Today, Olympia is more focused on partisan wins than everyday needs. Families are facing record new taxes, increased costs, and a government that feels increasingly out of touch. I'm running to restore balance, pursue practical solutions, and deliver tangible results for our state. I'm ready to serve again and work across the aisle to make Washington more balanced, affordable, and accountable. I would be honored to earn your vote.

## Victoria Hunt

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**Elected Experience:** State Senator; Former State Representative and Vice Chair of the Environment and Energy Committee; former Issaquah City Councilmember and Council President.

**Other Professional Experience:** Chief Data Officer at Crosswalk Labs, providing greenhouse emission inventories to local governments; Former Affiliate Faculty, UW Urban Design and Planning Department; Former Scientist at Breakthrough Energy modeling the clean energy transition and the electric grid.

**Education:** PhD in Ecology, University of Illinois; BS in Biology, Cornell University.

**Community Service:** Community Emergency Response Team volunteer; volunteer in my children's school library and at Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank; served on regional boards addressing municipal issues and salmon conservation.

**Statement:** As your State Senator, I will build upon my bipartisan work in the Legislature to promote housing affordability, a strong economy, transportation investments, and protection for our air, water, forests, and farmlands. As a public school mom, I'll continue fighting for K-12 education, affordable childcare, and the pathways to careers and college every young person deserves.

In office, I've prioritized our community's needs, like Highway 18 safety improvements, police and public safety staffing, and behavioral health investments. I supported common-sense gun laws to safeguard kids and communities, and tough sentencing to protect victims of assault. With my background in clean energy and science, I have advanced policies that create jobs while meeting electricity needs in our growing communities and businesses.

I will continue taking on local challenges – and federal threats to our rights and economy. I am a principled voice for data driven policies that support our families and small businesses, while standing up for reproductive rights, our schools and libraries, and action to address climate change.

*Endorsed by: Eastside Firefighters; Washington Conservation Action; Labor Unions; Governor Bob Ferguson; Congresswoman Kim Schrier; Attorney General Nick Brown; Mayors of Issaquah, Maple Valley, Sammamish, North Bend; and more.*



State Senator

Tina L. Orwall

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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**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.

# 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.



## State Representative Position No. 1



## Kevin Schilling

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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.





State Representative Position No. 1



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**Elected Experience:** Not Applicable

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired banking professional with over 25 years at leading institutions including U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo, and Citibank. Worked closely with public sector entities like King County, City of Renton, and Issaquah as a Government Banking Relationship Manager at U.S. Bank

**Education:** MBA in Business Administration, Texas Tech University. B.S. in Accounting, San Jose State University

**Community Service:** Planning Commissioner, City of Newcastle (2024 - Present). Board Member(2nd V.P), San Jose Woman’s Club (2012-2013)

**Statement:** Our district is growing, and we need leaders who listen and deliver results. As your State Representative, I will champion responsible budgeting, invest in our schools, and expand public transportation options. My experience in banking and as Newcastle Planning Commissioner has taught me the importance of fiscal discipline, transparency, and community-focused solutions. I am committed to supporting our seniors, protecting our natural landscapes, and ensuring every child receives a high-quality education. Together, we can build a thriving, connected, and compassionate 41st District. I would be honored to earn your vote and serve as your voice in Olympia.

John Whitney

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**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** I’ve enjoyed a 35 year career working on management teams for various builders and real estate companies.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Business Administration, University of Denver.

**Community Service:** For 30 years, I’ve been dedicated to shaping lives—mentoring kids, young couples, and adults through Bible studies and church outreach. I’ve traveled on mission trips to various third world countries where hope is desperately needed. I’ve worked to serve the homeless and struggling families—opening our own home and supporting our church’s food bank. These efforts are part of a lifelong calling to help others.

**Statement:** I’ve raised my family in Bellevue. I’ve spent my life serving our community through faith, not politics. But I’m tired of watching Olympia ignore our values -- and now I’m stepping up to fight for us. I’ll cut taxes, prioritize public safety by reducing crime, and demand we get back to the basics in education

I bring real-life experience, not empty promises. Olympia needs to stop wasting our tax dollars and then raise them to cover their pet projects. I’m ready to stand up and get results, for you – the people, not just for the party line.



## State Representative Position No. 1

### Janice Zahn

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**Elected Experience:** State Representative, Committees: Local Government, Housing, Capital Budget and Transportation; Bellevue Councilmember (2017-2025)

**Other Professional Experience:** Chief Engineer and Public Works Construction Manager, Port of Seattle; Structural Engineer, Berger/ABAM Engineers

**Education:** B.S. and M.S. Civil Engineering and Executive Master of Public Administration, University of Washington; Leadership Eastside; Leadership Tomorrow

**Community Service:** Bellevue Schools Foundation, Trustee; The Sophia Way, Boardmember; Nourishing Networks, Boardmember; National League of Cities, Board of Directors; Chinese Institute of Engineers, Advisory Boardmember; International School PTA; Puesta del Sol Elementary PTA; Girl Scout leader; PEPS leader; Bellevue Transportation Commission, Chair; Port of Seattle Community Giving Campaign, Chair; Transportation Research Board, Committee member; and more.

**Statement:** I'm honored to serve as your Representative, bringing local government and transportation experience to Olympia. As a first-generation immigrant, engineer, and longtime public servant, I've delivered tangible results with bills on healthcare, homelessness, and infrastructure. My fiscally-responsible, people-first solutions uplift every community. Together, we will build a Washington where everyone can thrive.

**Endorsements:** Firefighters; Teachers; Planned Parenthood; State Labor Council; Building Trades; Washington Conservation Action; 41st and King County Democrats; Governor Bob Ferguson; Senator Lisa Wellman; Representative My-Linh Thai; Congressman Adam Smith; Congresswoman Suzan DelBene; Councilmember Claudia Balducci; Mayors and Councilmembers from Bellevue, Mercer Island, Issaquah, Sammamish, Newcastle, and more!



## State Senator

## Amy Walen

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**Elected Experience:** Current State Representative; Kirkland Mayor 2014-2018; Kirkland City Councilmember 2009-2019

**Other Professional Experience:** Over 20 years experience as an owner and executive in our family businesses

**Education:** Bachelor of Laws, University of Queensland Law School; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Queensland

**Community Service:** I have always worked to make life better for people in my community, serving in volunteer and civic roles with organizations like Food Lifeline, Youth Eastside Services, PorchLight and Studio East, and securing scholarships for students to attend Lake Washington Institute of Technology. As a cancer survivor, I also make it a priority to support services for families impacted by cancer.

**Statement:** I've spent the past 15 years earning the trust of 48th District voters—first as a Kirkland City Councilmember and Mayor, and now as your State Representative. I'm running for State Senate because this district deserves proven, accessible leadership—someone who listens, shows up, and delivers real results.

In Olympia, I've worked to make life more affordable and secure for Eastside families. I passed legislation to remove medical debt from credit reports, expand access to affordable housing, support behavioral health and public safety, and defend reproductive freedom. I don't just sponsor bills—I work to get them across the finish line.

I'm also a small business owner, Mom, and cancer survivor. I've navigated broken systems myself, and I bring empathy, fiscal responsibility, and practicality to every policy conversation. I know what our communities are facing—because I've lived it and led through it.

This is a moment that demands urgency, accountability, and experience. The people you trust trust me—Democrats, labor unions, and small business owners. They've seen the work I've done and know I'll keep showing up for this district. I'd be honored to continue serving you as your next State Senator.

## Vandana Slatter

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**Elected Experience:** Senator, 48th LD; *Vice Chair*- Environment, Energy, Technology Committee; *Member*- Health/Long-Term Care, Higher Education/Workforce Development Committees; *Co-Chair*- Science, Innovation, Technology Caucus; 2021-24 WA Student Association Legislator of the Year; former 48th LD State Representative, Bellevue Councilmember.

**Other Professional Experience:** 20+ year medical scientist in leading biotechnology companies including Amgen and Genentech; licensed clinical pharmacist.

**Education:** Doctor of Pharmacy, UW; Master of Public Administration, UW; Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy), UBC.

**Community Service:** Hopelink Board; UW Evans School Dean's Council; Ruckelshaus Center Advisory Board; Environmental Services Commission; Youth Link Board; Overlake Hospital Foundation Board; State Board of Pharmacy; NARAL ProChoice Foundation Board; Lake Hills Urban Farm.

**Statement:** As your State Senator, I bring experience as a scientist, healthcare professional, mom and proud military parent to address local priorities amid federal uncertainty. I've delivered funding for affordable housing, I-405, transit, and local schools—while rejecting new taxes on small businesses and healthcare. I'm the only candidate in this race with a record of fighting for our shared values: protecting reproductive rights, rent stability for families, support for immigrants and workers.

I sponsored legislation providing tools for public safety and behavioral health investments. I voted to expand career training, strengthen gun laws, address climate change, reduce medical debt, and ensure hospitals remain open. As lead sponsor of "My Health My Data"—one of the nation's strongest medical privacy laws, and a constitutional amendment protecting abortion rights, I'm a proven advocate for personal freedoms.

I'm a data-driven problem-solver representing our community's diversity and innovative spirit. Everyone deserves a chance to thrive—I'll keep fighting to make that possible.

**Endorsements:** King County, 48th Democrats; State Labor Council; Washington Education Association; Conservation Voters; Planned Parenthood Advocates; Nurses; Senate Leaders Pedersen, Dingra and Senate colleagues; Insurance Commissioner (former 48th Senator) Kuderer; Congresswoman Randall; Treasurer Pellicciotti; Governor Locke; Councilmember Balducci; Redmond, Bellevue, Kirkland Mayors, more!



## State Representative Position No. 1



## Ranga Bondada

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**Elected Experience:** I'm not a career politician. I'm a neighbor. I'm a father. I'm someone who has lived the journey of struggle, perseverance, and hope.

**Other Professional Experience:** I've been privileged to work with incredible organizations in Technology like Coinstar, Accenture, and many others.

**Education:** Masters Degree in Computer Applications

**Community Service:** I've always believed that success means little if you don't give back. I have led a local nonprofit organizations that focused on arts, culture, volunteering, and most importantly bringing people together. Whether it was organizing blood drives, donating foods for homeless, supporting underserved communities, or creating spaces for connection and support.

**Statement:** My name is Veera Ranganadha S. Bondada, and I'm honored to run for the Washington State House representing the 48th District. As a Bellevue resident, I meet all legal requirements for office and am committed to serving with integrity and transparency. I prioritize education by advocating full funding for public schools and expanding early learning. I support improved public transit and sustainable infrastructure. To address the housing crisis, I back rent stabilization and increased affordable housing. I'll fight for accessible mental health care and expanded services. As a father and technologist, I champion clean energy and bold climate action.

## Dennis Ellis

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**Elected Experience:** No Information Submitted

**Other Professional Experience:** The Boeing Company: Senior Procurement Financial Analyst, Credit Analyst, Senior Financial Analyst, High Risk Portfolio Management, Financial Analyst. I have also gained considerable business experience in accounting, finance, management, construction, manufacturing, business development, and consulting during my 34 years in Redmond. These skills will prove beneficial as your representative. Finally, I am also a proud US Air Force veteran and swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. I remain committed to my oath.

**Education:** Gonzaga University, Bachelor of Business Administration; Seattle University, Master of Science in Finance

**Community Service:** Timberlake Church, 48th LD Republican Chair

**Statement:** The current legislators propose the same failed policies: ever-increasing taxes, larger government, and excessive control. We need a fresh, conservative perspective on the issues driving up the cost of living and deteriorating the quality of life in our communities. I will provide that. Overburdensome taxes raise the cost of food, gas, housing, and business operations, provide little benefit to the public, and drive industry out of the area. When elected, I will commit my time to reducing taxes and fees, eliminating costly programs, and returning control to the people of Washington.

Endorsed by KCGOP and Legislative District 48 Republicans



## State Representative Position No. 1

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**Elected Experience:** State Representative, 48th LD; Redmond City Councilmember**Other Professional Experience:** Previous experience includes Medical Device Consultant, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Researcher, King County Community Engagement Manager, and coffee shop owner**Education:** BS Neurobiology & English Minor, University of Washington (*Student Body President*); LWSD Graduate**Community Service:** Board member for Transportation Choices Coalition, Asian Pacific Islander Americans for Civic Empowerment, OneRedmond Foundation, Health Careers Ecosystem, Lawyers Helping Hungry Children; Member of LWSD Career & Technical Education Committee, Eastside Fire & Rescue Fire Corps; former Redmond youth basketball coach**Statement:** As your State Representative, I am focused on delivering results – improving public safety, transportation, and environmental protections while fighting for workers and small businesses. As a Redmond Councilmember and lifelong Eastsider, I understand local priorities: affordable housing, strong schools, healthcare access, and protecting our freedoms. I'm running to continue serving our communities with integrity and a commitment to common-sense solutions.**Endorsed:** Senator Maria Cantwell; Congresswoman Suzan DelBene; Governor Bob Ferguson; County Councilmember Claudia Balducci; Mayors of Redmond, Bellevue, and Kirkland; 48th Democrats; WA Education Association; State Labor Council; Redmond Firefighters; Association of WA Business; Planned Parenthood Alliance; and more!



## 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.

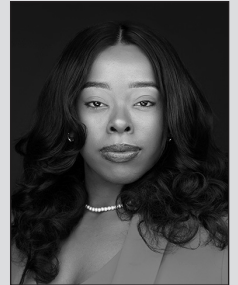
I'll make sure this new revenue is spent exclusively on core public safety services: police, public defenders, prosecutors, adult and juvenile detention, and the courts. Additionally, I will scrub the budget for savings we can pump into public safety. I've never supported defunding police or closing 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

No photo submitted

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**Education:** Iowa State University Aeronautical Engineering BS and MS

**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.

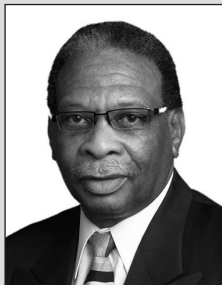
The latest example of the ST boards approach to ST3 is the 2025 budget they approved in March. It details a staffing budget of \$957.5 M for 1572 positions, including 194 "executives". Yet, pays others to finalize transit system design and construction, drive and maintain light rail cars and buses, showing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



## Executive



## Don L Rivers



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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

## Rebecca Williamson

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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.

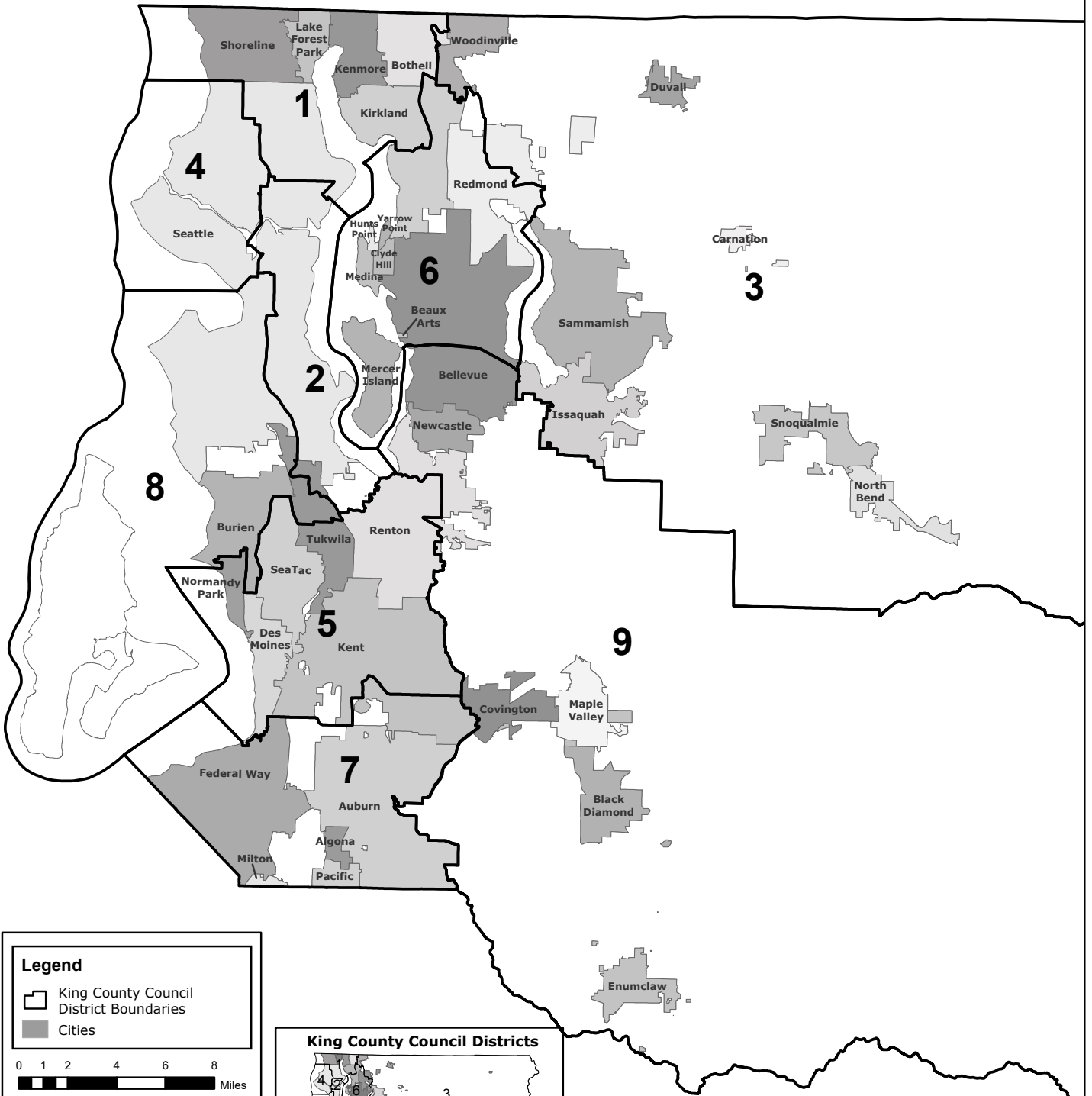
That urgency comes from my life experience. I was raised in South Seattle by a single mother after our family arrived as refugees. We experienced homelessness, lived in public housing, and relied on food stamps. I know how hard it is to make ends meet. Today, I'm a husband and father raising my own family 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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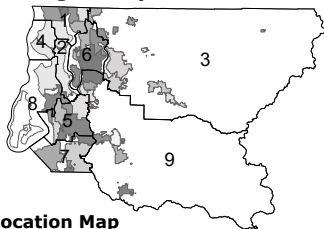
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## King County Council Districts



**Location Map**



## Council District No. 5



## Angela Henderson



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**Education:** Knapp Sch. of Biz, Clover Park Vo-Tech, Intl. Masonry Inst., Cortiva, CTE Ed., WWMI

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

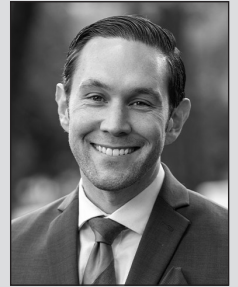
**Statement:** Angela Henderson is a lifelong Washington resident, a mother of four, a grandmother of four, and a resolute union bricklayer with over 30 years of experience. She's spent her life fighting for working families, championing labor rights, workforce development, and mentorship—both on the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

## Ahmad Corner

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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.

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## Peter Kwon

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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.

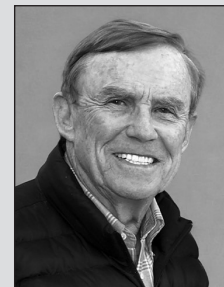
As your councilmember, I will focus on supporting small businesses and creating family-wage jobs, improving street, sidewalk, and transit safety, expanding access to parks, green spaces, and healthy environments, ensuring fair distribution of resources across all communities, and creating clean and safe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

**Maya  
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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.

### Nancy Backus

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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

## Brian Lott

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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.

## Erica Tomas

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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

## Cobi Clark

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

**Occupation:** Former Housing Producer

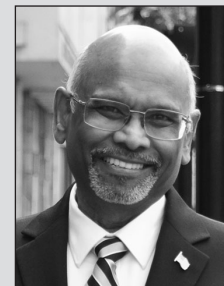
**Statement:** I am a lifelong local resident, recognized as a top 40 Under 40 business professional. I delivered over 300 homes across Washington before shifting my focus to public service and serving Senator Jeff Wilson during the 2025 legislative session. My background in housing and policy allows 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.

## Lisa M. Stirgus

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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



## Nicholas Ton

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Computer Science, Arizona State University

**Occupation:** Risk and Compliance Program Manager, Microsoft

**Statement:** Housing isn't just unaffordable; apartments and condos are increasingly corporate-owned, while single-family houses are hoarded by landlords and speculators. Transit isn't merely inconvenient; it's failing those who depend on it most. Wages aren't simply low; they force families to choose between rent, groceries, and healthcare.

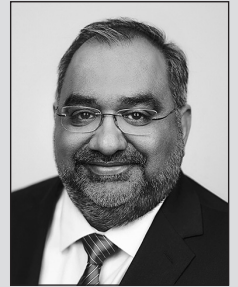
We can embrace growth without becoming a company town, but only by prioritizing people over profit. This means investing back in our communities and ensuring fair wages so those who work here can live here. I envision a Bellevue where teachers can live in the same neighborhood as their students, where essential workers don't commute from hours away, and families can build wealth through home-ownership rather than paying endless rent to corporate and out of state landlords. Where small businesses succeed alongside tech giants.

As someone who's been the minimum-wage worker and the priced-out tenant. My decisions will always prioritize the needs of residents over profits or moneyed interests. I'll collaborate with unions, workers, and residents like you to build a community where our neighborhoods flourish and families thrive.

Together, we can create a Bellevue for the rest of us, who keep this city and its businesses running. Endorsed by Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion.

## Vishal Bhargava

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Architecture; Master's in Urban & Regional Planning; MBA from UCLA.

**Occupation:** Co-founder Mental-health nonprofit; Planning Commissioner (2020-2025); Director at Amazon.

**Statement:** Keeping Bellevue safe, affordable, and inclusive are my priorities. 12 years ago, my family made Bellevue our home because of the high quality of life the city offers - excellent public schools, access to parks, and safe welcoming neighborhoods. I'm running to retain my seat on the City Council to ensure Bellevue remains a thriving, safe, and inclusive city for the next generation.

With a background in urban planning, leadership experience in technology, and five years on the Planning Commission, I bring practical experience and a collaborative mindset. Growth creates challenges and rewards. As Bellevue continues to grow, I will focus on delivering pragmatic solutions to everyday issues like traffic congestion, housing affordability, and addressing homelessness with compassion and urgency.

Public safety and community well-being are top priorities. Support of our police and first responders while expanding mental health and crisis response services is essential. And I'm committed to building a local economy that works for everyone. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

**Endorsements:** *Bellevue Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Malakoutian, fellow Councilmembers Hamilton, Nieuwenhuis, and Sumadiwirya, Representatives Walen and Salahuddin, State Insurance Commissioner Kuderer, KC Federation of Democratic Women, 41st LD and many more.*



## Council Position No. 1

## Eddie Chang



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**Education:** Attended Bellevue College

**Occupation:** Business Owner, Real Estate Managing Broker, and Affordable Housing Leader

**Statement:** Imagine a Bellevue where affordable housing is within reach, childcare doesn't break the bank, and your commute is a breeze. That's the Bellevue I'm fighting for– and I know we can achieve. With nearly two decades of helping families looking to sink roots into our community, business and community leadership, and expertise shaping housing policy, I understand the challenges we face.

I am committed to a city government that is accountable and responsive to our needs– listening to community priorities and taking action to improve lives. I am an advocate for thriving small businesses, investments in our world-class parks, supporting working families, and safe streets and neighborhoods. I'll be a voice for the diverse people and viewpoints that make Bellevue special.

With your vote, I'll work tirelessly to improve our quality of life, championing housing we need, great schools and childcare we deserve, and continuing to build the transit infrastructure we need. I'm a lifelong resident, a father, small business owner and a neighbor – ready to listen and deliver real solutions that make your life easier.

I'm proudly endorsed by State Representative My-Linh Thai, King County Federation of Democratic Women, Seattle/King County Realtors, and leaders throughout our region

## Paul Clark



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**Education:** MSEE, Electrical Engineering, University of Washington; Bellevue Essentials and Police Community Academy, City of Bellevue

**Occupation:** Owner, Factoria Labs; Professional Instructor, Author, Wireless Communications Engineer

**Statement:** As a Bellevue resident for over 25 years, I've seen both the opportunities and challenges facing our city. I'm running to ensure Bellevue grows responsibly and works for everyone who calls it home. My priorities include: fully funding and staffing first responders, reducing congestion, expanding our park system (especially in underserved areas), guiding new development into our established growth zones, and preserving our single-family neighborhoods.

My background in technology, small business ownership, and near decade of civic leadership as former Chair of the Civil Service Commission and current member of the Parks & Community Services Board have uniquely prepared me to serve and find practical, effective, non-partisan solutions that benefit everyone in our community.

I'll work to keep Bellevue a global leader in innovation and economic opportunity, while ensuring growth is thoughtful and sustainable. I'm committed to listening, engaging, and ensuring every resident has a seat at the table.

As your Councilmember, I'll always put Bellevue first. I'm endorsed by trusted leaders including Councilmembers Conrad Lee, Jared Nieuwenhuis, King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn, and many others across our city and region. I'm proud to have their support, and I'd be honored to earn your vote.



## Council Position No. 6

**Nicole Myers**

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**Education:** B.S., General Engineering, Olin College; M.S., Biomedical Engineering, UC Irvine; Bellevue Essentials (2021)

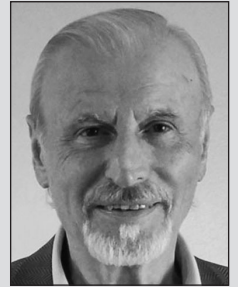
**Occupation:** Worked as a civilian Nuclear Engineer in power generation (Navy)

**Statement:** As Bellevue grows, new residents should experience the same delight to live here that we've had. Bellevue needs additional housing that's excellent for families, where we'll nurture kids in a safe environment, and affordable housing for seniors and young adults. I want to ensure that the city we are building now will make us proud for the next 50 years.

I've advocated for incentives to build units sized for families, and I've argued for a higher standard for sound-proofing apartment sleeping areas. As I cycle and walk with my kids, I think about how our streetscape should make everyone feel safe and comfortable. I also understand the importance of dependable car travel and public safety, including on transit.

I will protect our third spaces, where we make social connections; housing and offices alone aren't enough to make a city alive. I will work on Bellevue's processes to deliver consistent, cost-effective results.

I write regularly for my website and newsletter to inform residents about high impact city decisions. They should have confidence that the infrastructure we need for growth is thoughtfully planned and implemented professionally. People have high expectations when they come to Bellevue, and I want us to exceed them.

**Alex Tsimerman**

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**Education:** College, University, Master's Degree in Engineering & Management. Total 20-years in school and assistant Professor.

**Occupation:** Lifetime businessman, owned several companies and a business consultant.

**Statement:** *Make Bellevue great again USA!!*

Vote for Alex Tsimerman with common sense and antifascism, who is American and lived in this City for last 40 years. StandUP-America! Make Bellevue great again USA!! Now! Now! Now!



## Council Position No. 6

### Lynne Robinson



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**Education:** Physical Therapy Doctorate, Regis University; BS Physical Therapy, Northwestern University; BA Community Services, CSU Chico

**Occupation:** Bellevue Mayor & Councilmember (2013-Present), Former Small Business Owner

**Statement:** As Mayor and on the City Council, I'm dedicated to making Bellevue a thriving, innovative, and inclusive city. I would be honored to continue serving you, building on the progress we have made to foster economic growth, build affordable housing, invest in our parks, and embrace the diversity of our city. I'm committed to a future where everyone has access to opportunities, amenities, and a high quality of life.

Key accomplishments that motivate my service include: Leading Bellevue's economic growth—more than 4000 new jobs—through partnerships with regional employers and advocating for small businesses; Doubling the number of affordable homes in our city, and championing regional housing solutions and emergency shelters; Expanding parks, trails, and green spaces and representing Bellevue in the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration.

I've overseen transportation investments, including light rail expansion, and prioritized public safety with initiatives like the CCAT crisis response unit. With your vote, I'll build on this record with focused and thoughtful leadership.

Endorsements include Governor Bob Ferguson; KC Councilmembers Claudia Balducci, Reagan Dunn; all Bellevue Representatives and Senators; Bellevue Councilmembers Mo Malakoutian, Dave Hamilton, Claire Sumadiwiry, Vishal Bhargava; Mayors of every major regional city, and KC Federation of Democratic Women.

### Allen Chongtai Huang



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**Education:** MS in Electr. Eng

**Occupation:** Engineer

**Statement:** I am Allen Huang. I came to the USA to pursue higher education and American Dream a journey that brought me to Puget Sound region, where I have lived and worked for over 30 years.

With a successful career in medical electronics, software development, and electrical engineering, I have been privileged to contribute to cutting-edge innovations while building a life in this community. Now, I am ready to dedicate next chapter of my life to public service—serving the people of Bellevue with integrity, vision, and commitment.

As your councilman, I will work to preserve and enhance the character of our neighborhoods and the beauty of our city. I will advocate for responsible business development, fiscal responsibility, and a transparent, accountable government, maintaining a high quality of public services and education, public safety, clean and efficient transportation, expanded access to EV charging stations, and lowering taxes while keeping to make Bellevue a great place to live.

I'm not a politician. I am a product of the American Dream. With diverse background, lived experience, and strong commitment to community values, I am confident to be your effective and responsive representative at City Hall. I humbly ask for your support and your vote.





## Mayor

John  
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**Education:** University of Washington

**Occupation:** Regional Director of Fortune 500 Company

**Statement:** Black Diamond is a community shaped by change—whether it's the closing of a coal mine, the opening of new businesses, or a new housing development—our town has never stood still, that's why we've never faded like some others have. I'm running for mayor because I believe in building on this legacy of resilience and growth.

As our town continues to evolve, we need leadership that supports thoughtful development—growth that benefits both longtime residents and new families. With the right planning, we can expand our infrastructure and services to meet future needs while preserving the small-town spirit that makes Black Diamond special.

Change, when managed responsibly, brings opportunity. It energizes our community, supports local businesses, and strengthens our tax base. Elect me as your mayor, and together we'll grow smart, protect what makes our town unique, and build a future we're all proud of.

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**Education:** Highline Community College

**Occupation:** City of Black Diamond Councilmember

**Statement:** I am a third-generation citizen of Black Diamond and have raised four children in our community. I have enjoyed being your voice as a council member for the past fourteen years. I serve as the city executive in the mayors' absence and I hold the Association of Washington Cities advanced certificate of municipal leadership.

As our city experiences rapid growth, I will continue to ensure public safety is a top priority. I have maintained consistent availability to address citizens' concerns, and have actively volunteered my assistance helping to ensure our community remains strong and thriving.

I look forward to representing the citizens of Black Diamond in a new role, with the same passion, integrity, and open and honest leadership that has guided my previous work on your behalf. I look forward to engaging with each of you as I campaign for Mayor of Black Diamond.

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**Education:** 13 years Black Diamond City Council through 2007. Mine Safety, L&I Certifications, Enumclaw High School.

**Occupation:** Manager, Cascade Utilities, 32 years. Municipal Development Experience.

**Statement:** As mayor, I will strengthen public safety, protect our environment, and stop wasteful spending. Growth was supposed to pay for itself, but poor planning and ineffective city management are causing: declining public services; delays in key road and park projects; and capital funding gaps for police, courts, water, and schools. Tax and water rate hikes now loom.

Despite population growth, Fire and EMS staffing has fallen. Our fire service provider, lacking promised developer funding, is ending service by 2028! Ignoring years of warnings, the city built a second fire station that now sits empty.

Working with you, I will plan long-term so we're not caught off-guard by predictable needs. I'll manage growth responsibly and support development that respects our natural surroundings and avoids traffic gridlock. I'll bring experience and positive new energy to City Hall. Let's keep Black Diamond — both new and old — a beautiful place to live.





## Council Position No. 6

## Jonathan Englund



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**Education:** No information submitted.**Occupation:** Local Business Owner, Boost Higher Marketing Agency**Statement:** My wife and I have proudly called Black Diamond home for the past four years, and we're committed to its future. As our city experiences rapid growth, I believe we can embrace progress while preserving the small-town charm that makes Black Diamond unique.

I am dedicated to ensuring that development is thoughtful and sustainable, addressing infrastructure needs and traffic concerns without compromising our community's character. Projects like the Ten Trails development offer opportunities, but they must be balanced with investments in parks, public safety, and local businesses to serve both new and longtime residents.

Transparency and community engagement are at the heart of my approach. I will actively listen to residents' voices and prioritize decisions that reflect our shared values. Together, we can guide Black Diamond through this pivotal time, honoring our heritage while building a vibrant future.

## Zack J. Nielsen



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**Education:** Kentwood High school class of 2024.**Occupation:** Asset protection specialist**Statement:** I'm running for City Council to bring a fresh, forward-looking perspective to Black Diamond. As a young leader, I'm committed to representing the next generation of families who want safe neighborhoods, strong schools, and a city government that works for them.

My priorities are: Lowering taxes by eliminating waste and prioritizing smart, efficient spending. Improving public safety by ensuring our police and emergency services are fully funded. Supporting schools and families through youth programs, after-school activities, and community partnerships.

I believe in practical solutions and honest leadership. I'm not a career politician—I'm a community member who wants to make a difference and give families like mine a stronger voice at the table. Let's build a safer, more affordable, and more vibrant Black Diamond together. I would be honored to earn your vote.

## Dan Dal Santo



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**Education:** Graduated from Enumclaw High School**Occupation:** Retired**Statement:** Black Diamond has a special place in my heart, and I value the people and history here. I served as the Utility Superintendent for the City of Black Diamond for 26 years. This role covered areas of responsibility including water, streets, sewer, stormwater, parks, and the cemetery. During my career, I learned how our city operates and what it needs to grow responsibly.

I believe in a city council that prioritizes integrity and provides transparency to residents. As a councilmember, I will ensure that our local government is making financially responsible decisions and being held accountable. The future of Black Diamond is changing quickly, we are experiencing rapid development, and it is more important than ever for the city to set stronger more enforceable construction standards and hold developers to them.

I am asking for your vote with the goal of being a councilmember who will put residents first.



## Council Position No. 5

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**Education:** Masters in Business Administration and Accounting**Occupation:** President/CEO Sauvageau CFO, LLC dba Thomas Sauvageau EOS Implementer**Statement:** Thank you for considering me to continue as your Enumclaw Council Position #5 representative for my third term. I have lived in Enumclaw with my wife, 4 children and grandparents since 2016. In that time, I've enjoyed being an active member of the community including board member for the Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce, Enumclaw Schools Foundation, and Sunrise Elementary PTA.

As a local Enumclaw small business owner my biggest priority is to maintain the small town charm that I believe makes Enumclaw special. Many new candidates don't comprehend that, while we're limited by state regulations on how we approach applications for new building projects, our opportunities to make a difference happens in setting our local building code regulations and requirements. That experinece and understanding is why I feel I am the best candidate to help keep Enumclaw the wonderful small town that it currently is.

**Brodie  
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**Education:** Audio Engineering - Seattle Art Institute**Occupation:** National Sales Manager Automotive Division at Douglass Interior Products, Inc.

**Statement:** Residing in Enumclaw for the last 30 years, I have seen many changes within our community. Of the many positive changes to our community, there has also been a vast explosion of growth that will not sustain at the rate we are expanding. Growth is inevitable, yet by limiting it to a reasonable threshold, we can expand without jeopardizing our community. I will fight to maintain the integrity, safety and autonomy of our town while limiting over development within our city limits. Over those 30 years my wife and I, having grown up on the plateau, would like to preserve Enumclaw's rural sensibilities. Communities around us have seen major expansion along with national chain businesses come in and homogenize these once unique areas. My mission is to maintain Enumclaw's rural feel while continuing to support our local family businesses and farmers within our beloved town.



## Council Position No. 2

## Tracy Banaszynski



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**Education:** B.A., Psychology and Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Ph.D., Psychology, Yale University

**Occupation:** Nonprofit Co-Executive Director, Salmon Recovery

**Statement:** Kenmore deserves new leaders who have earned community trust to unite us for a brighter future. I am a seasoned leader committed to listening and driving positive change. My love for Kenmore fuels my vision of a welcoming community where everyone thrives. Achieving this requires increasing *affordable housing*, stewarding our *environment*, a sustainable *budget*, and *seeing the best in each other*.

I am known for mobilizing hundreds of volunteers to restore our parks. As a member and now Planning Commission Chair, I was instrumental in crafting our first Economic Development and Climate Action Elements. I also serve on the King County Parks Levy Oversight Board. As your councilmember, I will continue to *listen, lead, and build a livable Kenmore with you. I humbly ask for your vote.*

Endorsements: 1st District Democrats; King County Democrats; State Representative Duerr; Kenmore Councilmembers Sasson, Culver, Srebnik; former Councilmembers Kugler, Pfeil; Fire Commissioner Adman; more.

## Caitlin Sullivan



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**Education:** Lakeside High School; University of Washington, BA in Mathematics, Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Visual Arts

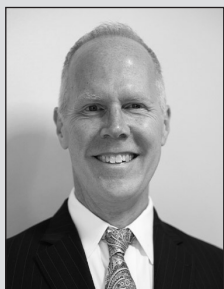
**Occupation:** Managing Real Estate Broker, Small business owner and leatherwork artist

**Statement:** For Kenmore to thrive, we must address our most urgent crisis: housing. As a longtime resident and mother, my top priority is creating a community that supports both this generation and the next.

Strategic, future-minded housing solutions can create walkable neighborhoods, reduce emissions, shorten commutes, improve transit, support schools, protect natural areas, and nourish small businesses. Housing policy is about more than homes - it's the foundation for a stronger, more sustainable Kenmore.

As the only candidate in this race with firsthand experience in housing, including policy advocacy, I know how the system works—and how to fix it. I'll work closely with our community to listen, collaborate, and deliver practical solutions that make renting and homeownership more affordable. We can't expect housing to become more affordable when our policies keep driving up the cost. It's time for change. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

## Joe Marshall



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**Education:** Inglemoor Grad '87, BA UW, MFA Cornell, JD UW

**Occupation:** Attorney 25 years, Public Defender, municipal law, real estate.

**Statement:** *Your voice matters and I will keep fighting for you.* I am a proud Democrat and two-term councilmember who gets results. Fiscal responsibility is critical. My accomplishments include our Climate Action Plan, tree protections, funding 18 culvert replacements for salmon habitat, DEI strategic plan, Kenmore's Pride Proclamation, partnering with PSE to reduce power outages, one hundred units of affordable housing for working families, including condos, increased density within walking distance to transit, completion of Walkways and Waterways improvements, sidewalks, bike lanes and Logboom Park improvements.

I grew up and raised my family here and am a recognized community leader who serves with integrity. My 25 years of experience as a public defender drive me to ensure Kenmore grows smart, and grows with heart. *I will listen to and work for you.*

Endorsements: State Reps. Javier Valdez, Gerry Pollett, KC Council Rod Dembowski, Kenmore City Council Melanie O'Cain.



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



## Logan Evans



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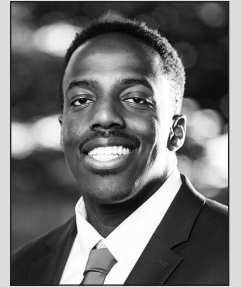
**Occupation:** Teacher, West Auburn High School

**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.

## Tod Oyefeso



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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](http://jamieeeforkent.com)

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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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## Council Position No. 3

## Clayton Barnes



**Education:** Ph.D. in Mathematics, M.S. in Statistics, and B.S. in Mathematics — University of Washington

**Occupation:** Research Scientist at Amazon Web Services

**Statement:** Kirkland is a gem on the shores of Lake Washington — a city with character, heart, and natural beauty. As regional growth accelerates, I'm running to ensure Kirkland retains its identity amidst the urban sprawl — protecting our neighborhoods and green spaces through responsible planning that prioritizes quality of life. Everyone — resident or visitor — deserves to feel safe and welcome in Kirkland. That means well-kept public spaces and policies that prioritize community well-being.

With rising costs, we must work to keep Kirkland affordable — especially for seniors and longtime residents who built the community we cherish today. I'll also champion local events, businesses, and traditions that strengthen our civic spirit.

Together, we can preserve what makes Kirkland special and ensure it remains a place for all generations. Check out the campaign website to learn more about me! Thanks for your vote. [www.claytonforkirkland.com](http://www.claytonforkirkland.com)

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**Education:** JD, Suffolk University Law School; BS, Bioengineering, Oregon State University; MLA extension studies, Harvard University

**Occupation:** Senior Attorney, Amazon; Boardmember of Washington CeaseFire and EmergeWA

**Statement:** I'm committed to working on your behalf to build complete communities with affordable housing, strong infrastructure, and a healthy environment, ensuring all residents can thrive. As a mom and lawyer, I bring experience in solving complex problems by listening to all voices, gathering facts and data, and making thoughtful, practical decisions.

Leadership starts with listening. I'm dedicated to ensuring your voice is heard and your concerns addressed. Together, let's shape Kirkland's future into a vibrant, sustainable, and diverse city where everyone belongs. *I would be honored to earn your vote.*

Select Endorsements: King County Democrats; 1st, 45th, & 48th District Democrats; All state Senators that cover Kirkland, including Manka Dhingra, Derek Stanford, Vandana Slatter; Current and Former Mayors of Kirkland Kelli Curtis and Penny Sweet; Majority of sitting Kirkland City Councilmembers; Mayors of Redmond and Bothell; LWSD Director Yocum & many more community leaders!

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**Statement:** Kirkland is more than where I live - it's where I am raising my daughters. That's why I'm running for City Council: to ensure our neighborhoods stay healthy, safe, and welcoming for all.

For more than 20 years, I've tackled tough challenges in healthcare management—leading teams, overseeing \$45 million budgets, and driving results with limited resources. I'll bring that same data-driven, accountable leadership to Kirkland.

I believe in growth that works for everyone—guided by public input, respect for neighborhood character, and a commitment to public safety and green space preservation. I'll work to restore neighborhood associations, support smart infrastructure, and ensure new development reflects our community's needs and sustainability. Kirkland deserves a leader who listens, collaborates, and puts our community first. Together, we can protect the special place we call home while building a stronger future. I'd be honored to earn your trust and your vote as your next Councilmember.

## Gina Madeya



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**Education:** M.S., Instructional Technologies, B.S., Broadcast Journalism

**Occupation:** Kirkland Planning Commissioner, Realtor, LGBTQ+ advocate, Wife & Mother

**Statement:** I am a Kirkland Planning Commissioner with more than a decade of land use expertise. I have deep ties and leadership experience with our city government and awareness of Kirkland's most pressing challenges. I bring a collaborative, pragmatic approach to city planning and decision-making. Together we must champion thoughtful and intentional growth that benefits all community members while preserving Kirkland's unique charm.

My priorities: sustainable city planning, housing affordability, economic development and comprehensive public safety strategies to keep Kirkland safe. I will fund essential services, programs and parks, while bringing ethical and transparent leadership to the city council. Together, we can build a Kirkland that honors its past while embracing opportunities for an inclusive future—where businesses thrive, environmental stewardship is prioritized, and families can afford to put down roots.

Endorsements: Former Kirkland Mayor & State Rep. Amy Walen, Kirkland Councilmembers John Tymczyszyn & Jon Pascal, Planning Commissioners and more!



## Council Position No. 7

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**Education:** PhD, Computer Science, University of Texas at Austin; BS, Computer Science/Mathematics, Harvey Mudd College

**Occupation:** Software Engineer; Everest Neighborhood Association Leader; Volunteer Community Organizer/Advocate

**Statement:** I love Kirkland, and believe our best days are ahead. As we grow, Kirkland needs leadership that's capable of commitment and willing to defend what's right. Together, let's keep Kirkland a safe and welcoming community with abundant opportunities for everyone.

As your councilmember, I'll protect access to parks and open space while working to lower the cost of living so small businesses, seniors, families, working people, and students can all thrive. Kirkland's biggest challenges – housing affordability, transportation, climate change – require sincere, thoughtful solutions that reflect our values and enhance quality of life in our beloved neighborhoods. I'll continue building local and regional partnerships that deliver results for everyone. I'd be honored to earn your vote. *Let's move forward!*

**Endorsements:** Five of seven current Kirkland Councilmembers; King County, LD1, LD45, LD48 Democrats; Senators Stanford, Slatter; Representatives Kloba, Duerr, Salahuddin; County Councilmember Balducci; 15+ neighboring Mayors and Councilmembers; MLK Labor.

## Jon Pascal

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**Education:** M.S. Engineering and B.S. Forestry, University of Washington

**Occupation:** Kirkland City Council, Transportation Engineer, Kirkland Small Business Owner

**Statement:** Serving as your councilmember is an honor. I'm committed to practical, data-driven, community-focused solutions that keep Kirkland safe, livable, and thriving. My priorities: create more affordable housing; build reliable and convenient transportation systems; make smart investments in police and fire to keep us safe; enhance our parks and open spaces; and strengthen Kirkland's economy.

For over 20 years, I've served Kirkland on the Planning and Transportation Commissions, State Transportation Improvement Board, Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance, Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods, LWSD facilities task force, and as a Little League coach. I've made streets safer for walking and biking, increased human services support, expanded our parks system, created diverse housing options, and advanced thoughtful land use regulations. I'll keep listening, responding, and building a stronger, more vibrant Kirkland for everyone!

**Endorsements:** State Representatives Amy Walen, Springer, Goodman; County Councilmember Dembowski; Port Commissioner Cho; Affordable Housing Council; Kirkland Firefighters; and more!

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## Council Position No. 2

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**Occupation:** Government Finance and Operations Manager. Youth Sports and Recreation Official

**Statement:** When Redmond voters elected me in 2017, they trusted that my career experience with King County finance, along with decades of community service would make me the right choice for City Council. In 2021, voters overwhelmingly re-elected me in greater numbers.

My leadership paved the way for the city's first *Community Strategic Plan*, empowering residents with a stronger voice in major decisions. Meeting the urgent challenges we face, protecting our environment, building housing that is affordable, and keeping people safe during emergencies, needs the trust of residents and a clear understanding of their needs and priorities. The insight I have gained from listening intently to all people has been crucial to my success in guiding investments to fix roads, improve our critical infrastructure and complete valuable community projects.

Redmond deserves experience and compassion from their city leaders. Your vote for me will continue to bring bold ideas and thoughtful actions!

## Lea Ellis

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**Occupation:** Accounting Manager, Treasurer, Former USAF/WA ANG Air Traffic Controller (veteran)

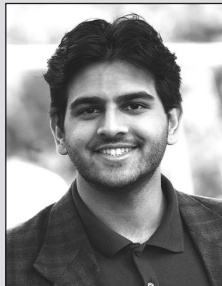
**Statement:** As a longtime resident and business owner in Redmond, I've watched local government serving special interests rather than residents. I'm running for city council because we deserve a local government that is dedicated to serving the entire community. By electing a conservative voice to the council, we will bring back balanced representation that benefits all of Redmond.

When elected, I will demand accountability, transparency, and responsiveness from Redmond's leadership. I will listen to you, the people, to make decisions that put your interests first. I will implement priority-based budgeting for the city and work collaboratively with fellow councilmembers to develop practical housing solutions while standing firm against low-barrier housing projects that compromise our community's safety. I pledge to be a responsible steward of your trust, conservative with your taxes, and an advocate for safety. With this vision in mind, I humbly ask for your vote.

Endorsed by District 48 Republicans.

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**Education:** University of Washington: BS Computer Science, BS Physics, BA Mathematics (2026); LWSD Alumni

**Occupation:** Redmond Human Services Commission Advisor; Amazon Software Engineer; Ex AI-Startup

**Statement:** As a lifelong resident and an alumni of Redmond's public schools, I'm running to bring fresh ideas, new leadership and a technical perspective to council. I will listen to *all* voices in prioritizing safety, affordability and inclusivity. This means making public transit a real option for more residents, ensuring seniors and families aren't priced out of their homes, and investing in quality parks and recreation that keep our community connected.

During the November 2024 bomb cyclone, thousands of Redmond residents lost power — we must invest in sustainable and resilient infrastructure.

As your next councilmember, I will protect Redmond's beautiful environment. Let's build a Redmond that's prepared for the future while preserving what makes our community special!

**Endorsed:** King County Democrats, 45th LD Democrats, Redmond Mayor Birney and City Council President Kritzer, 48th. Sen Slatter and Rep Walen, LWSD Boardmember Yocum, WA Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal; and more.



## Council Position No. 4

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**Occupation:** Software Engineer (Microsoft)

**Statement:** I know what it's like to build a life from scratch — in a new country, a new city, a new industry. That experience drives everything I stand for. As a software engineer and immigrant, I bring fresh energy and inclusive leadership to Redmond.

My experiences inform my commitment to transparent governance and sustainable development. I'll prioritize affordable housing, improved public transit, and protection of our natural spaces. I've spent my career solving complex problems in collaborative teams — skills I'll bring to city council. I'm also a newer Washington resident, and I understand the challenges many in our diverse community face.

Redmond is growing fast. Let's make sure it grows in a way that includes all of us.

## Kay Asai

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Business, Marketing; The University of Kansas

**Occupation:** Neighborhood and Family Advocate

**Statement:** As a naturalized citizen, mother of three, and longtime Redmond resident, I know firsthand how the soaring cost of living, rising crime, and divisive politics are straining everyday families. I'm running for City Council to restore *transparent, common-sense governance* that keeps our city safe, affordable, and accountable to you.

I will champion a *drug-free community* where children can play in our neighborhoods and parks without their parents worrying. I will fully fund and empower our police, fire, and EMS, and reject nonessential projects that divert critical resources from public safety.

I will *oppose new or hidden taxes*, cut wasteful spending, streamline regulations, and welcome job-creating small businesses so people can afford to live, work, prosper, and retire here. I will defend parental and property rights and protect private property owners from burdensome regulations. I humbly ask for your vote in the August primary. Endorsed by District 48 Republicans

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**Education:** Master of Non-Profit Leadership, Seattle University; BA Communication & BA Political Science, Washington State University

**Occupation:** Redmond City Councilmember; Together Center Board; Former: Non-profit Philanthropy Director

**Statement:** As your Councilmember, I'm engaged, focused, and approachable. I'm a consistent voice for housing affordability, strengthening our community, and climate resilience. In the last four years, I worked to make community-led decisions, promote equity, and solve problems creatively.

I'm seeking re-election because I believe Redmond can be a great place to live for *all*. To council, I bring years of experience breaking down barriers for youth and families; including my work at Youth Eastside Services to provide affordable behavioral healthcare and at Treehouse to promote education success for youth in foster care. I am a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, former Sound Transit/Metro Sounding Board Member, and former Redmond Library Trustee.

**Endorsements:** King County & LD 45/48 Democrats; Congresswoman DelBene, Senators: Dhingra & Slatter; Representatives: Goodman, Salahuddin, Walen, Zahn; King County Councilmembers Balducci & Perry; 30+ current and former Eastside mayors and councilmembers; National Women's Political Caucus; Eastside Urbanism; MLK Labor.



## Council Position No. 6

## Jeralee Anderson

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**Education:** PhD, University of Washington, Civil & Environmental Engineering; Certificates in Business Administration, Diversity & Inclusion

**Occupation:** President-CEO, Sustainable Transport Council; City Councilmember; Beagle Rescue Volunteer

**Statement:** It is a privilege to serve as your Councilmember. I am running for re-election to ensure Redmond thrives and builds diverse opportunities for families, small businesses, and future generations. *I believe everyone should feel safe, empowered, and respected when they interact with city government.*

As an executive leader, construction engineer, and social entrepreneur, I am passionate about smart development, environmental protection, and community health and safety. Since 2018, I have successfully collaborated to pass policies for climate change, green energy, affordable housing, and traffic safety. At all levels of government, I champion reliable transportation, broadband access, clean air, and clean water.

As a granddaughter of veterans, a member of a union family, and survivor of sexual assault, I fight for accountability, stewardship, and inclusiveness in city services and infrastructure. Let's work together to invest in housing stability, climate security, and fair wages for all. *Thank you for your vote!*

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**Education:** MBA, Investment Banking; Bachelor of Science, Lucknow University; WA Real Estate Certification

**Occupation:** 30 years leadership: Microsoft, Starbucks, T-Mobile, and GM; Founder, AmPowering

**Statement:** Redmond needs a leader who listens, represents your needs, and fights for a future where everyone can thrive. I'm running because leadership means showing up, solving problems, and standing with the people who make this city strong.

With over 30 years of experience in business, public service, civic leadership, and community organizing, I've built partnerships that create jobs, expand housing, support small businesses, protect the environment, and celebrate diversity. As a mom, small business owner, and volunteer leader rooted in Redmond, I bring a full-circle understanding of our challenges and how to solve them. As VP of OneRedmond Foundation and Founder of nonprofit AmPowering, I've helped thousands access resources. I'm ready to bring that same energy and heart to City Hall. Let's Empower Redmond—together.

Endorsed by: LD45 Democrats; Redmond Mayor Angela Birney, Commissioners Dave Upthegrove & Patty Kuderer; Senators Manka Dhingra & Vandana Slatter; Mayors of Bellevue, Woodinville; Community Leaders.

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**Education:** Bachelor of Engineering, Electronics and Communication, the prestigious National Institute of Technology, Surathkal India

**Occupation:** Ex-Microsoft Engineer, Chief Product Officer Startups, Businessman, Sports Franchise Owner

**Statement:** Vijay Beniwal came to Redmond 25 years ago from India and stayed to build a series of achievements including 23 years in Microsoft Product Development; advising technology start-ups; creating of over 300 small business local jobs and building Cricket Sports popularity managing the "Seattle Thunderbolts", 2022 US Minor League Cricket winner.

Vijay is one busy guy, having participated in over 50 local charities and schools, from serving free food boxes during Covid, serving on boards like Hopes and Smiles for kids, and building the community involved in Cricket from a handful to 10,000 by coaching, competitions and bringing the sport to schools at the local level.

As a member of the Redmond City Council, he'll add his experience to prioritize more public safety, affordable living for all with a focus on housing, and city financial accountability. Education and climate control are important to support, though not under Council jurisdiction.





## Council Position No. 1

## James Alberson

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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.

## Michael Westgaard

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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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**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 effect you and that you feels is important.

My determinations 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

## Mary Clymer

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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.

## Raman Mann

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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.

## Carmen Rivera

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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. 5

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**Occupation:** Communications Director, Microsoft; Former journalist and high school math teacher

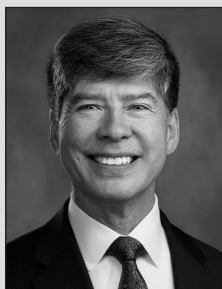
**Statement:** I grew up in Sammamish and graduated from *Eastlake High School*. My lifelong passion has been to give back to the community that raised me. As a teen, I founded the *Sammamish Youth Board* to give young people a voice in shaping City policies. More recently, I established the *Sammamish Independent*, our only newspaper, and trained students to be its reporters.

We are a city of ambitious residents who step up to provide what our community needs. We need city leadership that matches our ambitions. I will work to deliver what residents have wanted for decades, including more retail, restaurants and services, diverse housing options, frequent transit service, a community center, fewer power outages, and responsible budget management. As our region progresses forward, we cannot let Sammamish fall behind. Let's build a thriving Sammamish together.

Endorsements: King County, 5th, 41st, and 45th Democrats. Sammamish Councilmembers Pam Stuart and Sid Gupta.

## Michael Boyer

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**Education:** Ph.D. Capella University, MBA (Engineering Mgt) University of Dallas, BS Industrial Engineering LSU

**Occupation:** Business Strategy / Engineering / Operations Executive and Consultant (Retired)

**Statement:** I've proudly called Sammamish home for 30 years. My wife and I raised our two sons here and wish to stay. Now on a fixed income, that desire has become a difficult proposition. I am running for City Council to ensure that all residents, regardless of life stage, can grow, renew and thrive.

My career has been one of analysis, problem solving and leadership in creating a better future. With the city facing financial, public safety, infrastructure, growth, and environmental challenges, I will bring my over four decades of career experience to bear.

If elected, I will pursue *prosperity*, *preservation* and *public good* in every action. We cannot tax our way to prosperity. Fiscal responsibility is paramount. We must preserve the natural beauty and unique character of Sammamish. Decisions and investments must serve the public good of all residents, not just a few or those who are not yet here.

## Karthik Seetharaman

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**Education:** Masters in Engineering & Technology Mgmt, Portland State University.

**Occupation:** Director of Software Development

**Statement:** My family realized our American dream in Sammamish with my daughters growing up in safe neighborhoods, amazing schools and beautiful parks. Preserving this haven for the future while solving for fiscal sustainability and balanced development would be my focus, drawing on my experience as a parent, former planning commissioner and tech executive.

I'll strive for an effective city hall that truly serves residents, establishing a community center as a safe and vibrant space for teens and seniors, a walkable town square with small businesses, restaurants, and critical care facilities, and a serene botanical garden. I'll pursue development that preserves our city's unique character, benefitting our entire community. I will champion fiscal responsibility to ensure our tax dollars are used wisely and keep taxes in check.

Let's work together to build a *Smart, Sustainable Sammamish* that remains safe, prosperous, and environmentally sound. I would be honored to earn your vote.



## Mayor

### Marcus Johnson



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**Education:** Ph.D. in Communication, UW Seattle; M.A. in Cultural Studies, UWB; B.A. in Global Studies, UWB

**Occupation:** Faculty, University of Washington Seattle; DEI Advisor, City of Bellevue

**Statement:** Snoqualmie deserves leadership grounded in real experience. I grew up in Rainier Beach during the crack epidemic of the 1980s and 90s, became the first in my family to graduate college, and overcame personal challenges that shaped my commitment to equity, resilience, and lifelong public service.

Today, I serve as a professor and city strategist. I've led billion-dollar planning efforts and partnered with law enforcement to prevent hate crimes, rebuild trust, and center community voices.

As mayor, I'll prioritize transparent government, inclusive community dialogue, deeply affordable housing, and streamlined permitting for small businesses. I'll protect our natural environment while planning for smart, sustainable, climate-resilient growth. Together, we can build a Snoqualmie where youth are heard, elders thrive, and families of all backgrounds feel safe, welcome, and at home. Leadership matters—and it's time for courageous, connected, people-powered leadership that reflects our values and moves us all forward. *Let's build that future—together.*

### Jim Mayhew



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**Education:** B.A. Business Administration, University of Washington, licensed CPA (expired), Snoqualmie City Council 2017 to 2023

**Occupation:** 30-years as international accounting firm partner and Fortune 1000 CFO

**Statement:** My family and I moved here in 2009 and love our amazing town. My priorities are strong public safety, affordability, a community-driven future, and fiscal responsibility (sustainable budgets reflecting priorities of the community).

Too much information is currently withheld, decisions aren't collaborative, town halls have been canceled, and staff that express contrary viewpoints are forced out. North Bend terminated the joint police contract, frustrated by lack of collaboration including providing basic incident and cost information. The Council is fighting unnecessary proposed utility rate increases of over 50% and an undersized city pool proposal that has little regional partner funding. It would commit most future city infrastructure funds and force future tax increases to cover routine maintenance of roads and parks.

I will provide residents with more information and explanations of alternatives, and I'll seek consensus through interactions such as community town hall meetings. I'm endorsed by six of seven councilmembers.

### Katherine Ross



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**Education:** MBA, Seattle University; BS, Business, ISU; Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership; Leadership Eastside

**Occupation:** Mayor; Councilmember; 20+ Years Business Experience; SCA Boardmember; Encompass Emeritus

**Statement:** As your Mayor, I've focused on delivering results that protect what makes Snoqualmie a great place to live. I'm advancing affordable housing solutions, modernizing city operations, improving parks, and working on key projects like the community center expansion and pool. Public safety remains a top priority and has kept Snoqualmie among the safest cities in Washington.

I've led with transparency, listening to residents, balancing the budget, and securing state funding reducing pressure on local taxpayers. I've advocated for our city at regional and state levels ensuring Snoqualmie's voice is heard. I bring extensive experience, steady leadership, and a plan for the future.

With your support, I'll continue delivering practical solutions that keep our city vibrant, well-run, and financially sound. I'm honored to be endorsed by mayors of Carnation, Duvall, Issaquah, North Bend, Redmond, Sammamish and numerous Eastside councilmembers. Let's keep Snoqualmie moving forward, please vote to *re-elect Mayor Katherine Ross.*

### Matthew Mullvain



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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Washington State University

**Occupation:** Electrical and Lighting Specialist

**Statement:** I'm about community, service, and common sense. I'm not a politician. I'm a neighbor, a friend, and someone who genuinely cares about the people of Snoqualmie. My approach to leadership is rooted in reliability. I will always have an open ear and be ready serve. I'll lead our city with logic, reason, and integrity. Every decision will be guided by what's best for all of us—not political agendas, not special interests. I'll be careful and responsible with our resources, ensuring every dollar is used wisely to benefit our community. Transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility will be the cornerstones of my administration. I am here to serve *you*. Whether it's enhancing public safety, improving local education, supporting small businesses, fixing roads...my goal is clear: help our community grow stronger, together. I'm ready to be your mayor as someone who is committed to making our beautiful city the best place to live.



## Council Position No. 3



## Amber Wise



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**Education:** Meatcutter Apprenticeship, WeTrain/South Seattle College

**Occupation:** Political/Community Organizer, UFCW 3000

**Statement:** Woodinville is at a crossroads, and we have a choice. We can either let growth define and shape us; or we can lead with vision and shape it together.

I'm a mom raising two kids, Public Spaces Commissioner, and a worker advocate whose career uplifts voices in local government. I know how to bring people together to get things done. We have some great opportunities to shape a walkable, green downtown that feels genuine to Woodinville. I'm excited to expand access to nature and neighborhoods through projects like the Eastrail Trail and the potential the proposed community center brings to our city in how we connect.

I'm endorsed by Woodinville's Firefighters, Mayor Mike Millman, and the King County Democrats. I'll bring thoughtful, inclusive leadership to our city council and work every day to keep Woodinville a place we're all proud to call home. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

## Rachel Best-Campbell



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**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Human Biology Focused on Public Health, Stanford University

**Occupation:** Woodinville City Councilmember, Community Leader, Writer

**Statement:** My family has lived in Woodinville continuously for 25 years. My son attended Wellington, Leota, Woodinville High School and is now in college. I have volunteered at all 3 schools in both academic and athletic capacities. My love for Woodinville runs deep.

As your Councilmember I champion pedestrian safety, sustainable development, city-wide affordability, and assist small businesses and residents with city issues. I led Old Town businesses in their fight against over-development and completed the trail systems in Greenbrier and Wood Trails.

I will continue to advocate for logical growth without sacrificing the unique character of our neighborhoods. My top priorities are infrastructure improvements that benefit residents, the expansion of our public transit system, and responsible spending to avoid property tax increases. I humbly ask for your vote. Woodinville Endorsements: *Former Mayors Elaine Cook, Gary Harris and James Evans, Democratic Woodinville, and Concerned Neighbors of Woodinville (CNW)*

## Rebecca Elbaum



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**Education:** Bachelors in Political Science, Masters in Japanese Language and Culture

**Occupation:** Gun violence prevention advocate, 22 years in tech sales/marketing

**Statement:** Rebecca is ready to serve Woodinville as a committed leader with a proven track record in the corporate and nonprofit sectors. Priorities include a high quality of life for all Woodinville neighbors, robust and affordable housing options, transportation choices, and public safety. Rebecca believes in civic engagement as seen by her seven years as volunteer and state Chapter Lead for Moms Demand Action. She is an experienced leader, ready to run and work to provide solutions for Woodinville through collaboration and partnerships established while a volunteer and leader in the gun violence prevention movement in Washington.

Rebecca will be honored to earn your vote and support, joining the growing number of organizations and leaders who can vouch for her readiness to serve, including: LD 1 Democrats, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, King County Councilmember Sarah Perry, Representative Berry, Redmond Mayor Angela Birney, and Woodinville Mayor Mike Millman.

## Luke Bakun



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**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Applied Computing and Minor in Business Administration from University of Washington Bothell

**Occupation:** IS/IT Projects Facilitator at Ventegra since 2022

**Statement:** I have spent my entire life from childhood here in Woodinville, and I have been able to experience firsthand the changes that the city has made over the last 25 years.

The city has recently approved a *massive* amount of new development to take place over the *next 5 years* in order to meet King County's growth planning requirements. We must now focus on smart planning to *preserve* our city's character, *ease upcoming pressure* on our transportation system, and ensure new housing helps *improve* affordability—not *worsen* it.

Our city has great fiscal health, and I will support fiscal responsibility while promoting our *cherished* community events and local engagement. I *will not* support property tax increases, which may already be burdening our retired homeowners. Let's keep our city *efficient, transparent, and accountable*. I'd be honored to have your vote to *preserve* the charm and *plan* for the future.



## Council Position No. 3

## Troy Anderson

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**Education:** Enology Certificate from Washington State University, Business courses at Northwest University

**Occupation:** Real Estate Managing Broker and Investor

**Statement:** Unlocking Creativity, Building Community, & Driving Excellence.

Woodinville is more than just a place—it's a community rich in culture, opportunity, & potential. As a current Woodinville Planning Commissioner, Chamber & Woodinville Arts Alliance Board Member, I believe in uncovering creativity in order to add 360-degree value to our city, ensuring economic development & growth that benefits everyone.

I am committed to thoughtful leadership that is tenacious, experienced, noticeable, & dedicated to excellence. Whether shaping long-term city planning, strengthening economic development, or fostering a thriving arts & culture scene, my approach is simple: collaborate + listen, to deliver meaningful, long term sensible results. Woodinville's future should be guided by smart growth, community-driven solutions, a relentless pursuit of excellence—when we empower creativity & work together, we build a city that is vibrant, resilient, & ready for *our* future. Let's shape a Woodinville that thrives today & for generations to come. Vote Troy!

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## Council Position No. 5

## Bobby Amiri

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts & Science (OCU), cumlaude. Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Graduate School (UW).

**Occupation:** Engineer, Real Estate Managing Broker, Self-Employed.

**Statement:** Woodinville is at a pivotal moment. We need a commonsense approach to today's challenges, one that puts residents, local businesses, families, and the environment first. I'll advocate to preserve what makes our city special while promoting thoughtful growth, housing options for all generations, strong public safety, and greater transparency in local decisions.

I'm not a politician. I'm your neighbor. I've lived in Woodinville for over 35 years. My wife and I raised our seven children here, and I'm running for City Council because I care deeply about our community and its future. My perspective is grounded in decades of experience as an engineer, negotiator, and real estate managing broker. I've helped thousands of families navigate complex situations with practical, solution-focused thinking.

With your support, I'll bring that same hands-on experience and a resident-first mindset to City Hall. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

## Sarah Arndt

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**Education:** B.A. History, UNC Charlotte, M.A. Teaching, Western Illinois University, M.Phil. and Ph.D. History, TCD

**Occupation:** Senior Manager with The North Urban Human Services Alliance

**Statement:** Sarah Arndt is committed to fostering a thriving, inclusive Woodinville. As a dedicated councilmember since 2022, she has championed thoughtful growth, expanded affordable housing, and worked to enhance transportation and public spaces. With a background in education, nonprofit leadership, and community advocacy, Sarah brings a collaborative approach to city government, ensuring transparency and responsiveness to neighbors' needs.

Sarah's priorities include increasing affordable housing, improving transportation infrastructure, safeguarding Woodinville's natural environment, and expanding recreational opportunities. She believes in balancing development with preserving the city's unique character and ensuring that all neighbors have access to stable housing and vibrant parks and public spaces.

Her leadership is rooted in listening, engaging, and taking action to build a stronger community. Reelect Sarah to continue the work of making Woodinville a place everyone can live, work, and thrive. Sole Endorsements: Eastside Firefighters IAFF Local 1762, KC and 1st LD Democrats, many elected leaders and residents.

## Tanner Mills

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Humanities and Social Science, Western Washington University

**Occupation:** Continuous Improvement Engineer, Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems

**Statement:** As a lifelong Woodinville resident and Continuous Improvement Engineer in the aerospace industry, I specialize in solving complex problems and making strategic, practical decisions aligned with long-term goals. That's the leadership Woodinville needs. I take a data-driven, pragmatic approach, but good outcomes start with good information. I'm committed to engaging directly with people to understand our community's needs.

Woodinville is changing, and fast. I grew up here and know how special this community is. We're at a defining moment. Growth over the past five years has been astounding. Change is inevitable, but how we manage it will shape our future. That's why I'm running for City Council—to bring greater transparency to our city and ensure people have a *real* voice.

If elected, I'll ensure growth is thoughtful, sustainable, and aligned with the community's vision. I'm proudly endorsed by Democratic Woodinville to represent the people and protect our future.

## Susan Milke

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**Education:** Washington State University BA in Communications Radio/TV News

**Occupation:** Milke Media Advertising Planning and Buying

**Statement:** I was born in Seattle and have called Woodinville my home for the last 33 years. I raised my children here and currently my grandkids are attending school in the Northshore school district. I am looking forward to serving Woodinville by being elected to the city council.

Woodinville is a special place. Growth is important but how much growth is the question without disturbing our quality of life. Woodinville is a small community compared to other Eastside cities. We take a risk when we grow too quickly and cause high home prices, rent issues and unmanageable traffic that will deter people from shopping downtown. The people who work in Woodinville should be able to live here. Tourism is very important to the health and well-being of our town and we need to nurture it. I will work for the citizens of Woodinville, not those outside influencers who don't live here.



## Council Position No. 7

## Brandon Finley

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**Education:** Redmond High School

**Occupation:** Flight Attendant

**Statement:** As a dedicated Woodinville resident, I have seen our city's growth and changes. While progress is essential, we must address the challenges it brings, like affordable housing, traffic congestion, and overcrowded schools. Our development pace has outstripped infrastructure.

I am committed to preserving Woodinville's natural resources from overdevelopment and advocating for more affordable and inclusive housing. As a proud member of the LGBTQ community, I understand the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion. I envision a city where everyone feels welcomed and valued.

My varied background and passion for sustainable development and inclusion make me uniquely qualified to tackle Woodinville's challenges. Endorsed by Democratic Woodinville, I will fight to ensure Woodinville grows while maintaining its unique character and vibrant community spirit.

## Jaren Hanson

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Political Science

**Occupation:** Public Relations

**Statement:** Woodinville is a beautiful oasis in the middle of busy metropolitan Seattle with lush farmland and peaceful neighborhoods. Unfortunately, in an effort to cater to developers, policies have been implemented that have caused rampant traffic issues and overcrowding, which if not properly dealt with, will lead to significant infrastructure problems and safety issues.

My background as a former police officer has given me a hands-on understanding of public safety and infrastructure preservation. As a husband, father, and proud citizen of Woodinville, I want to focus on protecting what makes Woodinville the ideal place to live and raise a family.

As a member of the Woodinville City Council, I will listen to and represent my neighbors so that their voice is heard on the city council and not drowned out by developers with deep pockets.

## James Randolph

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**Education:** Bachelors of Science in Computer Science, Southern University

**Occupation:** Engineering Manager

**Statement:** It has been my honor to represent our beautiful city with a commitment to community-first leadership. In my first term, I collaborated with neighbors, local businesses, and regional partners to secure \$21 million in grants for key projects. I also advocated for the Wood Trails and Eastrail Parks and helped keep the transfer station out of Woodinville.

I'm running to maintain our natural environment, thoughtfully manage our growth so we improve our built environment, and increase local amenities. I'm also working to expand bus service that will connect us to Light Rail—efforts that will reduce traffic and support affordable housing.

We're just getting started; together we can ensure Woodinville remains the best place to live and take action on the things that will make us more prosperous, inclusive, and forward-looking. *I am endorsed by the King County Democrats and a growing list available at james4woodinville.com*





## Director District No. 2



### Chinmay Nagarkar

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**Education:** Master of Science, Electrical Engineering (Computer Networks), Stanford University, USA

**Occupation:** Senior Program Manager, Google, Inc.

**Statement:** *No Talent Left Behind*

As an immigrant with a Stanford graduate degree and a successful 20-year tech career at Amazon and Google, I know education opens doors. As a parent, computer-science teacher, STEM mentor, and soccer coach, I've seen kids thrive with support. My daughter flourished in Issaquah's special education programs, and my son's gifts led us to homeschool. These experiences deepened my understanding of our community's diverse learning needs.

Our schools face challenges — safety, student mental health needs, inconsistent attendance, and academic rigor. We must also strengthen creativity and critical thinking skills. Many parents and students feel unheard. Recent bond setbacks require thoughtful decisions. We need to listen — and act.

I'll raise academic standards through expert-guided goals, enhanced teacher training, and tools to better prepare every student. I will *amplify parent voices* and enforce existing zero-tolerance policies against bullying and substance abuse. To rebuild trust, I will promote transparency — for example, with a "Promised vs. Delivered" dashboard for expensive projects. We'll address *overcrowding* with smart solutions and align education with jobs in a fast-changing world. I bring a fresh and collaborative perspective with a *proven record* of solving tough problems. Vote to nurture every child's talents!

### Natalie Anderson

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**Education:** Woodinville High School Graduate

**Occupation:** Senior Manager of Quality Performance and Control, thyssenkrupp Aerospace

**Statement:** As a life-long resident of Western Washington and someone who is rooted in the community, I am deeply committed to ensuring our schools remain safe and inclusive. Although I may not have the traditional educational background of most candidates, I possess the passion, dedication, and drive that have propelled my career forward without formal degrees. With more than two decades of experience in Aerospace Leadership, my data-driven decision-making equips me with the skills to bring practical, result-oriented solutions to the School Board. My hands-on approach and expertise in quality management have taught me the importance of attention to detail and maintaining high standards.

I am a proud parent of two students at Maple Hills Elementary and have been an active school volunteer for five years. I've served several years on the Maple Hills PTA Board as Director of Ongoing Programs and am Chair of the Eagle Reader free book program. Organizing events, volunteering and fundraising have provided financial support and fostered collaboration and cohesion among parents and staff.

Endorsed by the Issaquah Education Association and 5th Legislative District Democrats, I am ready to leverage my leadership skills and community involvement to make a positive impact on our schools.



Director District No. 2



Lovenia Hardin



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**Occupation:** Occupation: Co-Owner, Siblonay Floral Design, Renton, WA.

**Statement:** Statement: I am a lifelong resident of Renton, WA, with 19 years of experience as a volunteer, while raising my daughters in the Issaquah School District. During that time, I spent 14 years volunteering in the *PTSA*, 16 years in *Girl Scouts* holding multiple leadership roles, 2 years on the Issaquah PTSA Council as the *DEI Representative*, and 1 year as a parent helper for the *Liberty High Black Student Union*.

My legacy includes creating the first *multicultural event* at Briarwood, being a *life-changing mentor* for young people, and *developing curriculum and facilitating meetings* for the ISD PTSA DEI representatives. My commitment is to serve with *openness, integrity, and heart* because *every voice matters*, and *every story deserves space*.

**Endorsements:** 11th Legislative District Democrats, 41st Legislative District Democrats

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## Director District No. 2

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**Occupation:** Real-time Software Engineer in flight simulators for The Boeing Company

**Statement:** I am running for School Board Director to serve our Issaquah community. Our district is known for more than just academics—it prepares students to be leaders and engaged citizens. Since 2018, I've been involved through volunteering, chaperoning trips, and supporting programs like 5th grade camp. I've also contributed to improving playgrounds, school supplies, and clothing. As a parent of two neurodivergent children, I've navigated the challenges of 504 plans and considered IEPs to ensure they get the support they need.

Like many parents, I see our kids struggling with social interactions, both in school and out. We're learning how to reconnect after years of separation and differing rules, which can lead to conflicts, both emotional and physical. These moments are opportunities for growth and understanding. I want to support district efforts to build communities of students that support each other and resolve conflicts in a healthy way.

If elected, I will fight to foster open dialogue and creative solutions. I want stronger communication between the district and our community, amplifying the voices of parents, students, and neighbors. Together, we can ensure our schools are inclusive, supportive, and ready to meet all children's needs.

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## Director District No. 4



### Carolyn Wilsie-Kendall

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**Education:** Lincoln HS, Tacoma, WA Graduate ; Administrative Assistant @ Knapps Business College; Various College Courses

**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.

### Teresa Gregory

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**Education:** UW Business School Bachelor's Degree Human Resource Mgmt and Org. Behavior

**Occupation:** Leadership Development Consultant

**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.



## Director District No. 4

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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.

Make PTA Dads great again!



Director District No. 5



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**Occupation:** former paraeducator

**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.

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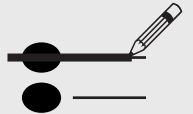
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Director District No. 3



Angela Meekhof



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**Education:** B.S. Family/Community Services, Michigan State University; Masters of Social Work, University of Washington

**Occupation:** at home parent; LWSD/community volunteer

**Statement:** Being of service to others is a core value of mine. I've lived this through my work as a foster parent and social worker, supporting some of our most vulnerable children and families. Serving as a school board director is a natural extension of my commitment to our community and a role that will benefit from my perspective and experience.

My family has lived on the Eastside for over two decades and I'm proud to educate my children in the Lake Washington School District, who have attended many different schools from elementary through high school. We've participated in music programs and athletics, explored alternative high school pathways, and navigated the complex world of special education services. I've been an active member of the PTSA at many schools and was a substitute teacher during the pandemic. I currently volunteer with Pantry Packs and the Lunch Buddy mentor program.

Supporting teachers, students, and families is essential for our district to thrive, adapt and evolve. As your school board director, I will work to ensure all voices are heard and that district policies reflect the diverse needs of our community.

*Endorsements: 45th and 1st Legislative District Democrats, Washington Education Association-Political Action Committee*

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**Occupation:** Career Consultant, Marketing, PTA Board Member, Real Estate Management

**Statement:** LWSD is a diverse community with over 100 languages and customs. As a parent of three multilingual children who've experienced the transition of immigrating, I value the support our schools provide. *Every student deserves an education that honors their individuality and equips them with the tools to pursue a fulfilling future, personally and as a contributing member of society.*

Student well-being starts with nutritious meals. I support efforts to provide healthier food options to help them focus, improve concentration and promote health. I will also work to expand access to after-school programs by addressing barriers like language, cost, transportation, and special needs. These activities foster belonging and should be accessible to all students.

Finally, my experience in career counseling provides insight into helping individuals navigate their next steps. Success can take many forms, and we should help students discover paths that reflect their strengths and guide parents in supporting their kids.

By focusing on nutrition, inclusive activities, and diverse paths to success, we can ensure that students in our district have the tools to achieve success as they define it. It would be an honor to serve as a Board Director and I am grateful for your vote.



## Director District No. 3

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**Occupation:** Leasing Agent, Former Paraeducator

**Statement:** I am a parent, educator, and community member with over a decade as a paraeducator in the Bellevue school District.

I have seen first hand what matters most in education: academic excellence, classroom safety, and honest partnerships with families. I support parental rights, curriculum transparency, and a focus on academic – not emotional or ideological- learning. I do not support gender transformation ideology in schools. I will advocate for responsible budgeting, strong STEM and arts programs, teacher and student support, and improved mental health resources.

With experience supporting students, collaborating with parents, and working along side teachers, I am ready to serve our district's children. I respectfully ask for your vote.



## Director District No. 4



## Kim Martin

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**Education:** Business Management University of Las Vegas, NV

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner and Hospitality

**Statement:** Every child deserves access to enriching programs like art, music and STEM. I'm running to ensure our schools secure the funding needed for every student to have the opportunity to thrive.

I will work to find and secure resources to support school programs, the PTSA, and educational initiatives-so the burden doesn't fall solely on families to fund these essential opportunities. I will be the leader you need to get it done!

My family has called Sammamish home since 2017. I am an active community volunteer at our local church and on the PTSA. As a parent, I've guided my child through co-op, private, homeschool, outdoor school and public education-giving me a broad perspective on what students and educators need to succeed. With over 30 years of leadership experience in the hospitality industry and as a small business owner, I understand how to manage budgets, solve problems, and work with diverse teams.

I will be a collaborative leader who partners with families, educators and the community leaders to strengthen our schools and support every child's growth. Together, we can build a future where all students have the tools and support they need to succeed! I ask for your vote!

## Aspen Richter

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Caltech, and Sustainable Business Practices certification, UCSD

**Occupation:** former VP Product Management; Lake Washington PTSA Council; community volunteer

**Statement:** With three students attending Lake Washington School District, I will bring current, lived experience to this position. I'm highly active in the District, including serving on three District advisory committees, two local school PTSAs, and the district-level Council PTSA. We need board directors with relevant, modern skills and "big picture" systems thinking, and my combined STEM education, software development experience, and executive product management experience match this need.

Changes to high school schedules, special education, highly capable education, and more have my family and other parents and guardians asking how their students will be supported. We must continue delivering an outstanding LWSD education to *all* students, even with tightening budgets and uncertain funding. Above all, I plan to ensure a Board that is responsive to and connecting with families and students.

*Endorsed by all Lake Washington school directors not in this race and by all three mayors in LWSD.*

**Endorsements include:** State Senator Derek Stanford; State Representatives Davina Duerr, My-Linh Thai; Kirkland Mayor Kelli Curtis; Redmond Mayor Angela Birney, Council President Vanessa Kritzer, Council VP Jessica Forsythe; Sammamish Mayor Karen Howe, Deputy Mayor Amy Lam; 8 Kirkland, Redmond, and Sammamish Councilmembers; 1st, 41st, 45th, 48th LD, and King County Democrats.



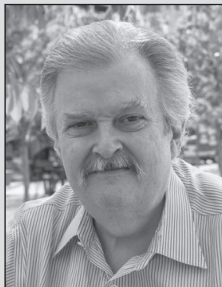
## Director District No. 4

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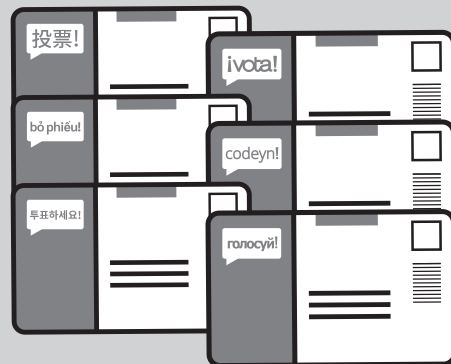
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with Emphasis in Public Relations, University of Oklahoma

**Occupation:** Media Relations Consultant, School/Community Volunteer, Past-President, Sammamish Rotary, Redmond Kiwanis

**Statement:** Key to countering federal chaos is my experience in crisis communications plus my relationships with national, state, local and union leaders who boost our schools' success. LWSD academics and graduation rates continue to be top-notch, but we must counter the pain of losing the seven-period high school day by creating performing arts and healthcare choice schools. Given their burgeoning population, we should also introduce more international languages to LWSD curriculum.

We still have school buildings needing reconstruction. We must work closer with local officials to address school district priorities when planning new housing. I hate hearing about losing dedicated people because they cannot afford to live nearby. We must work together to develop budget-friendly housing for LWSD personnel and first-responders. Keeping/attracting diverse staff is essential to support our diverse student body.

**Endorsements:** Insurance Commissioner Patty Kuderer, State Senators Derek Stanford and Lisa Wellman; State Rep. Roger Goodman; former LWSD Board President Jackie Pendergrass; former LWPTSA Board Member Judy Kaethler; former State Rep/Kirkland Mayor Joan McBride; Sammamish Mayor Karen Howe, Sammamish Deputy Mayor Amy Lam, Sammamish Councilmember Pam Stuart; Sammamish Friends Vice-Chair Joyce Bottenberg; Sno-Valley School Board Director Ram Dutt; Teamsters Local 763.



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## Director District No. 1



## Brian Travis



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**Education:** A.A. Edmonds College 2013, BAS Central Washington University 2018, MBA Western Governors University 2022

**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

## Carson Sanderson



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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



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

### JoAnn Tolentino

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**Education:** Wenatchee Valley College, Seattle Pacific University, Music Therapy Major, (worked with At-Risk Youth)

**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.

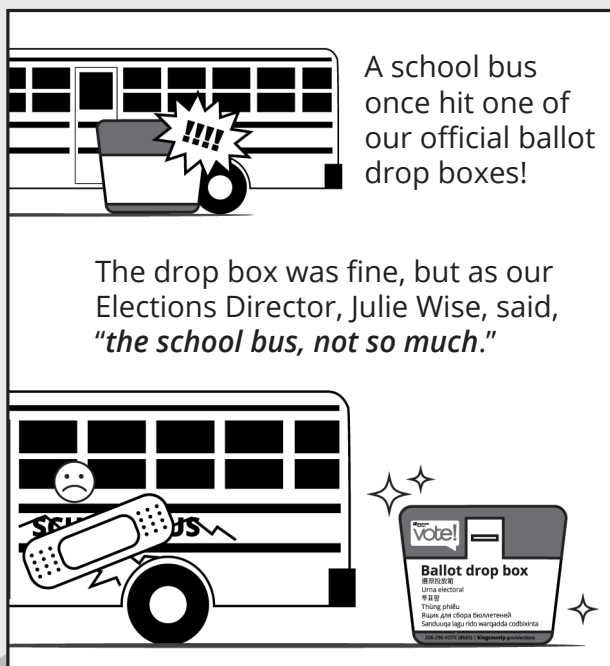
I champion your voice, empowering parents, teachers, and taxpayers to shape policies. Through transparent, community-driven decisions, we will adopt a curriculum fostering critical thinking and soft skills, preparing students to excel. We must support our great teachers and boost test scores. With \$17,000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

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## Director District No. 5



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**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

## Holly Muenchow



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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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**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!*



## Director District No. 4



## Kristi Krumpberman



**Education:** Bachelor's: Political Science and History; Master's: Teaching

**Occupation:** Studio Manager and Preschool Director at Ash and Elm

**Statement:** My name is Kristi Krumpberman, and I am a dedicated educator and manager of a small business specializing in early childhood education. Nearly a decade ago, my family chose Maple Valley for its exceptional schools. Today, two of my three children attend schools in our district, deepening my commitment to this community.

With experience in both the classroom and business management, I bring a well-rounded perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing our schools. I am passionate about transparency in decision-making, student safety, progressive education, and strong school-community partnerships.

Every child deserves a safe, supportive, and future-focused learning environment. As a school board member, I will advocate for thoughtful policies and work collaboratively with parents, educators, and the community to promote continued excellence in our schools.

## Nina Rose



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**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Entrepreneurship

**Occupation:** Community Volunteer, Army Veteran, Former Business Owner

**Statement:** As a parent of two daughters in the Tahoma School District and a dedicated volunteer since 2016, I have proudly served in leadership roles including PTO President, youth sports coach, and community event organizer. These experiences have given me a strong understanding of the needs of our students, families, and educators. I am also a U.S. Army combat veteran who brings discipline, integrity, and a deep commitment to service.

I am running for school board to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and inspired to thrive. I will prioritize student achievement, advocate for educator support, and promote transparent, collaborative leadership. I believe in equity in education—ensuring each student has access to the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

With your vote, I will bring balanced leadership, real-world experience, and a heart for service to the board. Let us work together to create a strong future for all Tahoma students.

## Devin Leshin



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**Education:** Bachelor's in Business Administration, Montreat College; Masters of Business Administration, Queens University of Charlotte

**Occupation:** Sr. Marketing and Branding Manager, T&A Supply

**Statement:** Public education should be a foundation for opportunity, not a system where students struggle due to funding gaps, safety concerns, and inequitable resources. Tahoma School District is strong, but it can be even better. As an education advocate and parent, I am committed to ensuring that every student has access to a safe, inclusive, and well-funded school environment.

I bring experience in leadership, curriculum development, and education policy, with firsthand knowledge of the challenges facing schools today. I will fight for stronger protections against bullying, increased mental health support, expanding Highly Capable and Special Education programs, and empowering teachers to have flexibility to teach beyond scripted curriculum so they can focus on student needs, creativity, and critical thinking.

Tahoma deserves leaders who will embrace innovation and advocate meaningful change. I will work to integrate emerging technology into classrooms, expand student resources, and champion policies that improve public education for everyone.

## Imani Torruella-Miller



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**Education:** Bachelor of Science, The College of William and Mary; Master of Microbiology, NC State University

**Occupation:** Full-time home manager and volunteer

**Statement:** Over ten years ago my family made Maple Valley our home. Having sent our four children through public schools, I know how important the Tahoma School District is to our community. The families, students, teachers, administration and others are all a vital part of the excellence Tahoma strives to achieve.

As a full-time mom and a dedicated volunteer in the schools and this community, I would bring leadership, organizational, and management skills to achieve that excellence. I'm a good listener who treats differing perspectives with respect, even when I don't agree. My volunteer work has afforded me extensive opportunities to work collaboratively and develop creative solutions with the resources at hand.

I value the diverse makeup of Tahoma's student body and will work to make a successful education accessible to every student.





## Director District No. 4

### Dan Abbott

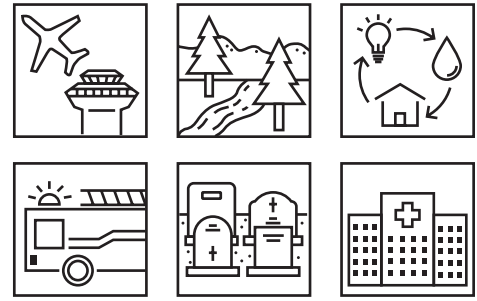
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**Education:** Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, UNC-Charlotte. Master of Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University.

**Occupation:** Director of Project Management

**Statement:** During my youth I was instilled with a principle that continues to guide me in my adulthood: always leave a place in better condition than it was found. It is this principle that is the foundation of my desire to serve on the school board. My family has been part of the Tahoma School District for the past ten years, with my three children benefiting from the high-quality teachers, the supportive staff, and the many opportunities available in the district. We expect to remain a part of Tahoma for at least seven more years and I am invested in ensuring that our schools continue to offer the best possible environment for learning and development. I am dedicated to ensuring that our schools are places where every student can thrive and I am eager to bring my experience and skills to this role.



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Director District No. 5

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**Occupation:** Senior Materials and Processes Engineer, The Boeing Company  
**Statement:** As a Tahoma graduate and Tahoma parent, I'm very passionate about this community. I'm committed to ensuring all our students are taught in a safe, supportive, stable environment that embraces their individual needs and provides them with all the resources they need to thrive.  
Tahoma is an excellent place for many, but not all students. We need to take a more holistic approach to evaluating success and de-emphasize resources spent on ineffectively chasing test scores. I will accomplish this by increasing collaboration with the community, increasing fiscal transparency, and helping implement effective, root cause corrective action problem solving approaches. I will work to ensure that the District provides a detailed, community guided spending plan for the next levy and demonstrates adherence to that plan, thereby ensuring that the District properly allocates funding and resources to the priorities that will best prepare students for future success.  
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**Occupation:** Cardiovascular Intensive Care Nurse Practitioner  
**Statement:** As a public school graduate, my time in public service as a dual-certified Doctorate of Nursing Practice, and an active member of the Maple Valley community, my experiences have been invaluable. Currently serving as PTO President, youth sports coach, and mother of two children in the Tahoma School District, I understand the importance of community engagement while balancing my career and family.  
I firmly believe that public school education is foundational for our children. Every student deserves the opportunity to achieve their highest academic potential in an environment where they feel safe physically, socially, and emotionally. This foundation is established by dedicated teachers and classified staff who feel valued.  
As District 5 School Board Director, I vow to advocate for the social and emotional well-being of students, staff, and families, ensure fiscal responsibility to our community-members, be present in my duties, and to always listen with an open mind.

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Quantitative Economics, United States Naval Academy  
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**Statement:** Through my experience as a Navy Reserve officer, airline captain, and longtime Tahoma volunteer, I've led diverse teams through complex challenges. My most important role is being a dad to three amazing students in the Tahoma School District, where we've lived for over 10 years.  
Raised by a single mother in poverty and on free and reduced lunch, I was shaped by public schools and understand both struggle and potential. That's why I run book fairs, coach youth sports, and support families—always working to show every child they matter.  
I'm running because I believe I can help bring our diverse community together around the shared hopes we all have for our children. We need respectful, transparent leadership that supports teachers, partners with parents, and focuses on student success. I'm ready to listen, learn, and serve with humility and purpose—for Tahoma.



## Commissioner Position No. 2

## Gary A Norris

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**Statement:** My roots in this community run deep. In the last 50 years; my wife Dariel and I have raised 8 children, participated in Little League, Scouts, participated in County planning efforts and have extensive experience with the hospital to meet our the health care needs of our family.

I will continue to support the existence and development of a local hospital which is economically viable, meets the health care needs of the valley community, continues to support the future expansion of hospital service to serve the needs of the community. I will look to offer support for the reduction of hospital costs which are not consistent with the value of the service provided to valley residents.

New funding challenges will be presented to the Board as federal and state funding provisions are reduced. I look to be prudent with funds available and continue to provide quality healthcare to valley residents.

## Mark L. Bowers



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**Education:** Bachelor Clinical Health University of Washington, Masters Physician Assistant University of Nebraska

**Occupation:** Naval Medical Officer, Physician Associate Veterans Hospital, Proliance Orthopedics Bellevue

**Statement:** Access to affordable, preventive healthcare concerns members of our community and Snoqualmie Valley Hospital can respond to the challenge. Evolving demographics will require more localized access to women's health, mental health, pediatrics, occupational/sports medicine, and senior services. It's currently too far to travel for these services. There are many challenges ahead that will require seasoned leadership, experience, and vision.

I bring 40 years of experience as a healthcare provider, a clinic founder to expedite veterans' services, and four medical missions to Haiti and Uganda. Having been a gymnastics coach and skier, I understand the need for sports medicine. Six years of service with Issaquah Policy Planning and Development commissions have also prepared me for this next step.

Throughout my career, compassionate healthcare has been my driving force. I wish to expand that commitment as one of your Snoqualmie Valley Hospital commissioners and respectfully seek your vote and continued support.

## Robert Angrisano



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**Education:** University of Oregon, Business Administration, Numerous Medical Credentials

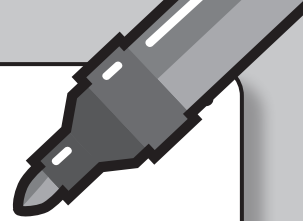
**Occupation:** EMT and EKG Technician, Swedish Hospital; EMT Snoqualmie Fire Department

**Statement:** I've dedicated my life to serving our community and helping others, demonstrated by 35 years of service as a volunteer Firefighter/ Emergency Medical Technician, and my continued focus on helping our maturing population, people with intellectual, developmental, and physical challenges.

Spent 30 years as an executive in the high-tech industry, 17 years as a Fire Commissioner, involved with Snoqualmie Valley Hospital for several years and currently serve on the Finance Committee reviewing critical financial information monthly. I'm in constant touch with our community and understand the challenges with our healthcare system. This provides me with the unique perspective to drive needed improvements.

My strong medical background coupled with my proven business and finance knowledge is what differentiates me from others running for this position. Together, we can make a positive difference to the services the hospital offers and improve the health of our community. I'm asking for your vote and support.

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**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 92.*



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:**

**Warren Jimenez**  
Division Director, Parks  
(206) 477-4527  
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## Statement in favor

Rod Dembowski, Tracy Myers, Susan Pappalardo  
[www.yeskcprop1.com](http://www.yeskcprop1.com)

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.

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**Proposition No. 1****Reduction of Board Size from Five to Three Commissioners**

Shall the board of commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 40 be decreased from five members to three members?

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

*The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*



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

*Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 52.14.017)*

**Explanatory statement**

King County Fire Protection District No. 40 (the District) is placing a measure on the August 5, 2025 primary ballot to reduce membership on its board of fire commissioners from five to three, as authorized under RCW 52.14.017.

Passage of this measure would reduce the number of elected fire commissioners serving on the board from five to three. If approved by a majority of voters, the reduction would occur in accordance with RCW 52.06.085. The intent behind this proposal is to improve operational efficiencies and reduce administrative costs, while preserving the board's essential oversight functions.

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

**Eric Quinn**  
Legal Counsel  
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[equinn@firehouselawyer2.com](mailto:equinn@firehouselawyer2.com)

## Statement in favor

Craig Soucy  
Craig864@comcast.net

We urge you to vote *Yes on Proposition #1* to reduce the number of Fire Commissioners for King County Fire District 40 from five to three.

This change is a smart next step following voter approval to join the Renton Regional Fire Authority (RRFA). Now that RRFA will handle fire protection and emergency services, KCFD 40's role is still focused on budget oversight, governance, and ensuring local accountability. Reducing the number of commissioners aligns the governance structure with the district's streamlined responsibilities.

Fewer commissioners mean less administrative overhead, fewer elections, and with more efficient operations, resulting in long-term cost savings for taxpayers. It also reflects good government: responsive to change, fiscally responsible, and focused on delivering value to the public.

This proposition does *not* affect emergency response or fire service levels—those remain fully handled by RRFA. It simply modernizes how we manage the oversight role, without sacrificing transparency or effectiveness.

Join us in supporting responsible reform and lower costs. *Vote Yes on Proposition #1.*

## Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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**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](http://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.

### For questions about this measure, contact:

**Candace Scairpon**  
Board Governance Coordinator  
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### Statement in favor

Barb Jensen, Josh Pratt, Kevin Hanson  
[www.yesevergreenhealth.com](http://www.yesevergreenhealth.com)

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.

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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 4.1.3.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.

# 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?*

Draw here

Write here

*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.*

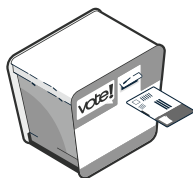
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*Will you return your ballot in the mail, or will you use an official ballot drop box?*

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?*

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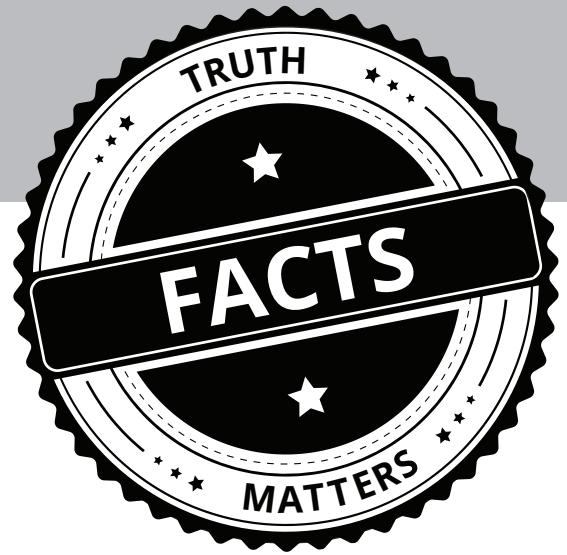


*You can vote using a pencil, pen, or marker! Do you have a favorite pen you'll use to vote?*

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Think your Vote Plan is especially good? Tag us in your social media posts @kcelections

# Truth Matters



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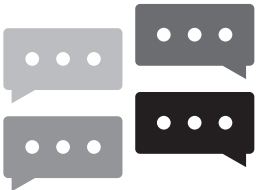
## Question the source

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



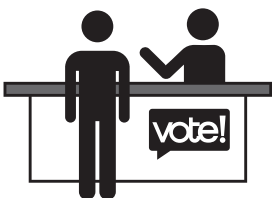
## Think critically

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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