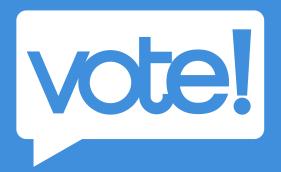
November 4, 2025 General and Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet









A letter from the

Director



Dear Voters and Future Voters,

Whatever it is that you care about, this November's election will have an impact for years to come. You're voting on your representatives for everything from State Senator to Water District Commissioner. There are also several measures on the ballot, where you get the chance to directly decide the law.

No matter the issue or the viewpoint that gets you moving – go vote.

Watch for your ballot in the mail and then fill in your ovals, sign, and return it right away. Drop it in your local drop box (there are 85 across King County). Election Day is November 4 but there is no need to wait. Go vote as soon as you can.

Sign up for ballot alerts to get text or email alerts about when your ballot's received back at Elections HQ, and when it's ready to be counted.

As you get ready to vote, take a few moments to fill out the vote plan on page 11, and then help your friends and family make their own plan to vote and make their voices heard.

Give us a call at 206-296-VOTE (8683) if you need help getting registered, getting your ballot, or need other accessible voting options. As always, we're here to help.

Happy voting,

Juli Wise

Julie Wise



Sign up for ballot alerts!

We're here to help!



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



You will not be voting on every item in this voters' pamphlet.

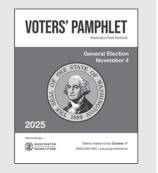
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You will receive **two** voters' pamphlets

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





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.



How can I register to vote?



Online

Visit **VoteWA.gov** to register online. Online registration for this General Election is available until **October 27**.



By mail

Download and print a registration form at kce.wiki/VoterReg. Mail to King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057. King County Elections must receive the form by October 27.



In person

Register at a Vote Center until 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 4. Find Vote Center hours and locations on Page 7, and at kingcounty.gov/elections



Visit a Vote Center

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

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

Sign up for Ballot Alerts!

You can receive automatic text or email alerts as your ballot goes through every part of the process, from being mailed to being counted. Ballot alerts are also the fastest way to know if there's an issue with your signature.

When you opt in, you'll get notifications for this and future elections. You can unsubscribe at any time.



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





Where is my ballot?

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



Materials available in 7 languages!



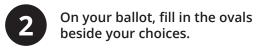
You can receive ballots, voting materials, and correspondence in Chinese, English, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese.

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

Read your voters' pamphlet to learn about what's on your ballot.



How to







3 Sign the back of your ballot return envelope.



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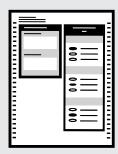
Return your ballot. Whether by drop box or the mail, vote early!





Track your ballot. Visit kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot or sign up for ballot alerts at kce.wiki/BallotAlert. These are the best ways to know your ballot was counted and your voice was heard.





Need a replacement ballot?





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. Check that your ballot is
- 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.

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Locations		Hours of operation	
Renton	King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, October 15 – 24, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	
		Weekdays, October 27– 31, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
		Saturday, November 1, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
		Monday, November 3, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
		Election Day, November 4, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	
Bellevue	Crossroads Community Center 16000 NE 10th St, 98008	Saturday, November 1, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
Federal Way	Federal Way City Hall 33325 8th Ave S, 98003	Monday, November 3, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
Kenmore	Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	Election Day, November 4, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	
Kent	Kent Green River College Campus 417 Ramsay Way Ste 112, 98032		
Seattle	Lumen Field Event Center / WAMU Theater 800 Occidental Ave S, 98134		
	Located in the Lumen Field Event Center with entrances on Occidental Ave S and S Royal Brougham Way.		



Parking is free at Vote Centers.

Paid parking is available at Student Engagement Hubs.

Student Engagement Hubs

University of Washington Seattle Campus

Located in Room 145 in the the Husky Union Building (HUB), the UW Seattle Student Engagement Hub provides students the opportunity to get registered to vote for the first time, update their registration, get a replacement ballot, or use an assistive device. Elections staff are on hand on to answer questions and provide assistance.

University of Washington Bothell Campus

Students who are registered to vote can use the provided kiosk to print their ballot.



Learn more about hours of operation and services.



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



Auburn

Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002 Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th St NE, 98002

* 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 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

Issaguah

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

This box has moved to the Kirkland Wester Parking Lot, just south of the City Hall Building on 3rd Avenue.

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,



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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



NEW 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 (corner of NW 83rd St and Mary Ave NW), 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 (near the northeast corner of N 95th and College Way N), 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



Steve Cox Memorial Park, 1321 SW 102nd St, 98146 The drop box formerly at White Center Library has moved to Steve Cox Memorial Park.

^{*} Drive-up ballot drop boxes



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 accepts calls from detention centers. Call us at **206-296-VOTE** (8683) and trained staff will assist you. We're here to help!

Make a votel Plan.

Month(s):

October and November

Goal(s):

Vote and make my voice heard!

Notes:

Election Day is November 4, 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 November General 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

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.

Write here

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





* If you plan to use the mail, we highly recommend getting your ballot mailed by the Friday before Election Day.



If you're using an official ballot drop box, which drop box will you use?

Visit kce.wiki/DropBox to see a map of all locations.



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

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

About Washington's November General

If a primary election was held for an office, the two candidates who received the most votes in the Primary advanced to the General Election.

Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that the candidate prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

COUNTY



Salary (2025): \$296,028

Serves for a short and full 3-year term

Executive

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

Elected by voters in King County¹



Salary (2025): \$183,312

Serves for 3 years

King County Councilmember

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

Elected by voters in the King County council district¹

PORT



Salary (2025): \$61,997

Port of Seattle Commissioner

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

Serves for 4 years

Elected by voters in King County

CITY



Salary (2025): Varies by city

Serves for 4 years

Mayor

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

Elected by voters in the city



Salary (2025): Varies by city

Serves for 4 years

City Councilmember

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

Elected by voters in the city



Salary (2025): \$224,492

Serves for 4 years

Seattle City Attorney

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

Elected by voters in the city



Salary (2025): **\$217,337**

Serves for 4 years

Municipal Court Judge

Hears and decides misdemeanor cases.

Elected by voters in the city

SCHOOL DISTRICT



Salary (2025): No annual salary

Years of service varies

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.

Elected by voters in the school district²

SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT



Salary (2025): No annual salary

Years of service varies

Fire District Commissioner

Makes the local fire district's budget and policies and provides fire permits.

Elected by voters in the district



Salary (2025): No annual salary

Years of service varies

Water District Commissioner

Makes the local water district's budget and policies and sets billing rates.

Elected by voters in the district



Salary (2025): No annual salary

Years of service varies

Sewer/Wastewater District Commissioner

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

Elected by voters in the district



Salary (2025): No annual salary

Years of service varies

Public Hospital Commissioner

Oversees hospital operations and delivers services to promote health.

Elected by voters in the district



Salary (2025): No annual salary

Years of service varies

Airport Commissioner

Makes the local airport district's budget and policies.

Elected by voters in the district



Salary (2025): No annual salary

Years of service varies

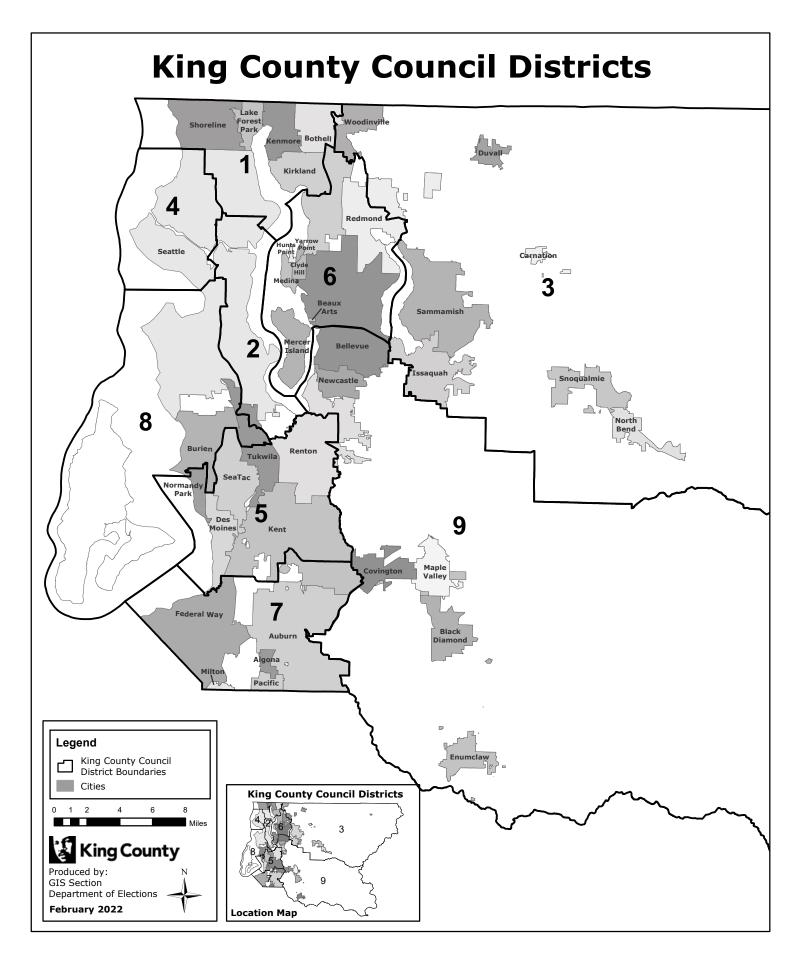
Park District Commissioner

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

Elected by voters in the district

¹In 2022, voters approved King County Charter Amendment No. 1, moving this race to even years. After this election, this race will be decided in even years instead of odd years. As a result, the person elected in 2025 will serve for 3 years.

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





Executive

Girmay Zahilay

campaign@electgirmay.com electgirmay.com



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, Congressman Adam Smith, Attorney General Nick Brown, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, King County Democrats, business leaders and the most labor unions. I have earned their support because of my unmatched track record and 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.

I know how hard it is to make ends meet. 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. 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 clerked in the Obama White House, practiced business law at top national firms, 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 addiction recovery centers, fund our first responder system for public safety, pass eviction prevention laws to keep people housed, advance King County's gun violence prevention strategy, increase the minimum wage, and invest in thousands of new affordable homes.

These are real solutions. As Executive, I'll tackle our urgent challenges head-on—ending homelessness, improving public safety, defending reproductive rights, expanding addiction care, addressing climate change, and helping small businesses thrive. If you're ready for a new leader who delivers, I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Claudia Balducci

info@claudiabalducci.com



Education: J.D., Columbia University; B.A., Providence College; NW Women's Law Center (Legal Voice)

Occupation: County Councilmember (Chair 2020-2023); Sound Transit Vice-Chair; Former Bellevue Mayor

Statement: King County is at a crossroads — and business as usual isn't working. Too many neighbors are being priced out. Homelessness remains a crisis. Rollbacks of rights threaten our safety and economy. These uncertain times require the decades of proven leadership that I bring. I'm the only candidate with executive experience leading a large agency and a record of fixing broken systems. As Executive, I'll ensure every dollar delivers real, measurable results. The Seattle Times called me "best suited to lead the region to better days."

Committed to being King County's "Housing Executive," I've delivered thousands of new homes and laid the foundation for hundreds of thousands more, as well as emergency shelter and supportive housing. The Urbanist endorses my plan to build 44,000 more, calling it "ambitious and achievable."

A former countywide safety leader, I'll balance accountability and compassion to keep communities safe. Moms Demand Action gave me a "Candidate Distinction" for reducing gun violence and former Sheriff Sue Rahr endorses my "understanding of the system, ability to drive change, and consistent work toward safer communities."

I overcame fierce opposition to expand light rail to the Eastside and am delivering South County service ahead of schedule, in addition to transit and pedestrian/bike improvements. *Transportation4WA calls me "the region's undisputed leader on light rail expansion, transit safety, & building trails across the county."*

I'll use my legal experience to fight federal overreach, from reproductive justice to immigrant and LGBTQ+ rights. The Progressive Voters Guide praises my "vision of an inclusive, vibrant, and climate-friendly county where all residents can thrive."

My promise to you: proven leadership to deliver bold *and* achievable results. *Endorsed: The Seattle Times; Firefighters; King County Democrats; Affordable Housing Council; Transportation4WA; Snoqualmie Tribe; Win With Women; Eastside Business Alliance; Unions; 18 Mayors; over 100 elected and community leaders.*



Council District No. 1

Rod Dembowski

(206) 922-8822 info@vote4rod.com www.vote4rod.com



Education: Renton Public Schools; Georgetown University, Business Management & Government, cum laude; UW Law School.

Occupation: County Councilmember; Previous: Attorney in private practice; Financial Analyst

Statement: Rod Dembowski is a community-focused, results-driven Councilmember, rooted in service and committed to improving the lives of King County residents. With a proven record as an independent, progressive policymaker, Rod has never missed a vote. He was named the Municipal League's Elected Official of the Year. Rod is dedicated to effectively addressing the region's most pressing issues: health and safety, affordability, conservation, and poverty.

Health & Safety. Rod led efforts to fund North King County's Regional Crisis Response program, pairing mental health professionals with first responders. Rod championed the Behavioral Health Institute at Harborview, kept public health clinics open, and is standing up crisis care centers and mobile response teams, countywide. Rod increased Metro Transit security, created King County's gun buyback program, and implemented effective law enforcement oversight systems.

Affordability. As Chair of the Budget Committee, Rod has worked to manage the cost of King County programs, ensuring their effectiveness and advancing reforms. He has trimmed tax and spending proposals, made transit more affordable, and ensured that seniors and disabled veterans get the property tax relief they've earned.

Conservation. Rod has secured over \$100 million for parks, trails, open space and waterways in North King County. He quadrupled funding for King County's Conservation Futures Program. He wrote legislation to decarbonize Metro Transit, and passed our climate action plan.

Supporting Those In Need. Rod believes in the power of King County to transform lives and help our neighbors in need. He worked to open the Kenmore senior women's shelter and the Oaks Shelter in Shoreline. He increased funding for food support and is working to ensure no one in King County goes hungry.

Supporters include: Planned Parenthood, Washington Conservation Action, Shoreline/Northshore Firefighters, MLK Labor, Machinists, Transit Operators, Realtors, King County Democrats, Governor Ferguson, Congresswomen Jayapal & DelBene, Mayors throughout the 1st District.



King County
Elections does
not correct
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fact check
candidate
and measure
statements.



Council District No. 5

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: South King County deserves leaders who solve problems – not just talk about them. 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.

I've served as a City of SeaTac Councilmember for ten years with a strong record of success. Without raising city taxes, we turned a deficit into a surplus while expanding parks, reducing police response times by 40%, and expanding human services. SeaTac doesn't have homelessness – we find them housing. We helped open 30 new child daycare centers. 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 help 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 local coffee shops to hear residents' concerns and ideas. 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.

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Medical Center Board President



Education: Seattle University Law School, Macalester College
Occupation: Healthcare and employment attorney; Harborview

Statement: South King County deserves strong leadership that delivers real results. For too long, our community has been overlooked when it comes to resources and support. I'm running for King County Council to prioritize our needs: hold down everyday costs, strengthen public safety, build more housing, and improve access to mental health and addiction treatment services.

We are all tired of broken systems and empty promises. As an attorney, public-school mom and PTSA member, and President of the Harborview Board of Trustees, I've spent my career bringing people together to solve problems. I know how to get resources where they're needed and will hold leaders accountable to deliver results. That's the kind of experience and urgency South King County needs right now.

As the only Democrat and only candidate in this race who has successfully led a regional governing body, I'm proud to be endorsed by Congressman Adam Smith, 10 South King County mayors, King County Executive Shannon Braddock, current and former King County Councilmembers, and a broad coalition of labor unions, business leaders, first responders, and community advocates, who trust me to make real progress on safety, homelessness, and affordability.

My husband and I live here with our two sons and extended family nearby. I also coach youth basketball, serve on nonprofit boards, and volunteer with neighbors to strengthen South King County from the ground up. South King County is our home—and I am committed to building a safer, more affordable future for all of us. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Additional Endorsements: Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, former Governor Gregoire, The Seattle Times, 47th LD Democrats, Seattle-King County Building Trades, LiUNA Local 242, former King County Councilmember Julia Patterson, Commissioners Sam Cho and Toshiko Hasegawa, and many more.



Commissioner Position No. 1

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Occupation: Energy policy advisor, former small business owner, economic development professional

Statement: As your Port Commissioner, I work everyday to make the Port of Seattle the greenest port in North America, to create living-wage careers for local families, and to ensure the best possible experience for our passengers and partners at SEA and the seaport.

I'm running for re-election to continue these efforts and build a Port aligned with our communities' forward-thinking priorities and values.

Our Port is an economic engine for the region, supporting countless jobs and driving economic growth. That's why I have invested in workforce development, supported local businesses, and ensured that the benefits of port activity are shared equitably. With your support, I will continue to prioritize the creation of high-quality, family-sustaining jobs for our community.

We have a responsibility to be a leader in environmental sustainability. Towards that goal, I have led on the transition to zero-emission vessels and equipment, improved efficiency, and worked with airlines, shippers, and fleet owners to transition to sustainable energy. I will continue to decarbonize our operations, clean up legacy contamination, and reduce local air and water pollution.

We strive for SEA to be a world class airport for the millions of passengers and thousands of small businesses who connect with the airport. At the Port, I have advanced improvements in passenger experiences, innovations that expedite the process from the moment you arrive at the airport, and invested in facility improvements. Let's continue to make our seaport best-in-class on the West Coast to build on our history as a maritime region.

Endorsed: King County Democrats; Port & Seattle Firefighters; Washington Conservation Action; MLK Labor, Longshore Workers and over a dozen other unions; FairVote Washington; Congressmembers Larsen & Smith; County Councilmembers Dembowski, Perry, Barón, Balducci, Mosqueda, Zahilay; Mayors of Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, Shoreline & Bothell; and many more!



Commissioner Position No. 3

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Education: University of Washington: BA, MA Policy Studies; Harvard Business School Certificate in Global Business

Occupation: Port of Seattle Commissioner and City of Seattle Department Director

Statement: As Port Commissioner since 2021, I have taken on key leadership roles, including Commission President and Audit Committee Chair. Raised in a working-class family by a truck driver and an airport worker, I understand how Port decisions affect daily life, from job access to how goods reach our communities. I remain focused on transparency, results, and putting people first.

Jobs and Training: I have helped double investments in workforce development, including leading Maritime Youth Career Launch, a \$4 million program preparing youth for maritime careers. I also advanced the Maritime Innovation Center, a hub that will drive job training, entrepreneurship, and the blue economy, creating future opportunities for startups and businesses.

Economic Development: I approved a record \$5.6 billion Capital Improvement Plan, creating jobs and boosting contracts for local businesses. I secured \$7.1 million to improve the airport experience for travelers and workers. I remain committed to terminal upgrades, supporting cargo growth, and strengthening the Port's role in regional business development.

Environmental Justice: I sponsored the directive securing permanent protection for North SeaTac Park's green spaces and cosponsored the first shore power mandate for cruise ships, slashing emissions by 80 percent. I also led a \$5 million home soundproofing program to reduce airport noise. These communities carry the burden of a regional airport and deserve meaningful support, which is why, in partnership with Senator Patty Murray, we secured federal funding to expand this work.

In my next term, I will focus on supporting small businesses, creating family-wage jobs, expanding access to trade and transportation, and holding the Port accountable to the people it serves. I hope to earn your vote!

Endorsements: All Port of Seattle Commissioners, Governor Ferguson, Attorney General Brown, Commissioner Upthegrove, Treasurer Pellicciotti, Members of Congress, local mayors, councilmembers, and unions including SEIU6, IBEW46, and Machinists 751.



Commissioner Position No. 4

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Education: MA Seattle University; BA Criminal Justice & BA Spanish, Seattle University

Occupation: President, Port of Seattle Commission; WMBE business

Statement: I've drawn on six years as an agency head in the Inslee Administration to promote job creation and operational excellence. While governments statewide face budget shortfalls, the Port of Seattle is in excellent financial condition. We're delivering \$5,300,000,000 in capital projects, creating family-wage jobs, and contracts for local businesses. Under my leadership, we've expanded access to careers for underserved communities through agreements with labor, formal partnerships with three Tribes, investments in education, apprenticeships, and the green jobs initiative. We've improved our contracting processes and policies to increase spend with minority and women-owned businesses.

As a mom, I want all our children to inherit an even brighter future. We must act now. I introduced the Teal New Deal, my plan to decarbonize maritime (blue), and activate industrial lands to manufacture, warehouse, and transport clean energy (green). This coordination promotes sustainability worldwide, while creating generational jobs locally for the next fifty years. We also remediate contaminated sites, and opened the Duwamish River People's Park where juvenile salmon have since returned!

SEA Airport accommodates the whole state's international travel demands. To attract and retain the workforce operating our airport, I championed free orca passes, free hygiene products, and a childcare navigator program. I'm leading on delivering a brick-and-mortar childcare facility to meet the public's demand for more options.

Airport communities now have assurance that North SeaTac Park is protected, as well as \$14,000,000 in Port grant opportunities. I want robust engagement throughout South King about the Sustainable Airport Master Plan.

I'll meet federal threats to our economy by creating opportunities for people to thrive. Let's ensure communities countywide benefit from the \$929,000,000 economic boom from FIFA 2026.

My approach works: economy, environment, and equity advance together. It's our triple bottom line. I'm honored to represent you.



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Education: Evergreen High School and some college

Occupation: Burien City Council Member, Small Business Consultant, Board Member, Entrepreneur

Statement: My extensive experience, including serving on Planning Commission and Economic Development Partnership, has served Burien well during my first term. I continue to be a strong advocate for working families, small businesses and workers.

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

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

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Education: MBA, Bachelor of Science in Marketing, Western Governors University; Associate Degree, Design, El Paso College

Occupation: Director of Marketing for Seattle Orcas

Statement: As a working mom who raised my kids in South King County, I understand the real pressures Burien families face—rising costs and the need for safe, welcoming neighborhoods. As Vice Chair of Burien's Planning Commission, I've helped shape a vision that addresses housing affordability, invests equitably across neighborhoods, and promotes sustainable growth. With a professional background as a marketing leader, I bring experience building strong communities and uniting people around common goals.

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

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



Council Position No. 3

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

Occupation: Attorney, Washington State Health Care Authority

Statement: Burien is where my wife and I are raising our two-yearold, and we love it. I want what's best for our families: we need more affordable homes, safer streets for families, and a city government that works for us. Along with many others, I fought for—and won—a strong minimum wage increase, with the people voting 57% to 42%, but our council is wasting taxpayer money fighting it in court. That's wrong. Our city should be working with King County on homelessness, not turning down \$1 million in vital funding without explanation.

We deserve better. I stand for workers' rights, tenant rights, and environmental justice. I'm endorsed by King County Democrats, the 33rd & 34th District Democrats, Teamsters 117, WA Housing Alliance Action Fund, Congressman Adam Smith, King County Councilmembers Teresa Mosqueda and Girmay Zahilay, Senators Tina Orwall & Emily Alvarado, State Lands Commissioner Dave Upthegrove, and many more. Join us!

Marie **Barbon**

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Education: Associate Degree in Nursing

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Statement: I'm running for Burien City Council to bring accountability, responsibility, and common sense to our city leadership. As a registered nurse and 16-year Burien resident, I've seen the heartbreaking impact active addiction has had in our community. Programs like harm reduction and supportive housing have turned into a symbol of what happens when we abandon responsibility and accountability. It's time we change that.

As Chair of the Human Services Commission, I've worked to address these challenges firsthand and recognize how vital it is to invest in effective public safety, housing that is affordable, and community services. We can accomplish this with compassion and practical solutions. We need to grow our city's resources by attracting businesses and building our local economy.

Burien deserves leadership that's focused on public safety, affordability, and sustainable growth. I'm proudly endorsed by King County Police Officers' Guild. I'd be honored to earn your support and vote.



Sarah Moore

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Occupation: Program Coordinator, Master Gardeners of KC, Burien City Council Member

Statement: I've seen how local government can work for Burien residents. I was proud to secure \$5 million for flood control in Boulevard Park. I've championed renter protections, housing stability, a fair minimum wage, increased human services and regional partnerships like the 911 co-responder program. I've supported clean water, air, land, trees and climate mitigation. As chair of the Airport Committee, I advocate for Burien residents impacted by airport noise and expansion.

I'm committed to walkable neighborhoods, smart public safety, environmental justice, and a Burien that works for all. I will continue to work collaboratively across jurisdictions and communicate clearly and honestly with constituents, even on difficult topics, asking hard questions on your behalf. I humbly ask for your vote.

Endorsements include: 33rd, 34th and KC Democrats, National Women's Political Caucus, MLK Labor, UFCW3000, Transit Riders Union, Katie Wilson, The Urbanist, Representatives Gregerson, Obras, Thomas, and Fitzgibbon, Senators Orwall and Alvarado.



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Education: Evergreen High School, South Seattle College

Occupation: Construction laborer and manager for a small remodeling business

Statement: As a lifetime resident of Burien, I'm aware of the challenges we face. I've grown up here. I've seen the trajectory we've been on in recent years. This city raised me. I'm ready to step up, serve my community, and lead with fresh perspective.

I chose to run for council, and specifically position 5, because I have watched a sheer lack of responsibility with the ideas being promoted. From open drug use and encampments which disabled our communities, to the new zoning changes and push for increased taxes for residents, it needs to be halted.

My goal is to bring supportive and heartfelt personal investment to the council. I want to continue to build on the public safety progress we've made, revisit the city budget and see how we can reduce overspending instead of raising taxes, and consider long-term impacts of ideas like zoning changes. *Please vote for Gabriel Fernandez*.





Council Position No. 7

Stephanie Mora

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Education: Evergreen High School, Highline Community College **Occupation:** Current Burien Councilmember, Homemaker, Homeschool Educator

Statement: It has been an honor to serve you on the Burien City Council. As a mom of 6 and a 25-year Burien resident, neighborhood safety is personal to me. For the past four years, I've stood firm against policies and outside influences that harm Burien, even when disguised as efforts to be more "welcoming." I will continue to focus on real solutions, not failed concepts.

We deserve a leader who defends safe neighborhoods, supports small businesses, and backs policies that help keep the cost of living down. That was true four years ago, and it's still true today. I've been that leader for you and will continue to be.

I oppose tax increases and policies that enable encampments. I stand for balanced, practical leadership that puts our community first. I'm proudly endorsed by the King County Police Officers Guild. Please vote to re-elect Stephanie Mora to continue our progress!

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Education: Bachelor's of Science Conservation Biology, SUNY ESF; Master's Public Administration, University of Vermont

Occupation: Customer Relationship Manager, King County Metro Statement: I'm running for City Council because I love this city! I've been a public servant all my life, and I want to use my skills to make Burien a better place. We deserve a city council that respects all our citizens and focuses on what we need, like safe streets, fair wages, and government transparency.

We've spent too much time the last few years fighting each other. I commit to working with our community and fellow council members to find innovative and common-sense solutions to issues that are important to us all. I will also fight for working people and for the rights and protections of all people who call Burien home.

Join me and let's build a better Burien together! Endorsed by: 33rd/34th LD Democrats, Senators, and Representatives; King County Democrats; County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda; Working Families Party, MLK Labor Council; Protec17; ATU; UFCW 3000 and more!



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Education: Coursework in Communication and History; decades of practical education in complex systems and process improvement

Occupation: International trade professional aligning business needs with complex government regulations

Statement: We've all heard it for as long as we can remember: Des Moines is full of potential. We're told to be patient. To trust the politicians. But year after year, the same priorities return, and the same problems remain.

I've lived here 20 years. I know what this city could be. But potential doesn't staff the police department or restore animal services. It doesn't connect neighborhoods, attract businesses, or help working families raise successful kids. With serious financial pressures mounting, we can't afford to keep missing opportunities.

It's time to refocus—not just on the marina district, but on the whole city. That starts with a clear plan to grow stable revenue and end crisis budgeting. My profession is building transparency and trust into systems that work. I'm not a politician; I'm a problem-solver ready to turn our city's potential into reality. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Harry Steinmetz



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Education: J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law; B.A. from San Diego State University

Occupation: Des Moines Deputy Mayor, City Council Member. Attorney. Former Judge.

Statement: Des Moines has faced challenges since 2022: leadership changes, budget shortfalls, and impacts from the pandemic. As your Deputy Mayor and city council member, I've worked to protect essential services like policing, while balancing the budget responsibly. I've focused on transparency, accountability, and results for our community.

We're investing in building a stronger future: revitalizing downtown, improving the permit process, and updating projects like Marina Steps and the Redondo Pier to be both community-focused and cost-effective.

I'm proud to be endorsed by the 33rd LD Democrats, Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Tina Orwall, Lands Commissioner Dave Upthegrove, LiUNA 242, and many local leaders. All of whom believe in my commitment to community, public safety, and responsible leadership. I'd be honored to continue serving you and working to make our city safer, more connected, and more responsive to the people who call it home. I respectfully ask for your vote.



Council Position No. 3

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

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

Statement: We will succeed when city leaders listen. You spoke twice last year on Proposition 1. I heard you. *Both times*. As your elected servant, I didn't scold you or suggest you were uneducated. You're right to be upset with those who did.

You didn't buy a council bailout disguised as a public safety measure. You recognized that wasteful spending is the biggest threat to public safety and fiscal stability. Crisis budgeting has cost us 25 years of missed opportunities and stagnated economic growth.

You elected me to help end this cycle of lurching between prosperity and insolvency. But it will take at least four votes on the council to do that. *Your vote is crucial*. We can change course this year if you elect people who rely *on sound reasoning rather than whim*. I humbly ask for your vote, and for leadership that respects both your voice and your intelligence.



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Occupation: High School Science Teacher

Statement: Des Moines is a wonderful, unique city where I and my family have lived for nearly 30 years and in early childhood. The beaches, small businesses, history, nature, wildlife and people make this place special. I believe community, TLC, public safety, and caring for our environment and wildlife will keep Des Moines thriving.

I'm passionate about protecting our environment, from tree canopy, to salmon streams, to outdoor recreation and sustainable transportation. I served on the 2023 Citizens Advisory Committee, helped create a City Proclamation recognizing the Southern Resident Orcas, fought to protect historic landmarks, forests, public recreation spaces, return of our public planning commission and would like to see improved transportation options like increased shuttle service.

I'm a graduate of the UW, and experienced science educator. I believe thoughtful, transparent leadership that balances budgets, prioritizes essential services, and safeguards the environment will keep Des Moines thriving and wild at heart!

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Education: UC Berkeley, BS Genetics and Plant Biology; KGI, Master of Business and Science in Biotechnology

Occupation: Founder and past-President, IVYX Scientific; VP, Des Moines Legacy Foundation

Statement: As a scientist, entrepreneur, and father of two, I am passionate about building a stronger future for our city. I am the founder of IVYX Scientific, a company serving the global scientific community, and want to bring my experience and fresh perspective to City Hall.

Nearly a quarter of our residents are under 18, yet young families are underrepresented in city leadership today. I will advocate for more parks, playgrounds, sports fields and after-school programs - building a safe city where families can thrive.

Our budget challenges are serious. City reserves have been cut in half. The best way to restore financial stability and expand essential services, without raising taxes, is through smart economic growth throughout the city, revitalizing our waterfront and capturing more opportunities from the airport. I will push for accessible financial information, better online services, and more community engagement. I'd be honored to earn your vote.



Council Position No. 7

Robyn Desimone



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Education: Kennedy Catholic High School **Occupation:** Small Business Owner

Statement: As a lifelong resident of the South Seattle area and proud mother of two daughters, I am running for City Council here in Des Moines. As the owner of local flower shop Iris & Peony, I run a frontfacing small business where I am accessible to everyone and have the opportunity to listen to people's concerns about our city. Since moving my business to Des Moines, I have organized many events and provided advocacy for businesses in this community, and I am proud to have received the Washington Retailer Association's endorsement.

Being on City Council will give me the opportunity to advocate for small businesses, assist with economic development, and strengthen public safety. Our city has incredibile potential to fulfill and I would be honored to earn your vote.



Semra Riddle



Education: UW Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Occupation: Virtual Design and Construction Manager, Councilmember for 9 years

Statement: Proven. Principled. Pragmatic. My vision will always be a vibrant LFP, preserving what makes us great while responsibly creating solutions for new challenges. Solutions like at-cost locking mailboxes to prevent theft. Shepherding our budget to protect our parks, streams, and trees. Controlling costs despite historic inflation while ensuring safety isn't compromised. Ensuring mental health co-responders can help when the police can't.

Together, we will invest in safety, promote business opportunities, develop our vision for housing and infrastructure, and more. Complex problems don't have simple easy answers. Our current challenges require an *honest* and *complete* understanding of our budget and policies, and importantly, continued participation from our amazing and engaged community.

Proudly endorsed by KC Democrats, FairVote, The Urbanist, National Women's Political Caucus, 14+ local elected officials including 4 current and former LFP councilmembers, Bothell, Shoreline, and Kenmore mayors and councilmembers, 1st LD representatives, and with Moms Demand Action distinction.

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Education: Central Washington University Majors: Accounting, Finance, Marketing. Minor: Computer Science. Wharton Business School - CIMA

Occupation: President, Smart Portfolios - RIA, President, Portfolio Mason Statement: I'm here to be your voice of fiscal responsibility, preserving nature and our city's unique character. My civil service experience and 40-year background in finance will serve you as we fully fund Public Safety, support state housing mandates for ADU's & duplexes and re-establish vital Citizen Committees. I'll work to support and realize the City's better Sound Transit plan that saves 400 trees, protects homeowners, and minimizes commuter impact.

We should delay the proposed Tax Levy Lift, which is rushed, unvetted, and disapproved by 2/3rds of the Budget Sub-Committee. We do not need a levy with \$10 million in reserves - 4.5X the requirement. I will restore the Citizens Budget Commission, bring back transparency, accountability, and prevent levy failures, like 2010 & 2021.

My family has called LFP home for generations; we love it here. Let's not see the city commercially zoned, parking mandates removed, or apartment complexes in neighborhoods.



Council Position No. 2

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Education: GSU Bachelor of Arts in Film and Video / Minor in Marketing **Occupation:** Communications and Marketing Professional

Statement: Having spent half my life on the East Coast and half on the West, I've seen how division and misinformation can hold communities back, and how understanding and inclusion can move us forward. I've studied cultures around the world and believe people have more in common than they realize.

Lake Forest Park is a beautiful city, but rising costs bring real challenges. As a small business owner, I've balanced budgets by using innovative tools, honest partnerships, and creative solutions. I support expanded sidewalks near schools, improved public transportation, and green energy initiatives like electric charging stations.

We need to strengthen communication between our council, city staff, police, and firefighters. I also intend to help boost local commerce and ensure our new waterfront space is accessible to all. I'm running to deliver thoughtful, inclusive, long-term progress for Lake Forest Park.

Matt Muilenburg

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Education: University of Washington Undergrad and Law

Occupation: Product Management

Statement: For 47 years in this community, I have seen firsthand the deep bonds, quiet acts of care, and shared history that make Lake Forest Park special. I know that civil society is built through our daily connections—a neighbor lending a hand, a classroom project, a local tradition celebrated year after year. Lasting change is built on a foundation of respect and trust.

I am running to unite our neighborhoods around a common future—one that prepares us for new challenges while preserving what we value most. True unity isn't just about agreement; it's about recognizing our differences and forging solutions together, so every voice is heard, and everyone shares in the benefits that come from our collective efforts.

My door is open, I want to talk. www.haveyoumetmatt.org – 206-376-9993. Endorsed by the 1st District Democrats, King County Democrats, King County Young Democrats; full list at www.haveyoumetmatt.org



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Education: BA in Biology, U. Chicago; doctoral training in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, U. Kansas

Occupation: Policy Director, Mountain Lion Foundation; LFP Parks & Recreation Board

Statement: Eight years ago, my family moved to LFP for leafy, walkable neighborhoods. I started volunteering and serving in PTA leadership at my kids' schools. I joined the parks board to speak for my neighbors and my values as a conservation scientist. Now I'm running to fulfill the promise of a city in balance with nature, grow retail and boost city revenue, and apply the community's creativity to our greatest challenges, including affordability and climate change.

Together, let's enhance our quality of life, environment, and budget: Permit neighborhood cafés/shops; build affordable homes between the trees, where kids can move back and elders can downsize; add car-free links to transit; make space on roadways for people, trees, strollers, bikes, benches, and play.

Endorsed: King County Democrats and leaders including: Senators Stanford, Salomon; Representatives Duerr, Kloba; Councilmembers and mayors in LFP, Shoreline, Kenmore, Bothell, Woodinville; Shoreline Firefighters union; LFP neighbors; more at JoshForLFP.com.

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Education: University of Washington, BA Architectural Studies, BS Building Construction

Occupation: Deputy Project Director, Sound Transit; Previously Director Capital Projects, UW

Statement: As your Councilmember, I have prioritized public safety, fiscal responsibility, and environmental stewardship. I sponsored pedestrian safety improvements and supported efforts to ensure our police have the resources they need to keep our community safe. As Budget Committee Chair, I helped deliver a transparent, balanced budget that meets your needs. I believe we must manage existing funds wisely before asking you to pay more.

I grew up in Lake Forest Park and moved back with my young family in 2009. With experience as an architect, former Planning Commission Chair, and now Councilmember, I've listened to your concerns and worked collaboratively to shape policies that support equitable, environmentally sensitive development while preserving LFP's unique character.

I bring energy, effective listening and collaborative decision-making to the Council. As a lifelong Democrat, I am committed to a responsive, forward-thinking government that reflects our shared values. I would be honored to earn your vote.



Council Position No. 5

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Education: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Occupation: Clean Energy Mechanical Engineer

Statement: My family moved to Lake Forest Park 5 years ago, drawn by its natural beauty and community spirit. Today, I'm running for City Council to offer a fresh perspective and proven problem solving skills to our leadership. I dedicated 15 years to building the transition to a sustainable future, and I believe Lake Forest Park's future depends on getting our budget under control. We need to partner more effectively with the state and our neighboring communities. We can focus on using taxpayer dollars wisely while protecting the services we value most. I will work to make Lake Forest Park financially strong, so today's families can thrive here and the next generation can afford to live, work, and build their own future.

Tracy Furutani



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Education: MS, Chemistry, Stanford University; Ph.D., Geological Sciences, University of Washington

Occupation: Physics Instructor, North Seattle College

Statement: Over the past four years, we've made real progress together: *safer streets* through reduced speed limits and stronger enforcement, a *healthier environment* with a new Climate Action Plan, new *pathways to affordable housing* with middle housing reforms, and *improved financial stability* through careful budgeting. These successes came from listening to your concerns and taking meaningful action.

But our work isn't finished. We must extend safer street improvements to the city borders, hire a climate action manager to strengthen our community's resilience to bomb cyclones and wildfire smoke, and complete the lakefront park to serve all residents.

As Council Chair and Deputy Mayor, I've helped guide tough conversations on middle housing and city finances to successful outcomes. I also serve as Council liaison to the Climate Action Committee. With your support, I will continue to lead with transparency, collaboration, and a strong commitment to serving your priorities and our city's future.



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Education: Rutgers University - BA in Chemistry; Cardiff University - PhD in Chemistry

Occupation: LFP Councilmember, Associate Teaching Professor - UW Chemistry

Statement: In my 4 years on the LFP City Council, I have worked to keep LFP as a welcoming, environmentally-sound city. I believe that LFP is moving in the right direction, and I want to build on the past 4 years to continue to move forward thoughtfully.

I want it to be safer for people to walk and bike around LFP, especially around our schools. I believe the city needs to hire a climate manager to help implement the Climate Action Plan we recently adopted, which will include maintaining our critical urban forest. I would like to explore how we can thoughtfully explore additional middle housing options that would fit neighborhood character, such as cottage housing. And I support efforts to make the city's budget more sustainable in the long term.

I would be honored for your support for another term on the LFP City Council.



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Susan Jeanne West



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Education: Bachelor's in Business-Communications, University of Washington; Master's in Strategic Public Relations, George Washington University.

Occupation: Senior Communications Manager at King County.

Statement: I am honored to serve as a Normandy Park City Councilmember. I grew up in Normandy Park and attended Marvista Elementary, Pacific Middle School, and Mount Rainier High School. I care deeply about Normandy Park's financial, economic, and environmental health, its community spirit, and its future. I will continue to do what I can to help Normandy Park plan a positive future that preserves what we love about the community, while looking for creative and positive ways to help it flourish – in partnership with our community members.

I hope you will join me in volunteering for Normandy Park events, programs and projects. The opportunities are endless. Together we can help our community stay healthy and strong, while having fun, getting to know our neighbors, and introducing our community to others around the region.

Thank you for the opportunity to be on the City Council. See you around the Park!



Council Position No. 4

Mike Bishoff

No photo submitted

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No statement submitted.



Eric Zimmerman





Occupation: Elected representative

Statement: Thank you for trusting me as your councilmember and mayor. I don't have an opponent on the ballot, but you have my promise to ensure an uncontroversial and functioning government doing the everyday business of making our city a great place to live and visit.

Much has changed in Washington since I first joined government. I want you to feel okay believing that accountability is necessary when our laws are broken. For the things making our neighborhoods less safe, it's okay to say, "This isn't normal!", and require that your government solve it.

Our care for those who are hurting is only care when it helps, and our inclusion lacks meaning for those trapped outside society by government's permission. Your ballot today is important. Many elected leaders statewide are partnering to solve our biggest problems, with compassion and accountability co-existing. I respectfully ask for your vote to help this grow.

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James Alberson

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Education: BS in Computer Technology - Purdue University; MBA with Marketing Concentration - Purdue University

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

Statement: As City Council President, I'm committed to common-sense thinking and driving 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 effectively address issues that threaten 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 build a stronger, more vibrant Renton—one that serves as a model for the region.

Endorsements: Mayors Armondo Pavone and Denis Law, Renton Councilmembers Prince, Perez, and O'Halloran; King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn, Eastside Business Alliance, and more.

Michael Westgaard

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Education: Center for Employment Education, a technical trade school in Anchorage, Alaska.

Occupation: King County Wastewater Operator. Union Shop Steward and Board Member.

Statement: Renton is becoming unaffordable for workers. We have Seattle rents without the high paying jobs. I want to bring more high paying jobs to Renton. I helped lead Renton's new minimum wage ballot initiative and support enforcement to help Renton residents make ends meet.

We pay taxes to Sound Transit, but that money is spent in Bellevue and elsewhere. I'll fight for our share. We need more affordable housing and to help keep seniors in their homes. Let's build social housing on vacant public land. Everyone who works hard deserves a safe place to live. The state legislature passed a law preventing rent gouging. I want to make sure it's enforced. Above all we need to make our neighborhoods safe.

I am proud to be endorsed by Local Democrats, Boeing Machinists, Home Care workers, the King County Labor Council and elected leaders. However, the endorsement that matters most is yours.



Council Position No. 2

Carmen Rivera

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

Occupation: Renton City Councilmember, Assistant Dean, Assistant Teaching Professor, Seattle University

Statement: As a lifelong Renton resident, educator, and former case manager, I'm running for re-election because our families 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 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 grateful to earn your vote.

Mary Clymer

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Education: Lakeridge Elementary, McKnight MS, Renton HS, Central Washington University, and American Musical and Dramatic Academy

Occupation: Health and wellness small business owner

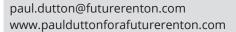
Statement: Renton deserves practical leadership rooted in community, not party lines. I'm a three-time Renton Volunteer of the Year, former Renton Arts Commissioner, and a proud advocate for our city. Through years of public and customer service, I've learned the power of listening, creative problem-solving, and helping others.

My support comes directly from neighbors, local leaders, and those invested in Renton's future. I show up, listen, and understand what matters most to the people who live and work here. I'm committed to strengthening community connections, supporting thoughtful growth, and finding practical solutions that reflect Renton's diverse needs. My priorities include public safety, supporting small businesses, accessible recreation, and community-centered decision-making that brings more voices to the table.

Endorsed by Mayor Pavone, former Mayor Denis Law, many current and past councilmembers, small business owners, and a growing number of community members. I'd be honored to earn your vote.



Paul Dutton





Education: Master of Business Administration, University of Utah; BS Mining Engineering, Michigan Technological University

Occupation: Professional Civil Engineer, Licensed in Eight States Including Washington

Statement: I'm stepping up because I understand that the status quo isn't working. I want to build a safe, accessible, and inclusive Renton where all residents have access to the resources they need to thrive. Renton is growing quickly, and we are leaving too many of our working families, small businesses, seniors, immigrants, and LGBTQIA+ neighbors behind.

My family has called Renton home since 2006. As a 25-year Professional Engineer, I've worked on Discovery Channel sized projects from roads to light rail to tunnels. I understand what it takes to solve problems and make people's lives better. Listening to community, I'll use my expertise to address safety, affordability, housing, and transit issues in the city I love.

I'm a PTA dad, former Scout Leader, Rotarian, and endorsed by King County Democrats, Transit Riders Union, Washington State Progressive Caucus, and many others. Together, we can build the future Renton we all deserve

Ruth Pérez

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Education: Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Master's degree in Business Administration, Bachelor's degree in Communication Science **Occupation:** Renton City Councilmember, small business owner, and former Governor's Advisor

Statement: Renton welcomed me as a Latina immigrant and I've been blessed to serve you as Councilmember since 2014. My years of experience in government and community advocacy have helped me get things done on issues that matter. Public safety, transportation, the environment, and human services impact all of us every day. Your safety is my top priority. I've supported adding well trained police officers, body cameras, and mental health responders to keep us safe. I've championed regional funding for parks, trails, senior services, and transportation. As King County and Washington State mandate more growth I've listened to your concerns, pushed for smart, cost-effective local planning, and fought for Renton's fair share of resources. I would be honored to continue serving Renton.

Endorsements: Congressman Adam Smith, Rep. Steve Bergquist, Mayor Armondo Pavone, Councilmembers Prince, O'Halloran, McIrvin, Alberson; Former Mayors Denis Law and Kathy Keolker; MLK Labor; King County Democrats, and more.



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1

Jessica Giner

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Education: Bachelor of Arts (cum laude), Seattle University; Juris Doctorate, Seattle University School of Law

Occupation: City of Renton Municipal Court Judge

Statement: Judge Giner has served the City of Renton as a Municipal Court Judge since 2021. With 20 years of balanced legal experience, she is a knowledgeable and equitable decision-maker and has been rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by the King County Bar Association and received high ratings from six minority bar associations.

A native of South King County, Judge Giner created Renton Municipal Court's Youth Traffic Court and Mental Health Calendar programs. She is an active volunteer with the YMCA Mock Trial Program, Judges in the Classroom, and the Constitution Day civics learning programs. She also serves on a statewide committee overseeing access to services to restore mental health competency. Judge Giner has been elected by her fellow judges statewide as Vice President of the District & Municipal Court Judges Association.

Endorsed by: National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAM 751); King County Democrats.



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2

Kara Murphy Richards



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Education: Notre Dame Law School, JD 1995

Occupation: Renton Municipal Court, Presiding Judge

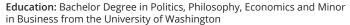
Statement: Judge Murphy Richards looks forward to continuing to serve Renton. Appointed in 2019 by Mayor Law (Ret.) to start Renton's first Community Court and elected in 2021, Kara has a public service career that spans almost 40 years. She has served as a Social Worker, Probation Officer, Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, Prosecuting Attorney and Judge Pro Tem. She has worked hard to bring the court into the classrooms and the community and to invite the same into the courtroom through events like Constitution Day, Law Day and various mock trial competitions.

Kara and her husband Craig live in the Renton Highlands. They have six children, six grandchildren and four beloved dogs. A former board member for Mary's Place and Athletes for Kids, Kara also enjoys doing public speaking on a variety of topics.



Takele Gobena

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Occupation: Union Representative, Teamsters Labor Union

Statement: SeaTac deserves a dedicated leader who works tirelessly to keep our community safe, make city services more responsive, and invest in our future. I'm committed to expanding vital senior services, increasing affordable housing options, stabilizing rents, supporting after-school programs for our kids, and empowering small businesses to thrive.

In my 4 years on the council, I've brought real-world experience and a strong commitment to public service and improved our city . As Chair of Administration & Finance and a member of Public Safety, Transportation, and Sidewalk committees, I helped expand sidewalks, supported small businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic, expanded senior programs, and balanced the budget—without raising property taxes.

Endorsed by SeaTac residents, unions, local leaders, and small business owners, I'm ready to keep fighting for SeaTac's bright future. Together, we can build a safer, stronger, and more vibrant community. I humbly ask for your vote.

Caitlin Konya

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Education: Bachelor of Arts - University of Washington, Master of Social Work - University of Denver

Occupation: Psychiatric Social Worker

Statement: I am a state social worker and have served on SeaTac's Community Services Advisory Committee for the last two years. My professional and volunteer experiences uniquely qualify me to bring people together, solve hard problems, and responsibly manage taxpayer dollars. I am running to make SeaTac a model for how small cities can stand up for their residents. SeaTac residents face a rising cost of living, underfunded infrastructure, traffic/pedestrian safety, and feeling their voices aren't heard in City Hall. We can do better. SeaTac is more than a transit hub. 30% of SeaTac's area is the airport, but over 30,000 people live here. I will use my time on the City Council to ensure that our residents' voices are heard first and focus on results. Endorsements: MLK Labor, Senator Orwall, Rep. Obras, 33rd District Democrats, WA Women's Political Caucus, WFSE Council 28, AIM 751, Puget Sound Firefighters L1747, and more.





Council Position No. 4

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Occupation: Private Investigator, Small Business Owner

Statement: SeaTac is a diverse and vibrant city. I am running for SeaTac City Council to ensure that SeaTac's economic growth benefits all residents equally. My goal is to truly represent the people of SeaTac.

I support *subsidizing noise abatement solutions* like double and triple-pane windows to *reduce the impact the airport has on residents living on or around the flight path*. I will work with other government leaders and the Port of Seattle to develop *permanent plans for reducing noise*.

As your Councilmember, I'll advocate for a data-informed, community-focused approach that prioritizes public safety, affordable housing, and strategic urban planning while ensuring that working-class families and seniors living on a fixed income are not priced out of our communities. If elected, I'll also continue Peter Kwon's tradition of pizza nights at Ulysses after City Council meetings. I would be honored to have your vote and will not let you down!

Mohamed Egal

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Education: Bachelor of Science from Lafole College

Occupation: Mayor of SeaTac and Puget Sound Fire Governance Board Member

Statement: It is an honor to serve as your mayor! Every day, I work to improve our city.

Together, we're hiring additional police officers and investing in programs that give first responders tools to help people in crisis. We're being responsible stewards of city funds by maintaining a healthy surplus of more than \$30 million without raising property or utility taxes. We're working with the Port to secure North SeaTac Park for future generations. We're investing in affordable housing, senior services, workforce development, and childcare.

I'm proudly endorsed by Governor Ferguson, Lt. Governor Heck, Congressman Smith, the Mayors of Tukwila, Normandy Park, and Des Moines, five SeaTac City Councilmembers, and the 33rd District's entire delegation to the Legislature. I've been endorsed by KC Democrats, MLK Labor, Firefighters Local 1747, WEA, Planned Parenthood, and many more. There is so much more we can accomplish together. I would be honored by your vote.



Bedria Abdullahi





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

Occupation: Executive Director, SeaTac Senior Support Systems

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

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

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

Michael Sanford



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

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

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

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

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

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Mayor

Katie Wilson

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

Occupation: Founder and Executive Director of the Transit Riders Union

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

This is your city — and we can do better.

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

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

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

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

Bruce Harrell

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

Occupation: Seattle Mayor; former City Councilmember; Civil Rights, Small Business Attorney

Statement: I'm proud to lead a Seattle united against federal cruelty, and I'm investing in affordability, safety, and housing. Let's build on the progress we've made: 3,000 new emergency housing units bringing people indoors with services, over 6,000 new affordable homes, innovative public safety solutions, a doubling of affordable childcare, and new progressive revenue to safeguard investments in housing.

Raised in Seattle by a Japanese mother incarcerated during WWII and a Black father who escaped the Jim Crow South, standing up to Trump's hate is personal for me. I've defended the rights of women, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ neighbors.

Action on Housing: As your mayor, I've delivered 33,000 new homes, invested over \$1 billion toward affordable and supportive housing, reduced tent encampments by 80%, and tripled the Housing Levy. To continue this progress– I will eliminate barriers to construction, enable the development of over 100,000 new family-sized homes, and keep addressing homelessness with urgency and compassion.

Improved Safety: I created the CARE Department, hired hundreds of officers to rebuild SPD, and crime and overdose deaths are down. We'll continue expanding behavioral health alternative response and addiction services, while recruiting officers who reflect our diverse communities. We cannot afford to go backwards on safety.

Relief for Families: Standing with workers, I protected the minimum wage increases I proudly helped negotiate. Trump's tariffs, inflation, and federal cuts raise prices and impact jobs, but we're taking action: doubling affordable childcare— with the goal of universal access for low-income families— and lowering taxes for small businesses.

My record and leadership is endorsed by Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Governor Ferguson, Attorney General Brown, MLK Labor, SEIU775, Building-Trades, Seattle FireFighters, Seattle Times, Democratic leaders, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, and more. I deeply care about Seattle– and will deliver the affordability we need and safeguard the rights we must protect.



City Attorney

Erika Evans

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Education: Former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Assistant City Attorney–Criminal, Civil

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

Statement: Seattle deserves a City Attorney who shares our values, will keep us safe, and *always* stands up for our rights. I am running to deliver real public safety—holding violent offenders accountable and addressing root causes that perpetuate crime and harm. I've spent my career fighting for victims of violence, children, and underrepresented communities. I've prosecuted wage theft, hate crimes, and held gun and fentanyl traffickers accountable.

I'm the only candidate with experience as a city and federal prosecutor, a civil defense lawyer for the City of Seattle, and as a protem judge. I know that the law is not just about punishment—it's about justice, balancing accountability with compassion.

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

With your vote, I'll bring needed reform to this office: restore the Community Court that helps rehabilitate lives, end unacceptable delays in prosecuting domestic violence and DUI cases, and prevent gun violence. I left my job as an Assistant U.S. Attorney when Trump took office. We need a City Attorney who defends our rights and the rule of law with passion and principle—not political convenience.

Proudly endorsed: WA State Attorney General Nick Brown; Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, King County Prosecutor Leesa Manion; Councilmembers Mosqueda, Zahilay; Port Commissioners Cho, Calkins, Hasegawa; City Councilmembers Rinck, Hollingsworth, Juarez; MLK Labor, ATU587, UFCW3000, SEIU775 & 1199; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; King County & District Democrats, Legislators; over 100 legal, civil rights leaders, and more!

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

Ann Davison

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Education: B.A. Sociology, Baylor University; J.D., Willamette University College of Law

Occupation: Seattle City Attorney, former international teacher, twenty-year attorney, arbitrator

Statement: I'm an outsider to Seattle's political environment, and since being unexpectedly elected in 2021, I've led the fight to fix what insiders broke in our City. I've made Seattle safer and I'm using the full weight of my office against Trump's threats to protect our communities.

Political insiders that broke our City want to "take the office back" to the time before I was elected, with rampant crime and repeat offenders let off the hook. I wasn't recruited by insiders. I ran because I couldn't sit and watch Seattle continue to slide to disorder. I'm proud to be Seattle's first woman, and mom, to serve as City Attorney.

Since taking office, I've taken bold action to dismantle human trafficking networks on Aurora, disrupting open air drug markets, and launched a Drug Prosecution Alternative, providing treatment pathways.

On corporate accountability, I secured \$160 million from Monsanto for dumping toxins into the Duwamish, and sued Kia/Hyundai for making their least expensive cars easier to steal. On gun violence, I proposed legislation that Council unanimously approved. Innovating like only a political outsider can, I brought data transparency to our criminal justice system, now a national model, and pushed the state to fix the DUI toxicology backlog to keep our roads safer.

My success running the office has earned endorsements by former Governors Gregoire and Locke, Congressman Adam Smith, King and Pierce County Prosecuting Attorneys, Rev. Harriett Walden, Pastor Aaron Williams, Seattle Fire Fighters and Building Trades' unions, a majority of the City Council, and retired judges.

Seattle's turning a corner, but can't go back to when we didn't have accountability at city hall or on our streets. Ask yourself: is Seattle better than four years ago? We have more work and I look forward to continuing what we began.



Council District No. 2

Eddie Lin

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

Occupation: Assistant City Attorney, Seattle Office of Housing

Statement: I am running to ensure the Chinatown International District and South End have a strong voice in City Hall. Our community needs practical solutions for affordability, public safety, reducing homelessness, and supporting our public schools. I know folks are frustrated by City Hall's lack of urgency, and I am too.

My top priorities are lowering housing costs and increasing housing options. As a lawyer for the Seattle Office of Housing, I've helped fund thousands of affordable homes for Seattleites, but I'm just getting started. As the Stranger said in their endorsement, "When it comes to housing, and building more of it, Lin knows his stuff."

I'm proudly married to a public school teacher and we raised our kids on Beacon Hill. As the son of a Taiwanese immigrant, I've faced discrimination and will fight to defend immigrant and LGBTQIA+ communities. In college, I relied on financial aid and worked as a house painter and janitor. After moving to Seattle, I worked at a bakery, a bookstore, and as a bike messenger, and I know that one job should be enough.

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

I believe in a comprehensive approach to public safety: investing in housing, social services, public schools, and community-based organizations that work closely with youth and families. I'll scale up programs that bring social workers and mental-health professionals to more 911 calls, and insist upon increased police accountability and hiring more officers who come from, and serve, our diverse communities.

Endorsements: State Senators Rebecca Saldaña and Emily Alvarado, State Representative Velma Veloria (ret.), School Board President Gina Topp, The Stranger, The Urbanist, and many more at LinforSeattle. com.

Adonis Ducksworth

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Education: B.A., Urban Studies, University of Washington - Tacoma; M.P.A., University of Washington - Seattle

Occupation: Senior Policy Advisor, City of Seattle

Statement: As a lifelong Southeast Seattle neighbor, Union member, transportation expert, and community outreach leader - my roots run deep in District 2. I am running to make Southeast Seattle more affordable, safe, and welcoming for our children and families, advancing policies rooted in shared values of respect for diversity, belief in equity, and commitment to include everyone.

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

I was raised in a Beacon Hill triplex by a single mom who worked two jobs. I worked at Jefferson Park Golf Course and for the SuperSonics as a ball boy. I know what it means to have stable, affordable housing for working families and will make housing my #1 priority.

I returned to college at age 30 through the Worker Retraining Program, and today live in Rainier Beach with my wife, a former public defender, and two daughters. In my role at the City I bring people together around critical policy investments including last year's successful transportation levy. I am a community advocate for youth health and safety.

Endorsements: Democrats for Diversity and Inclusion, King County Young Democrats; Women of Color in Politics; ATU587 Transit Operators; Carpenters, Plumbers, Laborers and other Trades; Seattle Times; Councilmembers Solomon, Hollingsworth; Former State Representative Dawn Mason; Former County Councilmember Larry Gossett, more!

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



Alexis Mercedes Rinck

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

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

Statement: Since my first day on Council, I've been a voice for progressive change and working people– leading the charge to fund union-built affordable housing, protect wages and benefits, and ensure our public safety system is accountable, appropriately staffed, and responsive. I've partnered with legislators to secure funding for programs that keep us safe and help people in crisis, and passed a transportation electrification package to meet our climate goals.

Under my leadership, Council's new Federal Response Committee has taken action to protect Seattle. We're working with regional and state partners to safeguard the rights of our neighbors. To prevent budget cuts, I brought workers, small business, the Mayor, and Council together to pass progressive tax policy that protects critical services.

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

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

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

Endorsements: All Seattle Democratic Groups; MLK Labor Council and Union Locals; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates; OneAmerica Votes; LGBTQ+ Victory Fund; Congresswoman Jayapal; County Councilmembers and Legislators from every Seattle district—and more!

Rachael Savage

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Education: Education: Founder and Business Owner 1993-2025

Occupation: Occupation: Entrepreneur, Non-Profit Director Addiction Recovery Organisation

Statement: Since 2020, the constant presence and unpredictable nature of those suffering from addiction and mental illness has threatened the safety and harmed the dignity of everyone who lives, works and visits Seattle. *As a business owner,* I have suffered the negative effects first hand. I have seen how preventable street conditions destroy businesses, neighborhoods and our tax base. *As a resident,* I have had to contend with the ever increasing rent and cost of living.

As an addict with decades of recovery, I know that we can dramatically improve the quality of city life, if we change course on our treatment of the addicted and the mentally ill. As your city council member, I will amend and pass laws that offer a clear choice of jail or treatment to those committing crimes, and end the free apartments for active addicts policy. With the assistance of federal funding we can move quickly to abstinence based treatment and housing.

I will work to rebuild the police and the courts and return them to their proper roles of firmly moving the addicted towards change and rejoining society. I will work to create a state of the art system of residential care, away from our neighborhoods. I will close the wage versus rent gap by directly subsidising hard working minimum wage workers.

We can accomplish these goals with no new taxes. The federal government is offering cities the legal standing and funding for new programs and facilities. This funding is a lifeline for Seattle. We cannot afford to either lose funding or raise taxes on business. To accomplish these goals we must stop living in fear. I represent a movement of Seattle citizens who are unafraid. Who recognise that those who share our goal of safe, prosperous cities are our true friends. Vote Savage.



Dionne Foster

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

Occupation: Former Nonprofit Executive; Seattle Foundation Officer; Seattle Policy Advisor

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

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

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

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

With your vote, I'll stand up to Trump's efforts to cut essential services and the attacks on the rights of our neighbors. I'll fight for workers, reduce burdens on small businesses, and champion arts and culture. *Together, we can build a fairer and more affordable Seattle.*

Sole Endorsements: King County Democrats and every Seattle District Democratic group; the Stranger; the Urbanist; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates; MLK Labor; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; Fuse WA; OneAmerica Votes; Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal; County Councilmembers Mosqueda & Barón; Democratic Legislators; more!

Sara Nelson

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Education: Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology, University of Washington.

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

Statement: Seattle, I hear you: you want faster action. I ran four years ago because I shared your frustration, watching neighbors suffer on our streets. In a city with resources like ours, there's no excuse for the slow pace of change we've seen. I'm pushing to break through the barriers that slow us down.

As a person in recovery myself, I'm expanding access to comprehensive, on-demand addiction treatment. I know the obstacles to getting sober, and I couldn't have done it without effective treatment and support. That's why I'm ensuring new public safety funding goes to drug treatment – so everyone has the resources I had. Public safety isn't just about hiring more cops, it's about addressing what's driving the crisis on our streets.

We've made real progress: reversing years of police officer losses, launching crisis response teams, and expanding shelter to move people inside faster. I fought entrenched business interests to deliver up to 1,000 units of workforce housing in downtown's Stadium District, and led permitting reforms to build homes faster at lower cost. But, \$600 million in city housing funds still sit unused while people sleep on our sidewalks. That's unacceptable. I'm fighting to get that money working immediately for low-income residents. This is an emergency, and it must be treated as one.

Under Trump, Seattle doesn't need more empty promises. We need urgency. Whether it's housing affordability, public safety, or supporting working people, we can transform lives when we have leaders who stand up against the status quo.

With your vote, I'll keep driving forward momentum for a safer, more equitable Seattle.

Endorsements: The Seattle Times, Seattle Fire Fighters Union, Amalgamated Transit Union, Seattle Building Trades unions; Democratic leaders Congressman Adam Smith, Senate Majority Leader Jamie Pedersen, former Governors Chris Gregoire and Gary Locke; and many more.

Have you used your Democracy Vouchers?

There's still time to assign your vouchers!

What is the Democracy Voucher Program?

In 2025, Seattle residents receive four \$25 Democracy Vouchers they may donate to candidates running for office in Seattle.

Residents may assign their vouchers to any candidate(s) who pledges to be in the program.

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Which Candidates can I give my Democracy Vouchers to?

Candidates running for Seattle Mayor, City Attorney, and City Council Positions 2, 8, and 9 are eligible for Democracy Voucher funding. Check to make sure the candidate you like is using Democracy Vouchers. Find the list of participating candidates at seattle.gov/democracyvoucher or call (206) 727-8855.

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

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

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



Jack Malek

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Education: Master's Degree Quinnipiac University & Yale University, Bachelor's Degree University of Arizona

Occupation: Realtor for 20 years in Shoreline

Statement: Shoreline is my home and for the past 24 years, I've raised my family here, built my career as a local Realtor, and proudly served in leadership roles for the ShoreLake Arts Board, Shoreline College Foundation Board, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and the Planning Commission. I know our city and I'm ready to do more.

I'm running for City Council to help promote and manage thoughtful growth while maintaining Shoreline's suburban character. We face real challenges with property taxes, schools, and parks. Attracting businesses and jobs will generate sales tax revenues, permit and impact fees, and support vital services without having to raise property taxes. It will also create a daytime population supporting local businesses and allowing community members to live and work in their own city.

Together we can shape solutions that reflect the community's voice and build a strong future. I would be honored to have your vote.

Valerie Snider

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Education: MBA, Seattle Pacific University; BA, Pacific Lutheran University

Occupation: IT Sourcing Manager, King County; Legislative Advocate, Shorecrest PTSA

Statement: I'm from the Pacific Northwest and have spent my adult life in the Seattle area working in tech and public service. I raised a son and hosted 5 exchange students who all attended public school in Shoreline. I share a vision of Shoreline with neighbors, urbanists, business owners, and young people: a green, safe, and affordable place to live, work, retire, and go to school. Schools and social services, which have been cut at the federal level, must be funded.

Tax incentives must be redirected from major developers to local businesses that reinvest in Shoreline. A clean environment must be part of urban development. Streets must be safe for cyclists and pedestrians, especially near mass transit and areas like North City, Shoreline Place, parks, and teen and senior centers. I'm ready to be an effective council member and to serve all the people of Shoreline. I ask for your vote.



Council Position No. 3

Laura Mork

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering, University of Washington; Project Management Professional (PMP), (CEM)

Occupation: Engineer, Project, Facilities, and Energy manager (CEM) Statement: It's been a privilege to serve Shoreline on the City Council for the past four years and to represent our city on several King County committees, including as vice chair of the Regional Water Quality Committee. I've worked to stretch your tax dollars by securing additional grant funding, and pushed for changes to help more low-income residents gain utility assistance. I've advocated for expanded park access in every neighborhood, regulatory changes to increase affordable housing supply, and policies to reduce Shoreline's climate impact.

I have a long history of public service in Shoreline, including on the Planning Commission and the board of Ronald Wastewater. I'm running for another term because there's more to do, including improving public safety and making our neighborhoods more walkable and welcoming. I would be honored to have your vote and support to build a more affordable, equitable, and sustainable community for everyone.



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Education: Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Ghana; master's in business administration, Concordia University, Portland Oregon **Occupation:** CEO, Deep Technologies LLC and EPOBS Solutions

Statement: I'm running for office to ensure every neighbor has access to the same opportunities Shoreline has given me — and to be a voice for those often overlooked.

Shoreline is where I've lived the American Dream. It's where my family has flourished, and where I've been called to serve, guided by integrity and a deep commitment to community.

As a husband, father of four girls, and community leader, I believe our greatest responsibility is to build a better Shoreline for the next generation. That means managing growth thoughtfully, while protecting our environment and addressing the real needs of our residents. I want to make city government more transparent and accessible, so everyone has a chance to be heard and help shape our future. If elected, I pledge to listen, research the issues, bring people together, and make decisions that truly benefit the people and businesses of Shoreline.



Council Position No. 7

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Education: PhD, University of Washington; BA, Willamette University **Occupation:** Instructor, North Seattle College; Member, Shoreline City Council

Statement: I'm honored to serve as your councilmember, representing a city dedicated to promoting equity and improving the lives of all residents. I'm proud to represent our city on the board of the National League of Cities and I'm a founding member of Local Indigenous Leaders at NLC.

While meeting our climate goals, we must champion affordability for all, especially for young families and elders. We will prioritize expanding safe routes to schools and improving dangerous intersections. We will also advocate for strong community-based policing and community court to ensure our neighborhoods are safe. We will continue revitalizing our parks, preserving open spaces, and explore building a public pool for all to enjoy.

Listening to residents is my top priority, and I will continue the work to make our city more accessible to all. I would be grateful for your vote.



Peggy McCarthy

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Education: Foster High School; B.A. Washington State University, Summa Cum Laude, Certified Public Accountant

Occupation: Retired. Former Tukwila Finance Director, King County Housing Authority Manager

Statement: Tukwila needs a councilmember who understands finance and budgeting - a leader who values our city's unique character and is committed to maintaining Tukwila's livability, natural resources, and beauty. I am that leader.

As Tukwila's former Finance Director and a fourth-generation resident, I possess extensive knowledge of city operations and the financial challenges we face. My experience with the King County Housing Authority provided me with valuable insights into housing issues and solutions. As an advocate for retaining Tukwila Fire, and through my roles as Tukwila Historical Society president, T-ball coach, PTA president and in other positions supporting children, I have consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to our community's public safety, historical preservation, and youth.

The best decisions are made when multiple perspectives are shared by informed, caring stakeholders working collaboratively. *Together*, we can ensure that Tukwila remains a City of Opportunity, the Community of Choice. *Let me represent you!*

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Political Science - Public Administration California State University.

Occupation: Current Tukwila City Councilmember; immigration paralegal, Ryan Swanson & Cleveland

Statement: It's been a privilege serving Tukwila on the City Council for 16 years. I've delivered strong results—reducing crime along International Boulevard, protecting parks and green spaces, expanding affordable housing, and improving neighborhood safety. Effective leadership matters—and I get things done for our community.

I believe Tukwila needs steady, experienced leadership to address our pressing issues—affordable housing, sustainable budgeting, public safety, and equitable economic development. I bring common sense and detailed knowledge of our city to every decision. As a longtime paralegal and community advocate, I believe in Tukwila. I will continue bringing compassion and a deep understanding to city government as we address Tukwila's diverse needs.

I'm proudly endorsed by Mayor Thomas McLeod, Councilmembers Jovita McConnell and Hannah Hedrick, former Councilmembers De'Sean Quinn and Joe Duffie, Firefighters Local 1747, MLK Labor Council and leaders across our region because they trust my proven experience. I'd welcome your support again as well.



Council Position No. 3

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Education: BS Engineering CWU, Journeyman's Ticket IBEW 77

Occupation: High-Voltage Lineman, City of Seattle

Statement: As a husband, father of two young children, Lineman, and your City Council President, service drives me in every role I play. It's been an honor to serve you these past four years and I ask for the privilege to continue representing you.

Tukwila is a diverse, hard-working community that deserves practical, accountable leadership. I support responsible taxes that ease the burden on families and small businesses, while maintaining strong, efficient city services. Public safety is essential. I'll continue to ensure our police are well-trained, and equipped to protect our neighborhoods. I also support expanding housing by reducing development barriers and promoting smart, sustainable growth. I lead with transparency, listen first, and act on what matters most. Thank you for your vote.

Endorsed: County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda; Tukwila, SeaTac and Burien elected leaders, and unions representing working families. But most importantly, endorsed by Tukwila Residents. Learn more: ToshForTukwila.com

Hannah Hedrick

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Education: Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Arizona; prenursing studies, Bellevue College

Occupation: current Tukwila City Councilmember, Project Manager, Connections Health Solutions

Statement: Serving our residents on the Tukwila City Council has been an honor. During my time on Council, I've worked hard to listen, collaborate, and deliver real results for our community.

Whether it's expanding affordable housing, improving public safety, or making City Hall more responsive, I bring people together to get things done. With extensive private sector and local government experience, I know progress happens when we lead with integrity, seek common ground, and stay focused on what residents actually need. That's the difference in this race.

I'm proudly endorsed by trusted leaders across Tukwila and our region, including Mayor Thomas McLeod, Councilmembers Verna Seal, Jovita McConnell, and De'Sean Quinn; as well as our Firefighters Local 1747, King County Democrats, and the MLK Jr County Labor Council. They know I'm principled and effective, and I'll continue working for a better, safer Tukwila for everyone. I kindly ask for your vote.



Ziggy Samra

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Education: Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing from the University of Washington. Minor in Economics.

Occupation: Small business owner; Realtor at Terry Wise & Associates

Statement: As a father, small business owner and immigrant, I'm running to bring a fresh, new voice to the City Council. I'm focused on what matters most to our residents: public safety, housing affordability, and protecting our local businesses and immigrant communities.

I'm proudly supported by leaders who know Tukwila best: Mayor Thomas McLeod, Councilmember De'Sean Quinn, and former Councilmember Joe Duffie—because they trust me to stop the divisive politics and deliver results. Endorsed by labor organizations like the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 32, I'll create living wage jobs and stand up for working families.

As I meet voters throughout our city, I hear the same concerns: high property taxes and safety. You deserve real solutions, not more of the same. I'm dedicated to ensuring a balanced city budget, while supporting our small businesses. I'll fight for a Tukwila that works for all of us. Let's build a stronger Tukwila together.

Kate Kruller

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Education: MBA - Engineering/Technology Management, BA - Communications, Project Management Professional (PMP) Credential Occupation: Information Technology Manager, King County 911 Regional Emergency Communications Center

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

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

I believe in an open, accountable government that respects every taxpayer, provides high-value, and stretches your tax dollar. I build community through active involvement with neighborhood groups, seniors, students, veterans, and businesses. I advocate for working people and amplify voices to reach a shared vision. I make informed decisions based on community feedback and I am devoted to representing what the people who *live* in Tukwila want, and what makes sense for *us*. Please vote to elect Kate Kruller for Tukwila City Council, Position 5



Council Position No. 7

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

Occupation: Project Manager

Statement: I am a first-generation Vietnamese American who values hard work, opportunity, and community. My parents immigrated to the U.S. in 1990 to build a better future, and their resilience inspires my dedication to serve Tukwila with that same determination.

My commitment to Tukwila's past, present, and future is reflected in my service as a Planning Commissioner and active member of the Tukwila Historical Society. My priorities include strengthening public safety, expanding access to affordable healthcare, and improving housing affordability. I also support enhanced transportation options, businesses and economic growth, and maintaining responsible city budgets.

Tukwila deserves leadership that listens, engages, and reflects our city's diverse families. I will be accessible, responsive, and committed to building a community where every voice is heard and every person feels valued. I'd be honored to represent you. Endorsements Include: by Tukwila Mayor Tom McLeod, County Councilmember Desean Quinn, and former City Councilmember Kathy Hougardy.

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Education: Bachelor's degree-Economics, University of Washington; AA-Business Administration, Highline College; Project Management, Syracuse University

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

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

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

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



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Education: BA Education, MA Teaching Language Arts- NeIU, Certificate of Municipal Leadership- Assoc. of Washington Cities

Occupation: Educator, Deputy Mayor, Volunteer, Child/Youth Advocate, Life-long Learner, Grandmother

Statement: As a former Chicago Public School teacher, a proud graduate of public schools, and daughter of public school teachers, I'm passionate about making sure every student has access to great public education. With bold, creative leadership, our schools can be places where every child feels inspired and is equipped to thrive.

The past 20 years, I've worked alongside neighbors to help make our five-city Highline community stronger. Whether serving as Mayor of Normandy Park, Deputy Mayor, Marvista PTSA President, or co-chairing Highline's hospital ER fundraising with my husband and sons, I've always believed that real change happens through collaboration.

Highline is already doing some great things, with programs in Maritime, Aviation, dual-language learning, and new Health Professionals Pathways at Tyee. There is more we can do. Imagine adding a Reading Academy for students with dyslexia or a Welcome Academy to support newcomers transitioning to life in the U.S. Let's continue building strong programs that reflect our students needs.

Together we can strengthen science-based literacy, build civic pride, and expand career pathways. We can build a district that reflects the hopes, dreams, and high-quality services every Highline student and taxpayer deserves. I'd be honored to have your support and your vote.

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Education: Bachelor's in Education, Goddard College; Master's in Educational Leadership, Eastern Washington University

Occupation: Director, Student & Family Centered Improvement Initiatives

Statement: As the daughter of migrant field workers, I grew up working in the fields alongside my parents, who dreamed that one day their children would have more opportunities than they did. Their belief in the power of education inspired me to earn a Bachelor's degree and a Master's in Educational Leadership.

For over 20 years, I have served children and families as an educator, advocate, and leader because I believe every child deserves the opportunity to dream big and succeed.

My children attended Highline schools, and I am deeply connected with families who come to our community from all over the world. As a Highline parent, grandparent and current School Board Director, I am an advocate for strong public schools that serve every student.

As your School Board Director, I will continue working to: Ensure academic support that challenges every student, based on their individual strengths and needs; Strengthen early learning for all children; Build strong, inclusive partnerships with families and community; Use research-based practices to continuously improve the quality of education our schools provide. I am committed to fostering a Highline where schools are well-funded, teachers are supported, and every child's potential is seen, nurtured, and celebrated.



Katie Kresly

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Education: Opticianry Degree, SCCC; Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Beloit College.

Occupation: Small Healthcare Business Owner; 25-year Optician; Local News Reporter

Statement: Everyone needs to care about our schools. Student success—or failure—doesn't stay in the classroom. It spills into our workplaces, our streets, and the social fabric of our communities. We all live with the results. *Well-educated students are vital to a thriving community!*

I've been watching and reporting on the Highline District for over three years. While district leaders promise to support students and prepare them for the future, dismal academic outcomes, safety concerns, and poor life readiness tells a different story. Highline continues to spend more and achieve less—now budgeting \$25,000 per student, but ranking in the bottom 23% of districts statewide. As the saying goes: doing the same thing and expecting different results is insanity.

Only 1 in 3 Highline students meet literacy standards—but this is about more than academic outcomes. Literacy is directly tied to dropout-risk, economic instability, and crime. Unsafe classrooms harm both students and staff, and low literacy impacts our entire community. Literacy is the most equitable thing we can provide.

As your board director, I'll prioritize academics, safe learning environments, and meaningful support for teachers and families. I'll demand transparency, responsible spending, and policies that put Highline students first. *Highline can turn around*—vote Katie Kresly.

Joe Van

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Education: Highline College- Criminal Justice

Occupation: Supply Chain Manager / Project Manager

Statement: As a life-long resident of the Highline community, I care deeply about our schools and their future.

Like many families here, my parents came to the U.S. from Vietnam in 1975 as refugees. I was the first of their children born in America. I attended Highline schools and graduated from Tyee High School—just like my wife and our three children.

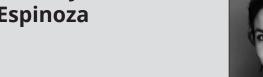
Since being appointed, then elected, to the Highline School Board in 2015, I've focused on fiscal responsibility, equity, and continuous improvement. I bring a practical, solution-oriented approach grounded in my professional background in supply-chain management.

As School Board President, I lead with our Highline Promise: to know every student by name, strength, and need. I've worked to ensure all students—whether they are accelerated learners or just beginning to learn English—receive a high-quality education in a safe and supportive environment. Over the years, I've had the opportunity to work with many people from different backgrounds and experiences. These partnerships have shown me the value of collaboration, respect, and listening—especially when making decisions that impact our students, families, and educators. We've made meaningful progress, but there's more to do. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue this important work—together.





Damarys Espinoza



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

Occupation: Nonprofit Leader; Educator; Consultant

Statement: As your Highline School Board Director, I'm running to retain my seat because I believe in the power of education to unlock every student's full potential. My life and professional experience have prepared me well to serve our schools.

I'm a proud public-school graduate, a first-generation college graduate, and the daughter of Mexican immigrants. I've worked in classrooms as an instructional assistant. I've earned a Ph. D and now teach at the University of Washington. I know what it means to overcome barriers, and I understand that high-quality instruction coupled with support is how students learn. Strong academics are critical, but not sufficient. As the mother of three current and future Highline students, I'm fully committed to schools where educators are supported to provide meaningful instruction and students have opportunities to grow and succeed.

Families and communities are at the heart of my work. I'm employed at a nonprofit serving families experiencing homelessness. I've organized alongside families to increase access to housing, education, and other essential resources.

I have the support of Highline educators. I ask for your vote. Together we can connect schools, families, and community resources to build schools that reflect the strengths and dreams of every student.

Ken Kemp





Education: Olympic College Graduate with a Degree in Applied Sciences, Certified Teacher in Mathematics and Science.

Occupation: Local 26 Steamfitter/Teacher, Local 589 Teamsters Driver, Music Producer, Artist.

Statement: Every child deserves a thriving school environment grounded in *academic excellence*, where curiosity flourishes and every student is equipped for tomorrow. I'm running for Highline School Board to ensure that all students—mine and yours—are better prepared for the future.

As a product of vocational education, I've built a successful career by applying real-world skills. My family spans four generations in the Highline District, and I bring over 20 years of experience using that education in my own life. Whether students choose college, trades, or vocational training, they deserve every opportunity to succeed. Strong schools require strong communities. That's why I advocate for community involvement from parents, local leaders, and educators.

I'v been a proud union member for most of my life, I've seen firsthand how unions support growth and opportunity. The real issue is poor leadership and misplaced priorities. Teachers are the heart of our schools, and they must have a voice in decisions affecting their classrooms, free from influence or censorship.

Most of your property tax goes toward schools—yet 80% of kids are falling behind. I'll restore stability, raise academic standards, and support both teachers and families. Please help me help our children. Now's their time. Vote Ken Kemp.



Blaine Holien



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Education: BA Political Science, MS Economics, University of

Washington

Occupation: Sales Leader

Statement: As your current School Board Director, I deeply value the importance of high quality public schools in our community. I am committed to fiscal responsibility, ensuring that every dollar is spent wisely to maximize resources in the classroom. Keeping academic excellence and literacy instruction at the forefront of every decision is imperative to support our students' success. I will continue to prioritize collaboration with students, families, community members, educators and administrators to make the best informed decisions.

As a proud husband to a Highline teacher, I see firsthand the dedication and challenges our teachers face, and I bring that perspective to my work on the board. My family and I enjoy living in Des Moines where we are raising our two children. I want every student in Highline to have the same opportunities I hope for my own kids: a safe, supportive, and high-quality education.

I would be honored to continue serving our district and ask for your vote to keep building a stronger community together.

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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.

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

Occupation: Technical Fellow (Distinguished Engineer) - Boeing

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

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

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

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



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Education: BA in Political Science, University of Washington 1991, JD, University of Washington, 1994

Occupation: Lawyer, currently have a restorative justice practice.

Statement: As the parent of three graduates of Northshore schools, serving on the Northshore School Board for the last sixteen years has been an incredible honor. While we have always balanced our budget, there is still work to do, including advocating for the financial resources necessary so each and every student can excel in school and the future of their choosing. I will continue to bring the voices of parents, students, and educators together to provide the critical thinking, creativity and communication skills our students will need in the second half of the 21st century and even into the 22nd. Our students need to be prepared for jobs that may not yet exist, in a world that will look dramatically different than ours.

I believe that every one of our students should know that they are contributing members of our community and that starts with talking about all of them with kindness and respect. I always have and always will put students at the center of my service.

Endorsements – Northshore Education and Office Professionals Associations, 1st and 45th District Democrats, King and Snohomish County Democrats, National Women's Political Caucus, multiple local elected officials, and many community members

JoAnn Tolentino

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Education: Wenatchee Valley College, Seattle Pacific University, Music Therapy Major

Occupation: Retired music educator, software sales professional, passionate about advancing education.

Statement: I am a devoted NSD grandparent and longtime resident, driven to ensure every student reaches their potential in a financially sound system. Having worked with special needs and incarcerated youth, I bring compassion and a broad understanding of diverse student needs.

My background in Governance, Risk, and Compliance is the missing piece on the NSD board. With a \$21 million shortfall, I will prioritize fiscal accountability and audits to ensure limited funds are used effectively for student success.

Athletic fairness means girls compete with girls and boys with boys—protecting the integrity of competition and the safety of our students.

I champion your voice—empowering parents, teachers, and taxpayers to shape policies. Through transparent, community-driven decisions, we will adopt curriculum that fosters critical thinking and soft skills. We must support our great teachers and raise test scores. With nearly \$21,000 per student annually, excellence is possible. We must preserve local control of our schools and remain mindful of outside influences that may not align with community values. Growing input from mandates and interest groups can overlook local needs. Community-based decisions help ensure policies reflect our families. Parents understand their children best. Welcoming schools. Thriving students. It all starts with your vote.



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Education: Master's in Education, Loyola Marymount University; Teaching Credential; BA Political Science UCLA

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

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

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

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

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

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Education: BS Physics Universite de Fribourg, Switzerland, Wheaton College,

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

Statement: At 71, I have been a district resident for 35 years, an active parent of 5, grandparent of 12, with multiple grandchildren in the Northshore District schools, a PTA board member, have taught and reviewed curriculum for 25 years, tutored and enjoyed all of these challenges.

Concerned with the drastic failing reading and math scores in many schools, now serious focus on *academics* and *curriculum* is vital. Reading is the door to learning. I will collaborate with the board members in finding solutions to meet the diverse needs of students today.

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. 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.

I will advocate for the *responsible allocation* of public *resources, transparency* and *accountability* to the laws and policies that support high-quality education.



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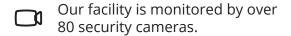
Occupation: Child, Adolescent, and Adult Psychiatrist

Statement: As a proud graduate of the Renton School District, parent of children in the district, and spouse of a district teacher, it has been an honor to represent the Renton School District students and community. It has certainly not been an easy few years, but our district and community have rallied together to do our best for students and staff. I will continue to work hard to be a partner and ally for our community as we uphold the Renton School District priorities of Service, Excellence, and Equity. One of my biggest priorities, as a board director and child psychiatrist, is the ongoing work to improve mental health and social and emotional learning for our students. I am very proud of the community partnerships in our district that allow for Renton Schools students to get mental health care. I would sincerely appreciate your support so that I may persist in this work as a dedicated champion for every student in the Renton School District.

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Education: B.A. Social Science and Washington State Teaching Certification, Central Washington University

Occupation: Barista

Statement: I grew up here, and I am a graduate of the Renton School District. My experience as a student inspired me to explore a career in teaching, and my experience living in Renton inspired me to run for school board.

A key indicator of a healthy community is the well-being of its young people. The more engaged a student (and their family) are in the educational system, the better the outcomes are – not just for students and their families, but for the greater community.

I know that our school board is working to solve many complex and mounting challenges, but my concern, and the motivation for my campaign for Renton School District Director, Position 5, is the lack of transparency, the breakdown in communication, and the increasingly adversarial relationship between the school board and the community. It doesn't have to be this way.

When elected, my focus will be on supporting measures with the greatest impact on student success, ensuring district staff have the resources they need, and that the community has a voice at every meeting, influence at every deliberation, and a clear understanding of every decision that is made.

Lindsay Jensen

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Education: B.S. Chemical Engineering and Chemistry, University of Wisconsin – Madison; Law Degree (J.D.), Seattle University

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

Statement: I believe strongly in the value of public schools. Every child should have access to a high-quality education that broadens their mind, prepares them for their chosen career, and empowers them as community members in our democracy. Every child deserves the chance to succeed, and my goal is to ensure our children have access to the opportunities they need to thrive.

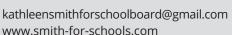
At my children's elementary school I've collaborated with parents and school staff to develop initiatives that enhanced the educational experience for all students. I serve on the Renton Council PTA Board engaging with the broader community, addressing district-wide issues, and advocating for policies that support student achievement and well-being. I've seen firsthand the impact of parent and community involvement in ensuring the educational success of our children.

We are in uncertain times and face unprecedented challenges. I believe we should and can meet these challenges without sacrificing our community values. Working together we'll create a supportive and resilient environment allowing our children to thrive. I'm a proud product of public schools and a parent of Renton School District students.

Endorsements: State Representatives Steve Bergquist, My-Linh Thai; 11th & 41st Legislative District Democrats, King County Democrats, King County Young Democrats



Kathleen Smith





Education: PhD in Mathematics, University of Colorado, Boulder; BS in Math and Chemistry, Norwich University

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

Statement: As a parent of a toddler and SPS kindergartener, I am personally invested in sustainable programs that support all of our students. Coming from a family of educators, and with teaching experience of my own, I bring a practical foundation in education, paired with expertise in data science to drive data-informed school board decisions.

Seattle faces a real problem with equity. The closure plan and waitlist policy were attempts to address equity, but not the solutions we need. We need to invest in under-resourced neighborhood schools and increase access to option schools. Every family deserves an appealing local school, and we must preserve the unique learning settings offered across the district. To support these programs and the educators who make them happen, we must advocate for more progressive revenue.

We must invest in an ecosystem of safety for our students. Students fought for city funding for mental health, and we need to partner with the city in providing mental health counselors, safe infrastructure and transit, and affordable housing. Our schools should be anchors of community in addition to places of instruction. While technology can enhance learning, I value human connection as core to education.

Last year's closure plan clearly demonstrated the need for transparency and accountability in our district, which I have the skillset to deliver. We must engage with and listen to Seattle's diverse communities and the student voices clearly expressing their needs. All data carries bias; we must anchor our decisions in lived experiences and use real data to advance real equity in SPS.

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

Endorsements: The Stranger, King County Democrats, Seattle Education Association, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, Tech4Housing, School Board Director Michelle Sarju

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Education: Bachelor's in Comparative History of Ideas, University of Washington, Master's in Education Policy, University of Washington

Occupation: Director of Policy, Seattle Metro Chamber

Statement: Students deserve leaders who listen and are proactive in their decision-making. I am that leader. As an alumna of Seattle Public Schools (Garfield graduate), former foster child, woman of color, and daughter of working-class parents, I know the barriers students face in SPS. I am committed to fighting for the success and safety of all our students.

My lived experience, Buddhist practice, education, including the systemic racism and trauma I've had to overcome, guide my approach on the board. I've dedicated my life to the fight for real equity for students and educators. I *believe in collaboration* and have worked with and for diverse communities, including progressive think tanks, advocacy organizations, labor, and the business community.

After years of watching SPS decline, I knew I had to act. From the day I joined the Board in April 2024, I committed to listening to community. I was the *first Board member* to speak out against the district's misguided school closure plan and have been leading on restoring the fiscal oversight so we can fix the budget and ensure resources reach students in the classroom.

SPS is not in a good place. I am the district 2 candidate who can best deliver the changes students and parents want and need. I have an MA in education policy and experience to know what's needed to turn SPS around. The status quo created a \$100M budget crisis, declining enrollment and academic rigor, increased inequities, and unsafe schools. This is unacceptable. I will partner with community, restore public confidence and financial oversight, and fight for safer schools. I humbly ask for your vote, let's work together for our kids.

Endorsements:

The Seattle Building Trades, Seattle Times, 32nd District Dems, 36th District Dems, 46th District Dems, King County Dems, and 10 current and former school board members



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Education: Law Degree, University of San Diego School of Law; BA, Brandeis University

Occupation: School Board Director; Secretary-Treasurer, UFCW 3000 representing frontline workers

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

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

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

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

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

Endorsed: The Seattle Times; the Stranger; Progressive Voter Guide; 32nd, 36th, 43rd, 46th, King County, and Young Democrats; Seattle Education Association; WA Education Association; All Together for Seattle Schools; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; Tech 4 Housing; MLK Labor; Congresswoman Jayapal; Governor Ferguson; State Representatives Reed, Berry, Scott, Macri; Senator Saldaña; SPS Board Directors Topp, Clark, Hersey; and parents, teachers, and students across Seattle

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Education: Doctor of Education, Seattle University; MS Ed Nonprofit Management, Bank Street College NYC; B.A. UCLA

Occupation: Mother, Educator of 20+ years, Nonprofit Founder, Seattle SpecEdu PTSA

Statement: We have the future of our society in our classrooms today! Seattle's families deserve leadership that listens and puts students at the center of every decision. Too often, major policies are being made by a board disconnected from what's happening inside our classrooms and in our homes. That gap has created confusion, mistrust, and solutions that miss the mark. I'm running for School Board to change that and bring transparency, accountability, and student-centered thinking back to the forefront.

I'm a mother of four, an educator, an artist, and a lifelong advocate for students furthest from educational justice. I've taught in overcrowded classrooms, supported special education and multilingual programs, and worked alongside families navigating systemic barriers. I consistently recognize and respond to individual needs, ensuring students—especially our most vulnerable—have access to the opportunities they deserve: arts, sports, advanced learning, technical training, and more. I know firsthand how flawed policies leave students behind, and I believe real solutions begin with listening, not assuming.

I am the only educator in this race. I understand both classroom and community, and will use that insight to ask better questions, demand thoughtful answers, and push for policies that deliver for students.

Recent board actions have left communities feeling unsafe, unheard, and unwelcome. We need leadership that plans responsibly, communicates clearly, and puts student wellbeing ahead of political convenience. I will be present, have hard conversations, and make sure students and families have a real voice in the decisions that shape their lives.

Proudly endorsed by trusted community leaders, SEA Teacher's Union, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal, NWPC, LD36/LD11/LD32, KCDems/KCYD, VoteMama and more. They know I bring a culturally inclusive approach and a record of showing up when it matters most.

I'm ready to lead with integrity, focus, and care—and I would be honored to earn your vote.



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Occupation: Finance professional, Seattle Public Schools parent, former school board director

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

I bring steady, experienced leadership, budgeting and financial expertise, and deep roots in school communities to navigate challenges with accountability and a needed focus on student outcomes. We must protect and invest in programs that keep students engaged and push for long-term planning, not short-term cuts.

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

We deserve schools that prepare every child to reach their potential. With experience, community ties, and a deep belief in the power of public education, I'm ready to work for you—and for all 49,000 students across Seattle.

I would be honored to earn your support and vote.

Endorsements: King County and District Democrats; unions representing educators and staff who work in our schools (WEA, SEA, Building Trades); The Stranger; Alliance for Gun Responsibility; One America Votes; Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Mayor Bruce Harrell; SPS Board President Topp and Directors Clark, Mizrahi; State legislators, Councilmembers, students, parents, and community leaders!

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Education: J.D., Boston University Law School; B.A. in History, Oberlin College.

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

Statement: Seattle schools are in a financial crisis. I'm running to challenge the status quo, hold leadership accountable, and bring people together to find solutions. I will fight for transparent budgeting, with a focus on early, meaningful, and frequent engagement with impacted communities.

Difficult budget decisions must be made. However, school closures and ending specialized learning programs will only contribute to declining enrollment and exacerbate, not solve, our budget issues. I will work to protect our schools and essential programs that keep as many kids as possible in our public school system.

As a parent of students with disabilities, I have seen firsthand how Seattle Public Schools has failed to meet the needs of all students, regardless of their background or abilities. Teachers, staff, and administrators want to do the right thing–but they need stronger guidance and support.

Many students, especially those from marginalized backgrounds like our LGBTQ and BIPOC kids, are facing high rates of anxiety, depression, and serious mental health challenges. I'll work to live up to our promises and fully fund more school counselors while also addressing the negative impact of social media use in classrooms.

The Seattle Times endorsed our campaign citing my "deep knowledge of special education and the law—areas of expertise the school board needs badly." Whether it was as Board President of the Seattle Special Education PTSA or founding a nonprofit organization to increase inclusion and belonging for disabled youth, I have fought for Seattle's students and families for more than two decades. Together, we can make tough choices that center community input and support all students to achieve success.

Endorsements: School Board President Gina Topp, The Seattle Times, Alliance for Gun Responsibility, ATU Local 587, and many more at janisforseattleschools.com.



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Education: Masters-Education Policy, Stanford; Certificate-K-12 Finance, Georgetown; Bachelors-History and Religion, Harvard

Occupation: Vice President of Education Grantmaking, Ascendium Philanthropy

Statement: My life's work has been in educational equity and access. I've volunteered in education since high school, and studied education policy in graduate school. I've dedicated my 25-year professional career to improving educational opportunities - as a grantmaker, nonprofit executive, and school district leader. I'm also a parent of children who have attended Seattle Public Schools for the past 18 years.

The school district's fundamental role is to provide excellent education for every student and ensure student safety. Seattle is failing on both - academic performance remains below pre-pandemic levels and too many students do not feel protected at school. These must be priorities.

I'm running for school board because I know the district can work better and smarter for our children and I can help lead this change. With education under attack, we need leaders who have navigated complex organizations, are steeped in education policy, and have managed large budgets. This is what I bring. And we need a school board that will stand up for all students' rights. This is my commitment.

As an SPS board member, I will *prioritize high quality education for every learner*, holding district leadership accountable for student progress; *ensure safety is a shared responsibility*, bringing the City, County, and community groups together; *restore financial stability*, building programs that can grow enrollment and aligning resources to priorities; and *engage the community* to understand their priorities and *promise transparency* to rebuild trust.

Seattle deserves school board members with the personal commitment and professional expertise to manage complexity and restore confidence in our public schools. I see a brighter future and am confident I can be a part of ensuring excellence for every student.

Endorsed by: Senator Noel Frame, former School Board Directors Leslie Harris, Michael DeBell, Peter Maier, Sherry Carr, Steve Sundquist, and many more.

Jen LaVallee

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Education: BFA, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Washington Graduate Certificate

Occupation: Product Designer, TEK Systems; Co-Founder, Billion Dollar Bake Sale

Statement: We deserve a school district that families can trust. I'm running to hold leadership accountable, protect equitable high achievement programs, ensure classroom inclusivity, and support every student's unique needs.

I've seen first hand how instability and out-of-touch leadership hurts our kids. When the district proposed closing dozens of schools, including where my children attend, I organized hundreds of families to push back. I co-founded the Billion Dollar Bake Sale, an organization dedicated to fully funding every school statewide, and developed a detailed data analysis to better inform legislators and local officials about how enrollment manipulation has exacerbated our understaffing crisis.

We are facing real challenges; from enrollment declines and budget cuts to a lack of clear answers all of which are eroding confidence that the district is serving our kids. We need real transparency of the entire district budget, not only at the individual school level. Our district must foster authentic community partnerships and make decisions that better reflect the needs of all students, regardless of means or ability.

As a public school parent who's been deeply involved in community issues for over a decade, I'm ready to make progress on day one. I will fight to expand mental health services, keep guns out of our schools, restore equitable advanced learning, expand access to student-centered programs, and direct resources to classrooms instead of bureaucratic district office spending.

I am deeply invested in my Rainier Beach and South Seattle community. Whether it's volunteering at Seattle Children's, fundraising for the Rainier Valley Food Bank, or organizing neighborhood kids' clothing swaps, I will continue to push to ensure that my community's concerns are heard and supported.

I am proud to be endorsed by the Seattle Education Association, 37th, 43rd and 32nd Legislative Democrats, the Alliance for Gun Responsibility, and more.



Emily Williams

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Education: M.Ed. College Student Affairs, University of West Florida; B.A. Sociology, Central Washington University

Occupation: Parent, racial equity advocate, educator, small business owner

Statement: Serving on the school board has been an opportunity to work alongside families, educators, students, and fellow board members to build a stronger, more inclusive school system. Over the past four years, we've made meaningful progress—grounding our work in a shared strategic plan, improving transparency in budgeting, and strengthening community and parent partnerships. Together, we've expanded student voice at the board level, supported culturally responsive teaching materials, and worked to ensure every school is a safe, welcoming place for all learners. We've backed policy updates that invite more community input, improved use of data to guide decisions, and advocated for equity-centered state education policy. There's still much ahead. I've learned a lot by listening closely—visiting schools, hearing from staff, students, and families, and understanding what each community needs to thrive. I'd be honored to earn your vote and keep building on this work together in a second term.



Director District No. 3

Lama Chikh

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Education: Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, University of Damascus **Occupation:** Associate at the Washington Education Association **Statement:** I'm a wife, daughter, sister, and proud mother of two incredible young men—AJ (20) and Yousef (18), both products of

incredible young men—AJ (20) and Yousef (18), both products of Shoreline public schools. AJ is now a second-year student at the University of Washington, and Yousef, class of 2025, has also been admitted to UW.

Originally from Syria, I immigrated to the U.S. in 2012 with my sons, then just 5 and 7 years old. Shoreline quickly became our home, thanks to a welcoming and compassionate community. I began volunteering in classrooms, learning the education system while supporting students and families. From 2013 to 2019, I worked as Office Manager at Echo Lake Elementary. Today, I work at the Washington Education Association, expanding professional learning for educators across the state.

Now I'm running for the Shoreline School Board. I bring experience in education, leadership, and community service—and a deep belief in schools as spaces of belonging, partnership, and possibility.



Mitch Forhan



Education: Associates degree; Painter apprenticeship

Occupation: Journeyworker commercial painter

Statement: As someone that grew up in the Tukwila School District I know that we have a very diverse and active community and I am proud to say that I have continued to be apart of that community while balancing my own personal education and career paths. From volunteering to coach baseball for Foster to helping out teachers set up classrooms or help with their own course loads I know the importance of community and celebrating our differences but I am also aware where some areas may be falling short. While in the position of school board director I will be holding myself to the standard of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accesibility. This is how I ran my classrooms when I was an instructor (5 years) and apprenticeship coordinator (2 years) at the Finishing Trades Institute Northwest and it improved the program as a whole.



Director District No. 2

Greg Sherlock

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Education: Central Washington University, BS Flight Technology. GRCC, AAA Air Traffic Control. HCC, AA General Studies

Occupation: Finance, Indemnity Insurance and Project Management Statement: Better schools make better communities. This axiom is recognized as foundational and it remains as true today as ever. In recognition of this, I fully support Tukwila's efforts to create exceptional schools for its students.

As a member of the Tukwila School Board, I will persist in making sure the District remains focused on transparency. All parents and guardians need full access to District achievements, classroom curriculum and the plans to correct deficiencies.

Along with our dedicated teaching staff and administration, I will press to keep academics at the forefront and the primary purpose of Tukwila's schools. With the intense competition for future employment, positioning Tukwila students to compete on a global scale has never been more important. To further promote student success, District accountability is crucial. Accountability starts with the School Board accepting the challenge to lead effectively. I look forward to this challenge and bettering our community.



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Occupation: Director of Budget and Operations, Seattle University

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

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

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

Charles Simpson



Education: Tukwila School Educated **Occupation:** Automotive Locksmith

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

In my role, I have prioritized:

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



Bob Lawson





Education: South Seattle College-Washington State Fire Academy-EMT **Occupation:** Retired-Fire Fighter-King County Fire District 2- North

Highline Fire District

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Statement: With 38 years of fire service experience, I know and understand the issues facing our fire department. I will ensure that our firefighters have the staffing, training, equipment and resources they need to do their job safely and effectively.

My wife and I have made Burien our home for the past 40 years. As a resident, I have a vested interest that King County Fire District 2 continues to provide high quality service to the community. I will also ensure that tax payer dollars are spent wisely and responsibly.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Endorsed by Burien Firefighters Local 1461













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Commissioner Position No. 4

Josh Pratt



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Education: M.Ed. Seattle Pacific University **Occupation:** EMS Captain, Kirkland Fire

Statement: Citizens of Kenmore and Lake Forest Park, I am asking for your support. I am a 22 year resident of Kenmore, where my wife and I are raising our three children. I have spent my entire adult working life as a public servant. For the past 20 years I have served as a City of Kirkland firefighter and before that eight years as a Northshore School District teacher at Inglemoor High School.

As a firefighter I am uniquely situated to recognize the needs of a growing department in transition, and to help steward the Shoreline Fire RFA during this period of growth. As a Commissioner, I look forward to continuing the excellent level of service you have come to expect from dedicated, professional personnel while expanding the services offered thereby improving the safety of our community.

Thank you for your trust and your vote.





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Education: Bachelor's in Construction Management, University of

Washington

Occupation: Retired Construction Professional

Statement: Currently serving as KC Fire District 16 Commissioner since 2019.

I have been a Kenmore resident 40 years. I retired after 45 years of commercial construction in the Puget Sound area. I have served as a volunteer coach in both softball and basketball for many years. I have been participating in a number of projects providing low income housing. I believe in giving back to our community.

My Background in the building industry has given me an extensive training in human relations and innovative problem solving, while keeping an eye on the bottom line. I will use my years of experience working to promote fiscal responsibility while looking to enhance the level of service in our district

North Highline Fire District



Commissioner Position No. 2

Gloria Hatcher-Mays



Education: University of Washington Graduate, Certification in Project Management - University of Denver

Occupation: Executive Director

Statement: As your elected representative for Fire Protection District 20, I will bring the knowledge, skills, and abilities from my tenure as a Commissioner for Fire Protection District 10, and my passion for the fire service to this role. I have chaired the Board of Commissioners for District 10 and was also elected by my peers to sit as a Director for the regional fire service – Eastside Fire and Rescue. I am knowledgeable about what it takes to be effective in this role, and I am also an agent for positive change. While serving as Commissioner I was instrumental in starting a program for residents to work with EF&R on wild fire abatement by applying for neighborhood grants to remove brush from around their homes. I hope you will support me with your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 2

Julie Hiatt



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Education: South Seattle and Bellevue Community Colleges, Business Schools at UW and UC, continuing education classes

Occupation: Retired Small Business Owner/CEO (Global Fulfillment, Inc.)

Statement: I am honored that I have been able to serve as a Fire Commissioner for the North Highline Fire District for over 10 years. As with our community, our district continues to grow and evolve as we navigate new challenges and opportunities. I am committed to nurturing our relationships with our neighboring districts; saving our tax payers money and resources while improving service and response times.

As one of your Fire Commissioners, I will continue to find solutions to update our facilities and equipment while providing more services for our community and support for our fire fighters. My goal is to continue to do this without putting the entire financial burden on our vulnerable community.

I look forward to continuing to serve you as Fire Commissioner and ask for your vote again. Thank you.



Kimberly Fischer



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Education: North Seattle & Shoreline Community College **Occupation:** Shoreline Fire/RFA Commissioner & Board Chair

Statement: Your dedicated Fire Commissioner since 2014, and a lifelong resident, I will continue to strategically develop long range plans to address the rapid growth and increased demands for fire and emergency service, ensuring that our department has the resources necessary to fully protect and quickly respond while striving to deliver the highest quality of emergency services to our citizens.

Continuing to explore possible opportunities to better serve our community, it has always been my goal to provide the best cost effective services to our residents while overseeing that the funds allocated from your taxes are used in a responsible manner to maintain, if not increase services..

Current memberships include: Executive board member of the King County Fire Commissioner Association, Washington Fire Commissioner Association and National Association of Emergency & Fire Officials. I am honored to be endorsed by our Shoreline Firefighters Local 1760 and mutually supported by my fellow commissioner team.



Commissioner Position No. 5

Rick Nye



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Education: No information submitted. **Occupation:** No information submitted.

Statement: I am honored to serve as a Shoreline Fire Commissioner, appointed on June 12, 2025. I bring more than 20 years of experience in the fire service, having begun my career in 2003 as a firefighter with the City of Bellevue. That experience instilled in me a deep and lasting commitment to public safety and emergency response.

For the past 26 years, Shoreline has been my home. My wife, Annalise, and I have raised our three children here, all of whom attended Shoreline Public Schools. My deep roots in this community fuel my passion for public service and my dedication to the well-being of our city.

As your Fire Commissioner, I am committed to maintaining the Shoreline Fire Department's long-standing reputation for excellence, professionalism, and trusted service. I look forward to supporting its continued growth and ensuring it remains a department our community can always depend on.



Martese Monroe

fire commissioner.





Education: Bachelor of Science in Communications: Old Dominion University Occupation: Director of Finance

Statement: My name is Martese Monroe, and I am running for South King Fire Commissioner because I believe in community-first leadership and responsible public service. I've lived in Federal Way since 2020 and work in finance, with a focus on strategic planning, financial analysis, and ensuring responsible use of resources. I bring a solid understanding of fiscal responsibility and transparent, trustworthy oversight-skills that are directly relevant to the work of a

Earlier in my career, I founded a nonprofit that promoted youth volunteerism and community engagement, reflecting my deep commitment to service learning and giving back to the community. As a mother and firefighter's spouse, I am committed to supporting families and understand the importance of safety, strong leadership, and responsive emergency services.

If elected, I will prioritize continued fiscal transparency, publiccentered decision making, and ensuring South King Fire remains well-equipped to meet growing community needs. I am committed to listening, asking the right questions, and making thoughtful decisions that serve all residents of the district.

Our fire district is a vital part of our public safety system, and I would be honored to help guide its future with integrity and accountability.

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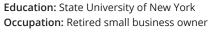


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Dan Johnson





Statement: It is my privilege to serve as your Commissioner at the Highline Water District. I'm proud to help lead a district that delivers safe and affordable water to our community every day.

Highline Water District maintains strong financial health and uses public funds responsibly, ensuring excellent service without unnecessary rate increases. Once again, the District received the top rating from the Washington State Auditor's Office on our yearly Financial Statement and Accountability Audit.

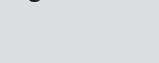
District infrastructure is proactively maintained and continuously upgraded to meet the needs of a growing population. We prioritize long-term planning and smart investment in our systems to avoid costly surprises down the road. We believe our greatest asset is our staff. The district emphasizes ongoing employee training and education to ensure high-quality operations and responsive customer service. Committed to ensuring a clean, affordable, reliable and secure water system, I ask for your vote. Thank you.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Tim Berge

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Regulatory / Compliance Specialist



Education: Mount Rainier High School, Green River Community College Occupation: Southwest Suburban Sewer District (SWSSD)- 35 years.

Statement: I'm running for Highline Water Commissioner to help protect our most vital resource: clean, reliable, and affordable water. My wife and I were born and raised in the Highline community. I've remained active by serving on the Highline Soccer Board, coaching and refereeing youth soccer, and volunteering with Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Professionally, I bring experience from my work at SWSSD, along with involvement in the *Water Environment Federation, Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association, Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts, and the Water Quality Financial Assistance Council.*

As the cost of living continues to rise, maintaining one of the region's lowest water rates is more important than ever. Safe, affordable water is a necessity. I'm committed to ensuring Highline continues to deliver high-quality service without placing added strain on families. I respectfully ask for your vote so we can protect this essential service for current and future generations.

Polly M Daigle



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Education: Highline College, Continuing Education Courses through AWWA, WASWD, EPA

Occupation: Highline Water District Commissioner - Position #4

Statement: I am seeking re-election to continue serving the customers of Highline Water District with integrity, accountability, and a strong focus on public service. With 34 years in the water industry, I bring deep experience and a commitment to protecting our community's most vital resource.

During my term, I helped hold the last rate increase to just 1%, while maintaining a safe and reliable water supply. I'm working to strengthen Cybersecurity, support workforce training, and ensure we meet the current and future needs of our customers. My focus has always been on delivering high-quality service, listening to customer concerns, and making responsible, forward-thinking decisions. I value your trust and remain committed to transparency and long-term planning that benefits everyone in our district.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue advocating for you and our community's water future.



Gary Coy



Education: No information submitted. **Occupation:** No information submitted.

Statement: Gary Coy currently serves as a commissioner for Water District No. 20 and previously held the same position with Water District No. 85 for eight years. In both roles, he has built a strong reputation as an experienced business leader who is approachable, knowledgeable, and responsive to the needs of the community.

Gary wants District ratepayers to know that he: Is non-partisan and committed to representing every district member with fairness and transparency; Prioritizes maintaining a high-quality, efficient water system while safeguarding ratepayers' funds through responsible financial stewardship; Brings up-to-date expertise in water system security and is dedicated to protecting the district's water supply against vandalism and potential threats.

A longtime Burien resident, Gary returned to his hometown after military service and remains actively involved in the community. He is respected by state leaders for his proven ability to advocate effectively on behalf of those he serves

Commissioner Position No. 2

Laura C Gallez



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Education: Master Certificate in Project Management, University of Washington; Bachelors Business Administration, City University **Occupation:** Health and Safety, Construction Project Management, Emergency Preparedness and Development

Statement: For the past six years, I have successfully served as one of your Water District #49 commissioners. I approach this responsibility with our ratepayer's best interest as top of mind and in all actions.

As a United States Marine Corps veteran, I believe strongly in ethical and dedicated public service. For over 30 years, I have demonstrated these values working in regional and local government positions, which includes leadership positions spanning 15 years for local water and sewer districts.

My family have been local Burien homeowners and active community residents for more than two decades. If elected, as water district commissioner, I believe it is my agreed upon duty to help ensure our water system is clean, resilient *and affordable* to our community-now and in the future. I ask for your vote and promise to continue to serve with integrity and responsiveness in my role as Water District #49 Commissioner.



Leebue Maidesil



Education: No information submitted. **Occupation:** No information submitted.

Statement: It has been an honor and a great privilege to serve as commissioner for King County Water District No. 125. We will continue our efforts to ensure the district receives the best quality service for our rate payers, and to enforce our commitment to protect the health of the public and environment.

Lake Forest Park Water District



Commissioner Position No. 2

Eli Zehner

No photo submitted

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Education: Gonzaga University, BS in Civil Engineering

Occupation: Professional Engineer

Statement: Our Water District is unique and precious. Constant vigilance is necessary to maintain the water quality we all expect.

As an engineer working in the water industry, I am familiar with the technical issues, regulatory requirements and challenges facing water purveyors. This experience and knowledge will benefit our District by helping to make informed decisions and set policy.

As your representative, I will work with other Commissioners, District staff, ratepayers, and other agencies to ensure that water quality is maintained, investments in infrastructure are appropriate and responsible, and the District is responsive to changing regulations and growth within our community.



Patty Hale



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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Education, Eastern Washington University

Occupation: Retired K-12 Teacher, Retail Sales

Statement: As your Commissioner, I have driven responsible spending and increased operational transparency.

I strive to safeguard our budget, ensuring the necessary steps are taken to maintain our infrastructure and strategically guide long-range planning to address how we meet the increased demands for service as growth occurs in our district. North City Water District is a national leader in being proactive about maintaining your water system and upgrading the infrastructure as needed to provide uninterrupted service.

As a member of the American Water Works Association and the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts, I continue to expand my knowledge about how to best ensure the delivery of safe drinking water to you. Clean, plentiful and affordable water for our customers has and will continue to be my #1 priority. I respectfully ask for your vote so that I may continue to serve the North City Water District as your Commissioner.

Commissioner Position No. 2

Karl D'Ambrosio

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.



Dave Hornung



Education: South Seattle College ,Universal Technical Institute **Occupation:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Senior Operator Lakehaven Water & Sewer District

Statement: With over 20 years of hands-on wastewater experience as a Lead Operator, I understand what it takes to keep our sewer systems safe, efficient and environmentally responsible. I'm running for sewer commissioner to bring real world knowledge and accountability to the board.

Our community deserves leadership that know the system from the ground up. I've worked in the field, solved real world problems, and understand how to prioritize maintenance, plan for future growth, and keep operations cost-effective without compromising quality.

I will advocate for smart infrastructure investments, strong environmental standards, and transparency in how district dollars are spent. As your commissioner, I'll bring practical experience, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to protecting public heath and our environment. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Nicholas Fannin

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Education: Pierce College, AS Biology and Physics

Occupation: Real Estate Broker, Project Manager, Contractor

Statement: Serving the Midway Sewer District has been an honor, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving you. Over the years, I've worked alongside fellow commissioners to keep rates low while ensuring public health and safety remain our top priority.

I'm proud to have contributed to key projects like the development of a new clarifier at our treatment plant and the implementation of a state-of-the-art UV system to maintain the highest environmental standards

As a long-time Des Moines resident, I understand the importance of balancing infrastructure growth with protecting our local environment. As Commissioner, I've also championed fair cost-of-living adjustments for our dedicated employees. In addition, I actively engage with the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD) to advocate for our community within the broader network of water and sewer districts. I humbly ask for your vote to continue the work we've started.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Jim Bailey

No photo submitted

Education: BA degree Biology

Occupation: WWTP operator 30 years

Statement: Our goal is to provide exellent service to protect public health and the environment at reasonable cost. Address the concerns

of our customers.

Valley View Sewer District



Commissioner Position No. 2

Dick Swaab



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Education: Highline High School Graduate, Water Distribution Managers Certifications, other certifications at Green River Community College

Occupation: Retired General Manager at King County Water District #20

Statement: It will be my honor to continue to serve as your Commissioner. Ive been a longstanding resident in the community and a SWSSD rate payer for more then 40 years. I worked for Water District #20 nearly 40 years and retired as General Manager. With my history and background I think I can be an asset to the rate payers of the sewer district. Endorsed by Southwest Suburban Sewer District Employee Union, AFSCME, Local 21-S. I appreciate your vote.

Commissioner Position No. 2

Mike West



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Education: High School Graduate/ Vocational School

Occupation: Retired Business Owner and Welding Instructor

Statement: I have been a Commissioner in the Valley View Sewer District for many years. Over that period of time my main concern has been to keep the district rates low while providing quality service, by our employees, and maintaining the condition of our system that comprises over 60 miles of pipe.

The district is owned by the ratepayers and is completely funded by the rates collected for service. Unlike other forms of government , every cent collected goes into just sewer related operations.. I operated a service related business inside the district boundaries for over 40 years and understand what it takes to be successful, while providing quality service in an efficient way that keeps rates low.

I would appreciate your continued support by voting for me once again. Thank you.



Pat Sutherland



Education: Graduated Inglemoor High 1977,

Occupation: Northshore Utility District - 07/01/1993 - 07/01/2025

Statement: With 32 years experience at Northshore Utility District, I've dedicated my career to enhancing our community's essential services. In Operations, I streamlined procedures to boost efficiency and communication. In Engineering, I modernized the permitting process, saving the district money and improving service delivery. In Information Technology, I contributed to upgrading our server infrastructure and overhauling network systems, enhancing performance and security. I'm committed to maintaining fair rates, promoting transparency, and making thoughtful, forward-looking decisions that benefit all of us. My hands-on experience has equipped me with insights into what's working well and how we can strengthen our systems for the future. I'm prepared to bring a practical, informed, and community-first perspective to the board.

Together, we can build upon Northshore's strong foundation to ensure a reliable and sustainable future for generations to come. I would be honored to have your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 5

Brent Smith



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Education: BA, Economics, University of Washington

Occupation: Licensed Real Estate Agent and Licensed Real Estate

Appraiser

Statement: As your Northshore Utility District Commissioner my priorities will be focused on clean, low-cost water and safe sewer systems, strong fiscal management of our ratepayers funds, and responsible stewardship of the district's facilities.

I am up to the task of building upon the district successes while continuing to improve upon financial and organizational efficiencies as well as district-wide disaster preparedness. With eight years as an elected Kenmore council member, over 25 years as a business owner, and 30 years of community service commitments, I have demonstrated my ability to work effectively with budget and policy makers in our community.

I am committed to working hard for the Northshore Utility District ratepayers, and I would love to have your vote. My wife and I have lived in the district for 38 years.

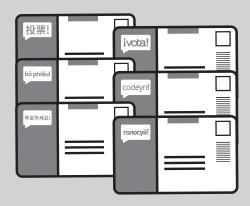


Donald L. Henry

No photo submitted

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No statement submitted.



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Commissioner District No. 3

Rita J. Miller

No photo submitted

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Education: Master's Degree in Nursing; PhD in Education **Occupation:** Medical Librarian; Nurse Educator (retired)

Statement: My name is Rita J. Miller and I am seeking re-election to the position of Commissioner, Districct No 3. at Public Hospital District No. 1. I was elected to this position two years ago to fill a vacancy. My lifetime experience has prepared me for this role as I have a very strong medical background having been a nurse and nurse educator for many years. After obtaining a Master's Degree in Nursing, I taught nursing at two different Schools of Nursing. While in this role, I obtained a PhD in Education and continued to be a nurse educator. Being in the Hospital setting for many years, I learned the intricate details of how a hospital is run and what conflicts hospitals deal with. Currently, Public Hospital District No. 1 is dealing with financial cuts from the government making it difficult to offer services that it has provided in the past. As a current Commissioner, I am involved in the discussions and planning that deal with this sudden, unexpected financial deficit.

My hope in being re-elected to this position is to continue the work we are doing in order to offer the best medical care to our community. It is my belief that all persons in the community deserve the care they need and are entitled to. My goal is to contribute to the health and well-being of our community that everyone deserves. Humbly, I ask for your vote.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Rick Polintan



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Education: University of the Philippines, AB Economics

Occupation: Commissioner, Hospital District No. 1; VP, Filipino Community of Seattle

Statement: Our community deserves exceptional healthcare, and Valley Medical Center must remain a place where everyone receives quality care-regardless of income or background. As we face projected federal Medicaid cuts and ongoing challenges in private insurance, it's critical that we have strong leadership to protect and strengthen our hospital.

As your current Commissioner, I've worked hard to ensure Valley Medical Center stays financially strong and that our staff are respected, supported, and fairly treated. With my background as a union organizer and community leader, I bring a commitment to fairness, accountability, and putting people first.

My family has lived in this district since 1992, and we have relied on Valley Medical Center for our own emergency healthcare. I know how vital this hospital is to our community.

If re-elected, I will: Champion patient-centered care and access for all, especially our most vulnerable neighbors; Uphold transparency and fiscal responsibility for long-term stability; for fair treatment and support for hospital staff-because quality care starts with those who provide it.

I am honored to have earned the trust and endorsement of respected organizations, including King County Democrats, AP ACE PAC, and SEIU 1199NW.

Together, we can build a hospital that is responsive, resilient, and ready to meet the needs of everyone in our community. I respectfully ask for your vote for Commissioner Position No. 4- so we can continue this important work, together.



Carol Barber

No photo submitted

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Education: BA art from CWU, MS counseling psychology CWU

Occupation: Marriage and Family Therapist retired

Statement: It has been my pleasure to serve as commissioner to Valley Medical Center for the last 6 years. There have been numerous challenges. We had a pandemic and a lockdown. As we crawled out of that we had to evaluate our strategic alliance with the University of Washington. Sadly it was our decision that ths was not working for us. Looking forward to the next six years, we will completely unwind with the UW. We will be seeking another potential alliance. We will deal with any new issues that arise. As the most senior commissioner, I look forward to these challenges.

Thank you.



Commissioner District No. 1

Nancy J Stewart

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Education: Masters in Organizational Leadership, Gonzaga University; Bachelors in Hospital Administration, Eastern Washington University

Occupation: Former Healthcare Executive, Patient Advocate, and Community Volunteer

Statement: Good health is an essential ingredient in living our most active, abundant lives. Having quality based, compassionate care within our community is the best possible partner to achieve that health. As a five-star Medicare/Medicaid designated hospital, Leapfrog A rating, and top 50 Hospital in the United States, I believe EvergreenHealth to be our exceptional partner. I first came to know of this exceptional care as a patient.

Because of the life-changing care I received at EvergreenHealth I have actively been a part of the organization as an employee, then leader since 2012. I worked my way up to the role of Executive Director of Hospital and Specialty Medicine where I partnered with physicians, leaders, clinicians, and support staff to expand and improve the delivery of care both inpatient and outpatient. After leaving EvergreenHealth in June of 2023 I had the honor of being appointed to the Board of Commissioners in August of 2023. It is a privilege to serve with my fellow commissioners to represent the community we serve.

I am rooted in a patient first mindset; understanding the value of compassionate, quality care delivered by teams we can trust. And as a healthcare leader I understand the barriers our hospital administrators and teams face to deliver that care. In an everchanging industry we must always be quality, patient first healthcare with a commitment to growth and fiscal responsibility, adapting to meet the needs within our community. Together we strive to make those strategic decisions to continue to improve the quality of the care we deliver.

I ask for your vote to continue to serve in this role, always with the commitment of your care at the center of each decision we make.



Commissioner District No. 2

Suzanne Greathouse



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Education: Bachelor's in Education, University of WA; Master's in Technical Communication, Western WA University

Occupation: Co-Founder/Owner of REPS VR - Virtual Reality Training Platform

Statement: I am honored to currently serve on the EvergreenHealth Board of Commissioners, having been appointed on September 17, 2024. I'm running to continue providing steady, experienced leadership to this vital institution that serves the health needs of our growing community.

My background includes nearly 20 years in the private sector leading large teams and complex initiatives, along with years of local public service. I've served on the Kenmore Planning Commission, the Northshore Utility District Board of Commissioners, and the Northshore Senior Center Board of Directors. I am currently the co-founder and CEO of a virtual reality software training company, and bring the perspective of a small business owner, committed to accountability, innovation, and service.

At EvergreenHealth, I will continue working to ensure high-quality care, expand access, and make smart, sustainable decisions. I believe we must embrace innovation to remain at the forefront of healthcare—leveraging technology and evidence-based practices to improve patient outcomes and keep care affordable.

Supporting our hospital staff is a top priority - they are the backbone of EvergreenHealth. I will champion investments in training, staffing, and workplace support to help them thrive and continue delivering exceptional care.

Financial sustainability is also critical. As our community grows, EvergreenHealth must remain strong, efficient, and responsive to changing needs. I will work to ensure thoughtful, responsible stewardship of public resources.

Finally, I believe our healthcare system should reflect the people it serves. I will be an active listener, engage with residents and leaders, and work to ensure EvergreenHealth remains a trusted, community-driven partner in health. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue serving with dedication, experience, and a clear vision for the future of EvergreenHealth.



Gary Harris





Education: BS Pharmacy and BA Psychology, University of Washington; Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Washington State

Occupation: Pharmacist (retired), Hideaway Lodge B&B owner/innkeeper

Statement: I have lived in the EvergreenHealth Kirkland service area for 50 years and am a business owner in Woodinville. I have been PTA President and a Golden Acorn recipient. I have 30 years of pharmacy experience in hospital and clinical settings. As a Certified Diabetes Educator, I helped develop the first interdisciplinary patient diabetes education program in Washington State, and have helped standardize protocols for diabetes medications. I served on the state Pharmacy Commission for eleven years, and was principle author of laws insuring a woman's right to choose, and a law requiring state documentation of all controlled substance medications. I was honored to receive the Excellence in Pharmacy Practice Award from the School of Pharmacy.

I served as co-chair for UW's Be Boundless fund development campaign, helping to bring in \$50 million for the School of Pharmacy. I served on the Woodinville City Council for four years and am the immediate past mayor. I have been serving as an EvergreenHealth Community Advisor since 2021 and have enjoyed contributing to this great community asset.

My years of experience in direct patient care, program management, fiscal oversight, and community service make me uniquely qualified to serve as an EvergreenHealth Commissioner . I'll work for you for the best patient experience every time. I will make sure that your tax dollars coming to EvergreenHealth are used effectively to secure and retain the best staff, to support the most innovative diagnoses and treatment protocols, and to keep health care affordable. I would be honored to have your vote.

Robin Campbell

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Education: BA Zoology, UNC Chapel Hill; PhD Microbiology & Immunology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Occupation: Incumbent Commissioner, EvergreenHealth; Biotechnology Executive (retired)

Statement: I believe everyone deserves access to exceptional medical care. In 2024, I was honored to be appointed to the Board of Commissioners for King County Public Hospital District #2 (EvergreenHealth), serving Bothell, Duvall, Kenmore, Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish, and Woodinville. I'm now seeking election to a full term.

As a former EvergreenHealth Community Advisor, and with a lifelong career in healthcare and life sciences, I'm committed to expanding access, improving outcomes, and strengthening our community hospital. During my tenure, I've focused on financial stewardship and expanding vital services. My top priorities include expanding access to primary care and behavioral health services while ensuring effective use of hospital resources. I bring 25 years of experience on public and private boards and currently serve on the Finance, Governance, Quality & Safety, and Levy Committees. I've also earned the Health Care Governance Certification from the Washington State Hospital Association.

We can be proud that EvergreenHealth is one of the Top 50 hospitals in the nation, a testament to our dedicated staff and supportive community. I will continue supporting policies that promote a culture of compassion, innovation, and service while sustaining our excellence in delivery of care.

I am endorsed by the following: Mayors Kelli Curtis (Kirkland), Nigel Herbig (Kenmore), and Mike Millman (Woodinville), State Representatives Amy Walen (LD 48) and Davina Duerr (LD 1), and by all sitting Commissioners of EvergreenHealth.

It would be an honor to earn your vote. Together, we can preserve and strengthen the high-quality care our community expects and deserves.



Shane Young

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Education: MBA, Washington State University - Concentration in

Finance

Occupation: General Manager, Water Utility

Statement: It has been my honor to serve on the Board of Commissioners since January 2018. Over these years, I have worked alongside my fellow commissioners, staff, and community members to ensure that aquatics remain an important and accessible part of life in our community.

Thanks to your continued support, we have been able to sustain and improve aquatic programs, maintain our facilities, and expand opportunities for all ages to learn, swim, and thrive. Your engagement has been vital in keeping our pool a safe, welcoming, and affordable resource for everyone.

As I run unopposed for re-election to Position No. 3, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the community for the trust you have placed in me. I remain committed to fiscal responsibility, facility improvements, and programs that serve all members of our community. Together, we can ensure a strong future for aquatics in Des Moines.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Holly Campbell



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Education: Master of Public Policy **Occupation:** Data Manager

Statement: The Mt. Rainier Pool is one of Des Moines' greatest assets: a year-round place where kids learn to swim, seniors stay active and families connect. As a Commissioner for the past four years, I've learned how much effort and funding it takes to keep this aging facility running. After 50 years of service, it now needs major renovations or even full replacement. In my next term, my top priority will be ensuring Des Moines continues to have a community pool. I hope you'll join me in building a sustainable future for aquatics in our city.



Ben Fortine



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Education: No information submitted.

Occupation: Field Technician, King County Water District #125

Statement: As a Washington native, my roots here run deep. My wife and I have lived in Des Moines for 10+ years, raising our two beautiful daughters who *love* to swim. Whether it's at Mount Rainieer Pool, or Sisu Hus, swimming is an integral part of our family's life.

We love Des Moines; it's Parks, Recreation, & pools, and want to see them continue to grow and improve for this generation and many to come.

We've actively volunteered & participated in Des Moines Parks programs for over 5 years. I spent three seasons volunteering as a youth soccer coach for my eldest, down at the Field House. We enjoy spending time at the Marina, walking the Des Moines Creek Trail, and hanging out at the Quarterdeck on a sunny Summer evening. If elected, I commit to do my best to protect, preserve, and improve the Des Moines Pool District #5.

John Piontkowski



(206) 940-7998 johnpiont@gmail.com

Education: Graduate, Mount Rainier High School, 2007. Credits

towards Wastewater Technology AAS.

Occupation: Wastewater operator

Statement: My name is John Piontkowski, and I am running for Pool Commissioner. I am a graduate of Mount Rainier High School and have valuable credits toward a Wastewater Technology AAS, which gives me a strong technical understanding of water quality and facility management. My goal is simple: to ensure our pool remains safe, well-maintained, and fiscally responsible for the entire community. I will work diligently to keep our facility a great place for everyone to enjoy.

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- √ tamper-evident seals





A school bus once hit one of our official ballot drop boxes!

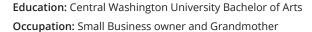
The drop box was fine, but as our Elections Director, Julie Wise, said, "the school bus, not so much."





Debbie Russ

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Statement: I have been involved with Water Aerobics at the Tukwila Pool for many years. From working with Vocational Rehabilitation, I have been able to offer suggestions such as better pool access for those who are disabled (which I am thrilled was adopted and implemented). As a grandmother of 20, I spend hours at local pools for swim lessons and meets. Some pools are laid out wonderfully for both the swimmers and parents, while others are a nightmare. Through my years around different pools, I have many ideas regarding the building of the new pool, based on what our community needs. I have a vision of offering a pool which meets all the community's needs with one facility. Whether toddlers swimming in the pool, or relaxing your achy joints in the jacuzzi, a vote for me is a vote for those less heard- the children, the disabled, and the senior citizens.





Education: Bachelor's in Accounting, Western Governors University

Occupation: Professional Fee Coder

Statement: As Tukwila Pool's current Commissioner, I am invested in the current state and future of our pool. I originally ran for the position because my son loved swimming and I wanted to be part of something that he loved.

Now that I have been in office and involved with the pool community for the past 6 years, I have found that it is a community that I would love to stay part of and keep serving. I appreciate the opportunities that were open to me, including being part of the pool's various committees and public events, and have developed a passion for water safety and public health. The Tukwila Pool provides a safe and fun space for adults to exercise and for kids to spend their summers, and I enjoy being part of such a valuable resource that brings our community together.



Commissioner Position No. 4

Jeri Frangello-Anderson



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Education: No information submitted. **Occupation:** No information submitted.

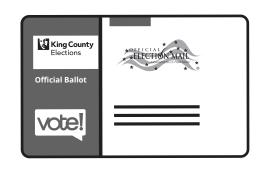
Statement: It has been an honor to serve as a Commissioner for the Tukwila Pool Metropolitan Park District since 2015. I'm excited to continue this work over the next six years, helping to ensure the Tukwila Pool remains sustainable, fiscally responsible, and a valuable resource for our community.

Living in a region surrounded by water, it's vital that everyone learns how to swim and stays safe in and around water.

Swimming is a lifelong skill—important for both children and adults—and I remain committed to ensuring our entire community has access to this essential education.

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.



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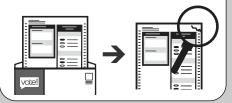
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We open and visually inspect your ballot.

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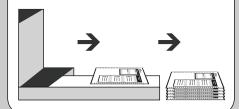
We receive and scan your ballot envelope.

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



We scan your ballot for vote counting.

Your ballot is scanned and an image is stored on a secure and closed system until 8 p.m. on Election Night.



We verify your signature.

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.



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Medic One – Emergency Medical Services Replacement of Existing Levy

The King County Council adopted Ordinance No. 19950 concerning funding for the county-wide Medic One emergency medical services system. Should King County be authorized to replace an expiring levy by imposing regular property taxes of \$0.25 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, with collection beginning in 2026, as provided in King County Ordinance No. 19950, to continue paying for Medic One emergency medical services:

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.069)

Explanatory statement

If approved by voters, Proposition No. 1 would authorize King County to levy a regular property tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.25 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable property within King County. For a property with an assessed valuation of \$844,000, the maximum rate would be approximately \$211 in the first year. The levy proceeds would be used to fund county-wide Medic One emergency medical services and emergency medical care as more fully described in Ordinance No. 19950 and RCW 84.52.069. The levy would be authorized for a six-year period, with collection beginning in 2026. The levy would be exempt from rate limitations in RCW 84.52.043 but would be subject to the chapter 84.55 limitations on levy increases in years two through six. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons would be eligible for exemption from the levy under RCW 84.36.381.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Reagan Dunn, Greg Markley, Tom Rea YesonMedicOne.com

Medic One saves lives. Last year, firefighters and paramedics responded to over 255,000 medical 9-1-1 calls for help (one every 2 minutes). Our Medic One system is recognized as one of the best emergency medical services systems in the world. Our cardiac arrest survival rate is among the highest reported anywhere - cardiac arrest victims here are 2 to 3 times more likely to survive compared to other cities. The system's excellent medical care is available to everyone by simply dialing 9-1-1, whatever the medical emergency, regardless of location, circumstance, or time of day.

The Medic One levy is not a new tax. It continues funding the program that provides critical emergency services for everyone in King County. King County voters have supported Medic One by passing levies for over 45 years. This renewal would *lower* the maximum levy rate by \$0.015 to \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. At the proposed levy rate, owners of a \$850,000 home will pay \$212 a year for world class emergency medical care to be at their side within minutes.

We depend on Medic One to be there when we need it, 24 hours a day, every day. Now it's our turn to be there for Medic One. Join your firefighters and paramedics in renewing your commitment. Say Yes to Medic One and vote Yes on King County Proposition 1.

Statement in opposition

There is no statement against this measure. No one in the jurisdiction contacted King County Elections to serve on the committee to write a statement against the measure.

Jurisdictions that place measures on the ballot also appoint members of the public to "pro" and "con" committees. These committees prepare statements either for or against the ballot measure. These statements are published in the local voters' pamphlet to help voters make informed decisions.

If the jurisdiction is unable to appoint a committee, King County Elections can appoint any eligible committee members who come forward. To join a committee in the future, please contact the jurisdiction.

Levy Lid Lift for Public Safety

To fund public safety, including police staffing, co-response programs, and safer streets and sidewalks, the Burien City Council passed Ordinance 874. This measure increases the City's regular property tax levy not to exceed \$0.95/\$1,000 to a maximum rate not to exceed \$1.90/\$1,000 for 2026; and sets the limit factor for the City's total regular property tax levy for 2027-2031 to 6%. Exemptions apply to seniors, veterans, and others as described in RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved:

Yes

No

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

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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

If approved, this proposition authorizes the City of Burien ("the City") to increase its regular property tax levy for public safety services and operations, in excess of the limitation established in RCW 84.55.010, beginning in 2026. Any funds collected from this levy lift would be held by the City in its own special revenue fund. The City is proposing this levy to address rising public safety costs averaging 5 to 8 percent annually, while property tax revenues only increase by one percent annually. Without additional funding, the City will be unable to sustain current service levels or address growing public safety needs.

Levy funds would support preserving and expanding the police co-response model to address homelessness, mental health crisis, and public use of drugs; maintaining the current level of police staffing and hiring additional police officers to support co-response teams, increase patrols throughout the city, and support community crime prevention programs; creating safer streets and sidewalks through improvements to infrastructure and additional street lighting.

The initial average levy rate increase is estimated to be approximately \$0.79519/\$1,000 of assessed property value or, for a home with an assessed value of \$596,000, approximately \$39.50 per month (or \$473.90 per year). Homeowners who are 62 years or older, or disabled and meet low-income requirements, may qualify for a property tax exemption as described in RCW 84.36.381.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Heather McCoy City Clerk (206) 507-2419 heatherm@burienwa.gov

Jamie Jo Skeen, Tiffany Crosby yesforburienpublicsafety.com

Burien Public Safety Levy is a smart, balanced investment in the well-being of our community. This measure will ensure continuation and expansion of our successful co-response model that pairs law enforcement with mental health professionals to ensure effective 24/7 support for individuals in crises like domestic violence, mental health, grief and drug abuse. This collaborative approach improves outcomes for those in crisis and reduces reliance on traditional law enforcement. The program is being eliminated due to the loss of federal funding, but it has proven effective in directing individuals to necessary resources and is a key component of our safety.

Additionally, the levy helps maintain police staffing levels and allows for the hiring of additional officers to support increased patrols and enhance crime prevention programs. A visible and adequately staffed police presence is essential for crime deterrence and swift response.

The levy also focuses on safer streets and sidewalks through infrastructure improvements and additional lighting, which enhances pedestrian safety and deters criminal activity.

The Public Safety Levy is a necessary investment in a model that keeps Burien safe and thriving. Its benefits to our community far outweigh the cost. Endorsed by the King County Sheriff's Guild.

Statement in opposition

Daniel Martin, Omaha Sternberg, Stephen Lamphear noburientax@gmail.com

Public safety is important. So is transparency. Property taxes impact us all: homeowners, businesses, landlords, and renters. Businesses pass on their taxes to customers; landlords pass on their taxes to tenants. So, what's the plan?

City officials have been asked to provide their plans, including the amount of money required and data and research to support this. However, the Council approved the ballot measure without presenting a single fact, while seeking over \$52 million over six years.

Our city leaders need to be clear with voters about how they intend to use our tax dollars. The fact is, the council has been unclear at best. The ballot language is confusing, misleading, and flawed. No plan has been presented to the citizens. And the public presentation included vaguely worded promises for public safety, "including...costs associated with...safer streets, sidewalks, and additional street lighting."

This ballot measure is poorly written and subject to interpretation. Our council is hiding the facts, refusing to justify its position financially. We should not vote for a tax increase that looks more like a slush fund for the city. Join landlords, renters, conservatives, progressives, and independents, and *vote no* on this unaccountable, poorly conceived tax grab.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

This funding is by Burien and for Burien. Without this funding we lose the 24/7 crisis prevention and are unable to increase our police force. Opponents want more clarity on where the funding will go but it's important to have flexibility to meet the most emerging need and utilize funding to fill gaps. City Council sets the priorities for the Levy. Voting for the council members that represent you also ensures your priorities are reflected.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Council has never stated that the co-response model is threatened with a loss of federal funding. The Sheriff's Office is short-staffed countywide; a new tax will not enable the city to hire new deputies. Bottom line: there is no plan.

And \$52 million over the next 6 years is far more than needed to fund the co-response model and other public safety needs. Until a *real* plan is presented, *Vote No*!

Public Safety Services Levy Lid Lift

The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park adopted Resolution No. 25-2021 to fund Public Safety Services.

This proposition would fund Public Safety Services per the Resolution including police services, safety equipment, 911 dispatch, emergency management services, jail services, and mental health crisis response by temporarily setting the maximum total regular levy rate at \$0.95367/\$1000 for collection in 2026, with subsequent annual increases for five years based on the rate of inflation in the Seattle Region CPI-U not to exceed 5%. Qualifying low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and other disabled persons are exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

The City of Lake Forest Park proposes Proposition 1 to provide sustainable funding for Public Safety Services including: police staffing, training, and safety equipment; 911 dispatch services; jail services; prosecution and public defense costs; and crisis intervention and mental health response programs.

Proposition 1 would temporarily authorize an annual increase of approximately \$1.2 million in the City's regular property tax levy through a levy lid lift. Without a voter approved levy lid lift, the City is limited to increasing its tax levy by 1%. The additional levy funds from Proposition 1 would be tracked separately and could only be used to pay for the cost of Public Safety Services.

Proposition 1 would cost property owners \$0.24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (\$24 per \$100,000). In 2026, for a \$914,000 median value home this would be about \$219.36 or \$18.28 per month. For each of the next five years (2027 – 2031), revenue from the levy lid lift could be adjusted up to 5% for inflation. An annual increase for inflation requires an open public process and a council vote to approve.

Proposition 1 exempts qualifying seniors, disabled veterans and others with disabilities from the levy increase. When Proposition 1 expires, the levy will decrease to what it would have been if never approved and the City had only taken the 1% increase authorized by state law.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Matt McLean City Clerk (206) 368-5440 mmclean@cityoflfp.gov

Peter Eglick, Fiaz Mir, David Hammond www.yesonlfpprop1.com

Vote yes for Prop 1!

LFP is not immune from inflation. We face a growing budget gap despite cuts to staffing, operations, and services. Over the last two years, City expenses for core public safety and other services have increased over \$700,000. The law limits LFP to a 1% property tax revenue increase per year, which in 2025 is only \$34,500 in additional revenue. *Yes* on Prop 1 will help close the gap to fund our vital safety services.

More than 90% of property taxes goes to the State, County, and School District. Today, LFP receives roughly 8 cents for every property tax dollar. Prop 1 would make it about 10 cents, costing the average LFP homeowner about \$18/month. The funds would directly support safety needs: police, 911, municipal court, jail, emergency management, and more. This levy lid lift expires after 6 years. Qualifying seniors and veterans are exempt.

The alternative is drastic reductions in services that keep our community safe and resilient. Other cities that delayed closing budget gaps faced deeper reductions later. Now, it's time to act - voting *yes* invests in our community, maintaining an effective level of vital police and public safety services.

Statement in opposition

Jack Tonkin, Hannah Blackbourn, Beth Chapple

Vote No! The Police and Public Safety are fully funded through 2028 by the General Fund. The levy funds would go into the General Fund, allowing the transfer of Police and Public Safety funds outside of the general fund. This increases the General Fund by the amount of the levy, available for any type of future city spending.

Lake Forest Park has more than enough money to fund the services that are important to residents. A concerned Council voted 3-4 against this levy. Do not be misled. A no vote will not cut public safety services or other citizen benefits. The city may need a levy lift in the future, but not at this time.

Even with increased spending, the general fund balance is projected to be \$8.9 million at the end of 2026—more than four times the required \$2.1 million reserve. City projections show reserves growing from \$8.9 million to nearly \$10 million with this tax increase.

Voters have wisely rejected levies before. Before raising taxes, the City should use existing funds responsibly, reduce unnecessary spending, consider less regressive revenue sources, and invite community input through a Citizen Fiscal Sustainability Committee. Do not be misled. Vote No!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Vote Yes. Funds from the Proposition will be legally dedicated to public safety no matter the state of general revenue. The anti-Prop 1 view is makebelieve: no inflation, no unexpected costs through 2028. City reserves will soon dry up, without new revenue. Prop 1 naysayers say let's take the risk. In contrast, Prop 1 maintains healthy reserves ensuring stable essential services come what may. Vote Yes to support LFP police and public safety services!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

While all agree that public safety costs have increased, the backers of this levy-lid lift are not recognizing that the city has nearly \$7 million in unallocated funds—enough to support essential services without raising taxes. Prop 1 will cost the average homeowner an additional \$1,300 in six years beyond the other taxes due. Do you want your hard-earned dollars to create a superreserve for the city? Let's manage existing funds responsibly. Vote *No.*

Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy

The Seattle City Council adopted Ordinance No. 127238 concerning replacing an expiring levy to fund education-support services.

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 would replace an expiring levy, funding childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; college and job readiness; and other supports, as provided in Ordinance 127238.

It authorizes a six-year levy for collection beginning in 2026 of an additional \$0.72/\$1,000 of assessed value, for a maximum total levy rate of \$3.02. 2026's levy amount will be the base for subsequent levies through 2031. RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 104.



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Seattle Proposition 1, known as the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy, replaces an expiring education levy, raising a maximum of \$1,258,300,000 over six years to increase access to and deliver education-support services in four areas: A) early childhood programs to increase access to affordable childcare and preschool; B) K-12 student supports to increase student college and career readiness; C) K-12 health and safety programs to increase student physical and mental wellness; and D) college and career supports to increase student completion of post-secondary degree or other career pathway opportunities. Ordinance 127238, in Section 6, describes these areas in more detail. Spending amounts and priorities within the four areas will be further determined by Section 2's statement of policy, annual budgets, and an Implementation and Evaluation Plan adopted by ordinance, and guided by an Oversight Committee.

The additional tax rate associated with this proposition's increase for each property owner would be approximately \$0.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and the maximum rate for the total levy is \$3.02/\$1,000. The levy would first be collected in 2026. RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Without voter-approved levies, the City is generally limited by state law to increasing annual property taxes by no more than one percent above the highest amount that the City could have received in the prior year. After this proposition has finished levying taxes in 2031, that one percent maximum increase would be calculated as if this proposition had not been passed.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Bruce Harrell, Maritza Rivera, Tricia Schroeder everychildreadyseattle.com

Every Seattle child deserves quality early learning, safety and health throughout their K-12 education, and access to college or career training. Every Child Ready– updating the Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy– expands and renews programs that help kids at every stage of learning, regardless of income or zip code.

Doubling Affordable Childcare: The levy doubles assistance for families struggling with childcare costs– serving 1,400 families and stabilizing the childcare workforce. The levy supports early learning programs that reduce inequities and help kids enter Kindergarten ready to learn.

Keeping Kids Healthy: Your vote adds in-school health clinics; ensuring students in 34 Seattle Public Schools can access medically accurate consultation and care, including on-call behavioral health counseling. The levy invests in summer and afterschool programs that provide safe, nurturing places to learn.

College and Career Readiness: Prop 1 maintains Seattle Promise– free two-year tuition for any Seattle high school graduate at Seattle Colleges, with pathways to four-year degrees. The levy adds outreach to help kids interested in skilled trades and other family-wage jobs. Join Mayor Bruce Harrell, a unanimous City Council, unions including SEIU 925 representing childcare workers, businesses, education child health advocates, and more in support of Prop 1.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

This renewal more than doubles affordable childcare, a top concern of cost-sensitive families, and maintains college and career readiness programs that have helped thousands of young people succeed. K-12 investments provide essential health care and wraparound services, and are updated to include mental health and increased community -based support.

This levy receives independent oversight and has won national recognition - please vote Yes for our kids and families.

Statement in opposition

Ari Hoffman

Despite the FEPP levy's stated goals, grades and academic performance have not improved as intended; they have worsened. Seattle families are being burdened with yet another tax in an already unaffordable city while failing to deliver the gains voters were told to expect. This measure equates to roughly \$654 annually for a median-valued home.

Year after year, despite this levy, students have seen stagnant or declining academic outcomes. During the pandemic, overall math and ELA proficiency dropped across Seattle Public Schools, even among FEPP-supported students, and continues to remain below pre-pandemic levels.

Additionally, student mental health continues to deteriorate. Rates of depression, anxiety, and absenteeism have increased, even as levy funds have been allocated toward social-emotional and wellness programs. The trend shows that more money hasn't produced the promised results, raising questions about oversight and accountability.

Meanwhile, Seattle's cost of living continues to climb. Introducing another levy only adds to this financial strain, offering no benefit in return. The FEPP levy has failed to deliver the promised academic turnaround. Its renewal would place an unjustifiable burden on residents in a city already grappling with affordability crises. We deserve better outcomes, not higher taxes to prop up failed programs. Vote No.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Raising taxes doesn't make childcare or education more affordable—it just shifts the burden onto struggling families and small businesses. This levy has been in place for years, yet two-thirds of Washington students still aren't at grade level in reading or math. Despite record revenues, outcomes keep getting worse. These programs are not delivering results. Instead of taxing more, Seattle should reform spending, cut waste, and demand accountability before taking another dollar from taxpayers.

Changes to the Business and Occupation Tax

The Seattle City Council adopted Ordinance No. 127259 concerning changes to the business and occupation tax.

The City of Seattle's Proposition 2 would increase business and occupation tax rates currently at .00222 and .00427 to .00342 and .00658, respectively, until 2033, when respective rates would become .00273 and .00526. The increase would support the City's General Fund for programs and services described in Section 7 of Ordinance 127259. The Proposition would also raise the threshold for paying the tax from \$100,000 in gross receipts to \$2,000,000; create a new \$2,000,000 standard deduction; and give certain offsetting tax credits.

Should this Proposition be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 109.



You will be voting
Yes or No
on Proposition No. 2

Requirement passage: Simple Majority (RCW 35.21.711)

Explanatory statement

Seattle Proposition 2 makes four changes to the City's business and occupation tax. First, businesses currently taxed at an amount equal to the business's gross income multiplied by a rate of .00222 would be taxed at a rate of .00342 through 2032, and then .00273 beginning in 2033. Businesses currently taxed at a rate of .00427 would be taxed at .00658 through 2032, and then .00526 beginning in 2033. Second, the threshold below which a business does not owe the tax would increase, from \$100,000 in annual gross receipts to \$2,000,000. Third, a new standard tax deduction of \$2,000,000 in annual gross receipts would apply to all businesses. Fourth, credits offsetting the tax increase would be available to comprehensive cancer centers and nonprofit pediatric hospitals.

Proceeds from the increased tax rate, which would support the City's General Fund, offset decreased revenue from the lower number of businesses paying the tax. Proceeds would fund existing investments that address food access, gender-based violence, small business supports, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, support for workers' rights and protections, public health, workforce development and job readiness training, arts and culture, and immigrant and refugee services. Up to \$30 million could also be used to implement and administer the tax, and to mitigate the impact of federal funding reductions or federal policy changes relating to housing stability for low-income tenants, food insecurity, financial stability for affordable housing providers and properties, emergency shelters and homelessness, substance abuse disorder treatment, and transportation projects.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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This measure will make Seattle's tax code more fair, reduce taxes for small and neighborhood businesses, and protect investments in housing, public safety, and social services from devastating Trump cuts.

With a modest shift in Seattle's Business & Occupation Tax (B&O) to the city's largest corporations, Proposition 2 reduces the burden on 90% of Seattle employers, and eliminates city B&O taxes for over 75% of our smallest businesses. This relief will help struggling retailers and restaurants citywide, stabilize consumer prices, and protect local jobs. While tax relief for small businesses is permanent, other provisions sunset in 2033, ensuring we can adjust policies to meet the economic needs of our city. All funds are subject to audits for accountability.

Proposition 2 will help safeguard our city from Trump's cuts by protecting programs working class families depend on and keeping vulnerable people housed and fed. Without these programs, our overdose crisis and homelessness emergency will get worse.

This innovative proposal is endorsed by employers – including voices for women and minority-owned businesses– as well as unions, Mayor Bruce Harrell, Councilmember Alexis Mercedes Rinck, and leaders in the fight for tax fairness. Please vote *Yes* on Proposition 2.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Seattle's small businesses keep neighborhoods alive and provide local jobs. Prop 2 delivers real relief by eliminating B&O taxes for firms under \$2 million about 3 of 4 so they can pay workers, cover rent, and stay open.

The largest 10% of companies will contribute more, generating \$80–90 million a year for safer streets, transportation, housing, and human services. That fair balance supports small shops and vital services. Vote Yes to protect jobs and keep Seattle strong.

Statement in opposition

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Seattle's tax system differs from that of many other US cities. Seattle businesses contribute a significantly higher percentage of the Seattle City Government's costs compared to businesses in other cities. For most Seattle residents, the Seattle City Government offers a tax bargain. To continue this bargain for Seattle residents, Seattle's existing businesses must grow, and new companies must move in.

Many Seattle businesses are struggling. Others have decided to leave the city. Just look at the vacant locations of former local or national retail stores downtown and the 31 percent vacancy rate in downtown office space.

Maintaining healthy business growth across small, medium, and large businesses is essential. While Prop 2 provides a tax break to small companies, it more than doubles the tax burden for medium and large companies.

Several years ago, the City's jump-start tax was placed on Seattle's large businesses, primarily those in the tech sector. Since then, Microsoft has removed all its businesses from Seattle. Amazon has laid off 10,000 employees, relocated employees to Bellevue, and established new business units in other parts of the US. Simply taxing businesses will not solve the Seattle Government's long-term issues. Vote No on Seattle Prop 2.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Seattle's B&O tax system is not a business income tax; it is a gross receipts tax. Some tax relief will be going to a person who makes a million dollars a year, and penalize low-margin profit businesses. The tax increase is not a modest shift, but an overdoubling of the B&O tax.

If Seattle gets a reputation as a bad business environment, more Seattle residents will be unemployed and homeless.

Renewal of Expiring Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 06-25, concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State (including college/career readiness; mental health; materials and supplies; classroom technology; cybersecurity; transportation; safety/security):

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$2.07	\$74,512,984
2028	\$2.09	\$80,373,913
2029	\$2.10	\$86,173,696
2030	\$2.11	\$92,840,100

all as provided in Resolution No. 06-25. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

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

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Highline Public Schools to renew an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. Taxes collected by this renewal levy will be used to fund educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to: college and career readiness staff and programs; mental health counselors and staff; materials, supplies, and operational costs such as utilities and insurance; classroom technology and cybersecurity; transportation; safety and security staff; athletic and extra-curricular programs; and classroom support programs that help ensure all students, regardless of abilities and needs, are fully included and welcomed in the classroom. More information is available at highlineschools.org/ levy.

The proposed four-year renewal levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$74,512,984 in 2027, \$80,373,913 in 2028, \$86,173,696 in 2029, and \$92,840,100 in 2030. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$2.07 in 2027, \$2.09 in 2028, \$2.10 in 2029, and \$2.11 in 2030. Exact levy rates and amounts may be adjusted based on the actual assessed value and the legal limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206-296-3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Trisha Arias, Jeb Binns, Tina Orwall www.yesforHighline.org

Vote Yes to renew this critical school operations levy that continues funding for our Highline students. At a time when the state and federal government are not fully funding our schools, we must make sure we keep our local levy funding to ensure all students have the basic resources and staff to learn and thrive.

This levy makes up about 15% of the total budget. If we fail to renew it, Highline would face deep cuts to basic programs and staff that help students succeed in the classroom and beyond. Our students are counting on us.

This levy keeps the lights on in schools. It funds day-to-day operations, as well as keeping counselors in our schools, paraeducators in classrooms, and mental health professionals supporting student well-being. It's how we fund college and career readiness programs, ensure competitive pay for staff, and cover basics like technology, supplies, and facility maintenance.

By voting *Yes*, you help keep schools safe, staffed, and ready for all students to learn and grow. The Highline community has a long history of stepping up to support kids, and we hope you will continue to invest in our students. They are counting on your yes vote.

Statement in opposition

Patricia Bailey, Judy Counley, Melissa Petrini www.FixHighlineFirst.org

Reject the Bloated Highline Levy. Our Student Outcomes Aren't Their Focus!

This \$334 million Levy is the largest, most unsustainable tax increase in Highline history—a 38% hike over the last four years is not a simple renewal. Buried in conflicting documents, it's hard for voters to distinguish the truth. It will raise property taxes again, on top of new state property tax calculations, making living here unaffordable and unattractive. This places the greatest burden on low-income, working families and renters who are forced to subsidize bloated district salaries and mismanaged public funds.

Highline is set to spend nearly \$25,000 per student (more than most private schools in our boundaries), yet test scores continue to decline. With enrollment dropping, school attendance at just 63%, and two-thirds of students failing basic standards in English, Math, and Science, the money doesn't match the investment. There's no clear link between their unaccountable spending and improved student outcomes. Our children are not being prepared for the future they choose and deserve!

Taxpayers must stop approving blank checks, bloated budgets, and broken promises. Reject this levy. Demand results! Tell Highline to return in the spring special election with a credible, reasonable, and transparent plan.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The anti-public schools committee is misunderstanding – or misrepresenting – the taxes. In fact, this levy is a 17% decrease of the rate per \$1,000 from what the voters already approved 4 years ago.

Voting "Yes" now renews the existing levy at a stable tax rate, allowing our schools to continue funding essential student support. Pulling the rug out from under our children will *not* improve test scores! Please vote "yes" to support student success.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The state can never fully fund a district with runaway spending. It's clear to parents and voters that academic performance and competency are not Highline's top priority.

Highline already has one of the most competitive salary schedules in the state, with the superintendent and his cabinet being near the top paid! Budget increases must be matched with meaningful cuts to ineffective programs, positions, and contracts. We demand fiscal responsibility and accountability tied to student outcomes.

Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Renton School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 20-24/25 concerning a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$1.33	\$58,217,253
2028	\$1.34	\$61,514,773
2029	\$1.33	\$64,320,460
2030	\$1.32	\$66,735,516

all as provided in Resolution No. 20-24/25 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

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

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Renton School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, class size reduction, technology, curriculum, maintenance & operations, nutrition services, safety, counseling, social emotional supports, middle & high school athletics/activities, summer school & after school enrichment, elementary music & art programs, substitutes, nurses, psychologists, counselors, services for students in special education, and other programs for supporting the whole child. The enhancements requested are to fulfill legal obligations or community expectations for school programming. Further information is available on the District's website www.rentonschools.us.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operation levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$58,217,253 in 2027, \$61,514,773 in 2028, \$64,320,460 in 2029, and \$66,735,516 in 2030. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.33 in 2027, \$1.34 in 2028, \$1.33 in 2029, and \$1.32 in 2030. The exact levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206-296-3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Randy Matheson

Executive Director of Community Relations (425) 204-2345 randy.matheson@rentonschools.us

Ray Kusumi, Jacqueline Connell, Joshua Sieck

Your vote for this renewal levy allows Renton Schools to continue its commitment to high-quality education in every classroom. The Educational Programs & Operations Levy provides more than 14% of school operating budgets. These local levy dollars are essential to fund vital programs not fully funded by the state, such as safety/security staff, special education, substitute teachers, custodial staff, pre-K early learning, mental health counselors, nurses, and more.

This is not a new tax. For decades, Renton School District voters have continued to support this levy to fund student programs and essential school staff. Renton Schools values your support, uses your money wisely, and has an exemplary record of fiscal management, reflecting strong financial stewardship.

This Measure benefits everyone. Good schools positively affect our neighborhoods, builds stronger communities, and protects our property values. And with a steadily decreasing total combined district tax rate of \$3.39, voting yes is a win for everyone. Join the thousands of your neighbors who continue to support this important investment in our children and schools by voting yes for Measure 1.

Statement in opposition

There is no statement against this measure. No one in the jurisdiction contacted King County Elections to serve on the committee to write a statement against the measure.

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Replacement Technology and Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors of Renton School District No. 403 adopted Resolution No. 23-24/25, concerning a capital levy to fund educational technology and school improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to continue funding educational technology equipment, infrastructure and improvements and renovate, modernize and improve existing school facilities:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$0.72	\$30,000,000
2028	\$0.69	\$30,000,000
2029	\$0.65	\$30,000,000
2030	\$0.62	\$30,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 23-24/25. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



You will be voting
Yes or No
on Proposition No. 2

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

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would authorize Renton School District to replace an existing levy for renovation of school facilities that will expire at the end of calendar year 2026. The proposed replacement capital levy will continue funding educational technology equipment, infrastructure and improvements, including, but not limited to: (1) acquiring, installing, implementing and modernizing District-wide technology, student technology, integrated digital curriculum, STEM learning systems and facilities, technology training for teachers to support classroom learning and other educational technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities; and (2) making other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems and facilities.

The proposed replacement capital levy will also continue funding costs to renovate, modernize, improve and upgrade existing school facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) making health, safety, security, energy efficiency, educational, athletic, facility and infrastructure improvements; (2) addressing clean building performance standards, including the Washington Clean Buildings Act; and (3) acquiring land and interests in land as sites for new and expanded facilities of the District.

The proposed four-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$30,000,000 each year from 2027 through and including 2030. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$0.72 in 2027, \$0.69 in 2028, \$0.65 in 2029, and \$0.62 in 2030. Further information is available on the District's website www.rentonschools.us. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206-296-3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Ray Kusumi, Jacqueline Connell, Joshua Sieck

The Capital/Technology Replacement Levy is vital for our students and educators, renewing the crucial funding approved in 2022 for the next four years, through 2030. With state basic education funding falling short for classroom technology and school maintenance, this levy ensures our schools remain equipped for success. By voting for this measure, you support essential needs such as updated devices for students and staff, improved internet access at home and school, and enhanced cybersecurity. This funding will also provide assistive technology for students with special education needs and the technicians required for maintaining our equipment. Importantly, this levy does not introduce a new tax; it simply renews an expiring initiative that has proven its value. Since 2016, our local tax rate has decreased by 36%, showcasing our commitment to responsible financial management while still prioritizing education. Your vote for the Capital/Technology Replacement Levy is a vote for our children's future—ensuring they have the tools and support needed to thrive in a digital world. Let's come together to invest in the education our students deserve!

Statement in opposition

There is no statement against this measure. No one in the jurisdiction contacted King County Elections to serve on the committee to write a statement against the measure.

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Levy Lid Lift for Health Care Services

The Commission of King County Public Hospital District No. 1, King County, Washington (Valley Medical Center) adopted Resolution No. 1066 concerning the district's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide additional operating and capital funds for Valley Medical Center to provide hospital and other healthcare services to its residents and other persons served by Valley Medical Center. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2026 of 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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

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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

King County Public Hospital District No. 1 operates Valley Medical Center. It provides hospital inpatient, 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 hospital and other healthcare facilities and services. Because state law limits the amount that taxes can increase without voter approval, Valley Medical Center's levy rate has declined over the years to approximately 29 cents in 2025.

Valley Medical Center's publicly-elected Board of Commissioners has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents served by Valley Medical Center to request approval to increase its regular property tax levy rate to 75 cents per \$1000 of assessed value beginning in 2026, which would be an increase of approximately 46 cents from the 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 emergency services, preventive care and other health care services for the community served by Valley Medical Center.

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:

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Public Hospital District No. 1 of King County, known as Valley Medical Center, has been serving this community for nearly 80 years. As community members, we've witnessed healthcare needs growing and changing, and Valley is working hard to try and keep pace with those needs.

When our loved ones need medical help – in an emergency, for regular check-ups or specialized care – access to high-quality healthcare should be close to home.

Vote Yes to Hospital Proposition 1 to secure the future of local care. Valley provides crucial hospital services 24 hours a day, including childbirth, trauma and emergency care, and intensive hospital care.

Vote Yes to keep care close to home. Get the care you need where you live. Having excellent care just minutes away means less stress, shorter commutes, and more time with the ones you love.

Vote Yes to build careers in South King County. The people at Valley are committed to the mission of caring for our community like family. They need stability, competitive wages and opportunities to learn and grow with our community.

Join us in voting *Yes* to address these challenges and renew support for Valley Medical Center - our independent, community-owned hospital.

Statement in opposition

There is no statement against this measure. No one in the jurisdiction contacted King County Elections to serve on the committee to write a statement against the measure.

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Replacement Levy for Repair, Maintenance and Operation

Shall the Northshore Park and Recreation Service Area be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of five cents (\$.05) or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six (6) consecutive years?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: 60% yes vote and either (1) a minimum turnout of at least 40% of the number of voters who cast ballots in the taxing district in the most recent general election or (2) if the minimum turnout is less than 40% of the number of voters who cast ballots in the district in the most recent general election then the number of yes votes must constitute 60% of 40% of the number of voters who cast ballots in the taxing district in the most recent general election (RCW 36.69.145)

Explanatory statement

If approved, Proposition 1 would renew a six-year property tax levy for the Northshore Park and Recreation Service Area (NPRSA), beginning in 2026. NPRSA is a special purpose district that owns and maintains two public facilities: the Northshore Senior Center and the Health & Wellness and Adult Health Center, serving residents in Bothell, Kenmore, Woodinville, northern King and southern Snohomish counties.

The levy funds would be used for needed building repairs, replacement of aging infrastructure, upgrades to ensure safety and accessibility, energy efficiency improvements, and other needed facility improvements. The levy would also fund ongoing maintenance to preserve the condition and usability of facilities.

The measure would authorize NPRSA to collect property taxes at a rate not to exceed \$.05 per \$1,000 of tax assessed value; or about \$50 per year (\$4.17 per month) for a home with a tax assessed value of one million dollars. The previous levy providing similar funding is set to expire at the end of 2025.

The services and programming within NPRSA buildings are provided by the Northshore Senior Center, a separate nonprofit organization. These programs include health services, fitness and wellness activities, community dining, and other services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

If the measure is approved, NPRSA would be authorized to levy property taxes annually for six years to fund building improvements and maintenance activities. If the measure is not approved, the current levy would expire and this funding would not be renewed.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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The Northshore Parks and Recreation Service Area (NPRSA) owns and maintains buildings used by the Northshore Senior Center (NSC), a vital nonprofit serving 5,000+ older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers annually. NSC's programs fight food insecurity, promote health, support special needs youth, and reduce isolation in our community.

NSC is the only senior center in our region able to offer an adult day health program. For example, when a near-by adult day health program closed earlier this year, NSC was able to provide services for the affected seniors. All participants help sustain and expand valuable programming, as levy funds are legally restricted for use on the repair, maintenance, and operation of the buildings and facilities, not for individual program expenses.

Thanks to the 2019 voter-approved levy, the NPRSA Board, with transparent and dedicated stewardship, replaced aging roofs, HVAC systems, and improved safety. Comprehensive levy spending records, minutes, and meeting videos are available at nprsawa.org.

This six-year renewal levy averages about \$4.17 per month (on a \$1 million home) to keep NSC's doors open, safe, and welcoming for current and future generations. Vote "yes" for the health, well-being, and resilience of our entire community.

Statement in opposition

There is no statement against this measure. No one in the jurisdiction contacted King County Elections to serve on the committee to write a statement against the measure.

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the funding and provision of Medic One emergency medical services; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County, at special election on November 4, 2025, of a proposition to fund the countywide Medic One emergency medical services by authorizing the continuation of a regular property tax levy for a consecutive six year period, for collection beginning in 2026, at a rate of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to provide for Medic One emergency medical services.

PREAMBLE:

The Medic One Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") system of King County, publicly known as Medic One, is an integrated publicly funded partnership between the county, cities, fire districts, regional fire authorities, hospitals, and the University of Washington.

Medic One/EMS is a tiered response system that is based on the regional medical model and collaborative partnerships. The services that EMS personnel provide are derived from the highest standards of medical training, practices and care, scientific evidence, and close supervision by physicians experienced in EMS care. It includes basic life support by city, fire district, and regional fire authority emergency medical technicians, advanced life support by University of Washington/ Harborview Medical Center trained paramedics, and regional support programs that provide resident and EMS personnel training, regional medical control, and quality improvement.

The Medic One/EMS system of King County is recognized as one of the best emergency medical services programs in the country. It saves thousands of lives every year, providing life-saving services on average every two minutes. Compared to other communities, cardiac arrest victims are two to three times more likely to survive in King County. In 2023, King County achieved a fifty-one-percent survival rate for cardiac arrest, which is among the highest reported rate in the nation.

The provision of Medic One emergency medical services on a countywide basis is a public purpose of King County. King County supports Medic One emergency medical services as a regional service that requires a continuing leadership role for the county. The county should continue to exercise its leadership and assume responsibility for assuring the orderly and comprehensive development and provision of Medic One emergency medical services throughout the county.

The concern for assuring the continuance of a countywide Medic One/EMS program is shared by King County cities, fire protection districts, and regional fire authorities that participate in the Medic One emergency medical services programs.

Sustained funding for the regional Medic One/EMS system is needed to continue this essential service for the residents of King County.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Approval of cities over 50,000 in population. Pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, before submission to the electors of King County at a special election on November 4, 2025, approval to place this countywide levy proposal on the ballot will be

obtained from the legislative authority of a majority of at least seventy-five percent of all cities in the county over 50,000 in population.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> **Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- A. "County" means King County.
- B. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes, for the specific purpose and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.
- C. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy, any interest earnings on the funds and the proceeds of any interim financing following authorization of the levy.

SECTION 3. City of Seattle reimbursement. It is recognized that the city of Seattle operates and funds a Medic One emergency medical services program that is separate from the county program but part of the regional delivery system. All levy proceeds collected pursuant to the levy authorized in this ordinance from taxable property located within the legal boundaries of the city of Seattle shall be reimbursed and transferred to the city of Seattle and used solely for the Seattle Medic One emergency medical services program in accordance with RCW 84.52.069.

SECTION 4. Levy submittal to voters. To provide necessary funding for the Medic One/EMS system under the authority of RCW 84.52.069, the county council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for six consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2026, at a rate not to exceed \$0.25 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. As provided under state law, this levy shall be exempt from the rate limitations under RCW 84.52.043, but subject in years two through six to the limitations imposed under chapter 84.55 RCW.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> **Deposit of levy proceeds**. Except for the levy proceeds transferred to the city of Seattle under section 3 of this ordinance, all levy proceeds shall be deposited into the county emergency medical services fund.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> **Eligible expenditures**. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, all proceeds of the levy authorized in this ordinance shall be used in accordance with RCW 84.52.069.

SECTION 7. **Call for special election**. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, a special election is called for November 4, 2025, to consider a proposition authorizing an additional regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The 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 election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the director of elections, in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION ONE: The King County Council adopted Ordinance ____ concerning continuation of funding for the county-wide Medic One emergency medical services system. Should King

County be authorized to replace an expiring levy by imposing regular property taxes of \$0.25 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, with collection beginning in 2026, as provided in King County Ordinance ____, to continue paying for Medic One emergency medical services:

Yes	
No	

<u>SECTION 8.</u> **Interlocal agreement**. The county executive is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an interlocal agreement with the city of Seattle relating to the Medic One program, to implement the provisions of section 3 of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Local voters' pamphlet. The director of elections is hereby authorized and requested to prepare and distribute a local voters' pamphlet, pursuant to K.C.C. 1.10.010, for the special election called for in this ordinance, the cost of the pamphlet to be included as part of the cost of the election.

SECTION 10. **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, if that statute is amended by the state legislature during the term of this levy.

SECTION 11. **Ratification**. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the county council to the King County director of elections in accordance with law before the election on November 4, 2025, and any other act consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>SECTION 12.</u> **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.

AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 4, 2025 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City, a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under chapter 84.55 RCW and to authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to six years for the purpose of providing education support services designed to improve access to early learning, including childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; and college and career pathways for Seattle students; applying the exemption for low income seniors, disabled veterans, and others authorized by RCW 84.36.381; authorizing a creation of a designated fund; directing the application of levy proceeds; establishing eligibility requirements for partners; establishing accountability and reporting structures; requiring a forthcoming Implementation and Evaluation Plan; proposing a ballot title; authorizing the implementation of agreements for this levy lid lift which will be commonly known as the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle (City) envisions a community where every child has access to the resources to be ready to start kindergarten, ready to learn, and ready to launch into a career, and where students are healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS, affordability is a concern for many Seattle families with children; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Education and Early Learning currently administers the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy and is responsible for developing the City's education policy and investment strategy for levy funds to help children and youth succeed through increased access to affordable childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; and college and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, Seattle voters previously approved four separate seven-year property tax lid lifts, each known as the Families and Education Levy, in 1990, 1997, 2004, and 2011; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Seattle voters approved a four-year Seattle Preschool Levy to provide Seattle children with accessible preschool services designed to improve their readiness for school and to support their subsequent academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Seattle voters approved a seven-year property tax lid lift, known as the FEPP Levy, to invest in Seattle children, students, and families to increase access to opportunities across the education continuum; and

WHEREAS, for a family in King County, the median cost for childcare in a childcare center ranges from four percent to 25 percent of median family income, depending on the type of center. The cost of care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers often exceeds the seven percent of household income threshold recommended by the federal Administration for Children and Families, within the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Preschool Program has earned a CityHealth Gold Medal in High-Quality, Accessible Pre-K for the last three years (2022-2024). This recognition is given to preschool programs that meet at least nine of ten National Institute for Early Education Research quality benchmarks around teacher qualifications, class size, staff trainings and supports, quality improvement systems, and health screenings; and

WHEREAS, K-12 students continue to struggle, both academically and socially, from loss of learning and mental health challenges associated with the global COVID-19 pandemic, and need academic and comprehensive support services to aid in academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, students can readily get their medical and mental health care needs met when access to that care is provided at their school; and

WHEREAS, safe school environments improve academic performance and health behaviors: and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the FEPP Levy are supplemental to the basic education financed by the State of Washington and the Seattle School District levies, and do not displace, or reduce, state or School District funding for the Seattle School District; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2018, the Seattle Promise program has exceeded its enrollment projection, and according to the most recent available data, the program's graduation rate exceeded the national average; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Washington Student Achievement Council projected that by 2031, 72 percent of all job applicants will need to have a post-secondary degree and 33 percent of all job vacancies in Washington State will require an associate's degree or trade certificate; and

WHEREAS, to maintain its competitiveness, retain existing employers, and attract new industries with family-wage jobs, Seattle needs to provide a well-educated, well-trained workforce with the advanced skills and abilities needed to compete in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, in addition to socioeconomic disparities, other factors, such as a lack of access to quality early childhood and K-12 education, patterns of residential and school segregation, and state policies could also have a negative impact on student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the public school system alone cannot address all barriers to student success, and because Seattle residents support the economic, social, and civic well-being of the City, supplemental funding provided through the FEPP Levy serves a legitimate City purpose; and

WHEREAS, the collection of taxes from the current FEPP Levy will end in 2025, and services funded by the levy will end unless a new levy is authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the City place on the November 4, 2025 ballot a measure to replace the expiring FEPP Levy, and replace it with a new six-year FEPP Levy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and declarations. The City Council finds and declares:

- A. Seattle's children are its future, and the quality of that future depends on providing children and their families with equitable and consistent access to educational services and supports.
- B. Seattle needs an educated population that is actively engaged in its civic life and contributes to the economic and social well-being of the City.
- C. Research findings have underscored the importance of quality early childhood education by identifying critical periods when a child's brain development facilitates the acquisition of certain skills, such as language and the need to capitalize on learning opportunities and social experiences. Children acquire a larger vocabulary and stronger language skills if exposed to adults with larger vocabularies.
- D. The Child Care Assistance Program supports families not served by existing state and county subsidy programs. In 2024, this program supported 684 children below 94 percent state median income (SMI). The Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) served 2,182 students in the 2023-24 school year, 69 percent of whom qualified for a full subsidy with household income below 94 percent SMI. SPP is on track to serve 2,500 children in the final year of the expiring levy (2025-26 school year).
- E. Participation in quality public preschool has positive effects on children's school experiences by reducing the demand for grade repetition, special education placement, mental health services, judicial system involvement, and unemployment support. Quality

preschool focuses on comprehensive social, emotional, and cognitive skill development; health and nutrition support; and partnerships with families and elementary schools. Researchers have calculated a sevento-ten percent return on investment for high-quality preschool.

- F. In 2024, external evaluators found positive impacts of SPP participation on elementary school academic performance: SPP participants performed between 18 and 29 percentile points higher on kindergarten readiness and third grade math and reading assessments than demographically similar children who attended state-funded preschools.
- G. The 2018 FEPP Levy funded K-12 academic, health, and comprehensive support services for 19,450 students citywide in the 2023-24 school year. More than 76 percent of youth served by community-based programs self-reported growth in skills such as leadership, collaboration, communications, and social emotional skills.
- H. Research shows that school-based health centers (SBHCs) improve student health and emotional wellbeing and that these in turn aid academic performance by increasing school attendance rates and student grade point averages over time. Furthermore, adolescents are 21 times more likely to access mental health services at SBHCs than community-based clinics.
- I. K-12 SBHCs served 17,762 students at 29 schools in the 2023-24 school year, providing access to free comprehensive medical services such as immunizations, physicals, treatment for acute and chronic illness, reproductive health care, and mental health counseling and referral.
- J. In the fall of 2023, 892 Seattle public high school students enrolled in the Seattle Promise Program. As of 2023, there have been more than 900 Seattle Promise graduates. According to the most recent available data, the program's graduation rate exceeded the national average.
- K. There is a demonstrable need to continue the City's investment in affordable childcare and preschool; academic, health and safety supports for K-12 students; and college and career pathways, funded by regular property taxes. This need requires submission of a proposition authorizing a six-year regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitations in chapter 84.55 RCW. The proposition should be submitted to the qualified electors of The City of Seattle at a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 4, 2025.
- Section 2. Statement of policy. It is the paramount duty of the State "to make ample provision for the education of all students." Education institutions, including the Seattle School District, are directly responsible for providing a quality education for all students. To further support student academic achievement, government, business, community members, and families must also work together to advance the success of Seattle students.

A. Priorities for levy funding

- 1. Invest in Seattle's children, youth, and families to increase affordability of and equitable access to: childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students, including expanded learning opportunities; comprehensive support services; and college and career pathways.
- 2. Establish agreements with childcare and early learning providers, the Seattle School District, Public Health–Seattle & King County, Seattle Colleges, community-based organizations, and other institutional partners to implement services and ensure investment oversight and evaluation toward goals and outcomes.
- 3. Implement evidence-based strategies and best practices to improve the quality of service and/or maintain high-quality services.
- 4. Provide training and coaching opportunities to continuously improve service delivery and program instruction, quality, and operations.

- B. Implementation principles
- 1. Prioritize investments to reach children, youth, and families, increase access to services for historically excluded communities, and achieve levy outcomes that advance educational equity.
- 2. Partner with community, cultural, and language-based organizations to provide academic and/or comprehensive support services.
- 3. Ensure that safety investments prioritize addressing the root causes of violence and nonpunitive approaches, including but not limited to restorative practices.
- 4. Ensure levy proceeds are supplemental and complementary to existing non-City public funding structures and services; funding is never to be used to supplant state-mandated services.
- 5. Implement competitive processes to identify qualified organizations to partner with the City to deliver services to children, youth, and families.
- 6. Implement accountability structures based on student outcomes, performance-based agreements, performance-based awards, and practice continuous quality improvement.
- 7. Report annually on investments, access to services, and progress toward achieving levy outcomes and meeting contractual obligations, such as sharing of performance metrics and data.

Section 3. Definitions. As used in this ordinance:

- A. "Access" means ability to obtain or apply for an available service or program despite geographical, financial, structural, social, or cultural barriers.
- B. "Childcare" means the supervision of children outside the child's home for periods of less than 24 hours a day.
- C. "City" means The City of Seattle.
- D. "College and career pathways" means education and/or job training beyond K-12 schooling including apprenticeships, trades, certificate programs, and post-secondary degrees.
- E. "Community-based organization" means a public or private organization with demonstrated ability that is representative of a community or significant segments of a community and provides educational or related services to individuals in the community.
- F. "Comprehensive support services" means non-academic supports to youth and families for basic needs, safe learning environments, and child and youth development.
- G. "Education-support services" means the programs and activities referred to in Section 6 of this ordinance.
- H. "Education-support services funding" means not less than \$1.2583 billion of the increased levy amount over six years, resulting from this ordinance's passage.
- I. "Expanded learning opportunities" means before-school, after-school, summer, and school break programs that create access to year-round learning, and youth development programs that foster college and career readiness through activities such as tutoring, mentoring, social and emotional learning, project-based learning, science, technology, engineering, arts, and math, family engagement, and culturally responsive supports.
- J. "Kindergarten ready" means children who are equipped with the knowledge and skills deemed to be essential for success in kindergarten, as measured by the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS).
- K. "Post-secondary" means education beyond K-12 schooling, including apprenticeships, trade certificates, or an associate's or four-year college degree.

L. "Preschool" means an organized education program provided to children below the age and grade level at which the State provides free public education for all.

M. "Proceeds" means that portion of regular property taxes levied and collected as authorized by voter approval pursuant to this ordinance that are above the limits on levies provided for in RCW 84.55.010, and all interest and other earnings derived from that portion of the levy.

N. "Public Health–Seattle & King County" means the government agency that oversees public health for the King County Metro area in the State of Washington.

O. "Qualified," when used outside the term "qualified electors," means officially recognized as being trained to perform a particular job, or certified.

P. "School-based health centers" means school-based facilities that offer, comprehensive medical and physical health, mental health, oral health, and health promotion services provided by qualified health care professionals before, during, and after school.

Q. "Seattle Colleges" means the Seattle Colleges District, a multi-college district that includes South Seattle College, Seattle Central College, and North Seattle College.

R. "Seattle School District" means Seattle School District No. 1.

Section 4. Levy of regular property taxes – Submittal. The City submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the levy limitation on regular property taxes contained in RCW 84.55.010, for property taxes levied in 2025 through 2030 for collection in 2026 through 2031, respectively. The proposition shall be limited so that the City shall not levy more than a total tax rate of \$3.02 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, representing an additional tax rate of \$0.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year. The proposition is expected to raise approximately \$1.2583 billion in aggregate over six years for education-support services funding used to provide education-support services for Seattle children, youth, and families. The levy amount in the first year shall be used to determine subsequent years' allowable regular levy limit in accordance with chapter 84.55 RCW. Amounts collected in excess of the education-support services funding amount are available for other City purposes for which the City's regular levy may be applied. In accordance with RCW 84.36.381 and RCW 84.55.050, the City will exempt seniors, veterans with disabilities, or other persons with disabilities who qualify under RCW 84.36.381 from the increased levy amount resulting from the proposition's passage. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2031 for collection in 2032 and in later years shall be computed as if the levy lid in RCW 84.55.010 had not been lifted under this ordinance.

Section 5. Application of proceeds. Unless otherwise directed by ordinance, proceeds shall be deposited in a hereafter established fund, the 2025 Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Fund. The City's Director of Finance shall administer the Fund. Proceeds may be temporarily deposited or invested in such a manner as may be lawful for the investment of City money, and interest and other earnings shall be used for the same purposes as the proceeds.

The City is authorized to reallocate within a budget year unexpended and unencumbered funds from one core strategy to another by making operating budget transfers consistent with Section 3.14.220 of the Seattle Municipal Code. If outside funds become available to help support one or more of these core strategies, or if outside funds are revoked, then funds may be reallocated to other core strategies.

Section 6. Education-support services. Services funded by proceeds are intended to increase access and delivery of childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; college and

career pathways; and comprehensive support services. Levy investments shall be guided by the Statement of Policy, Priorities for Levy Funding, and Implementation Principles set out in Section 2 of this ordinance. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through education-support services that include:

A. Early childhood. Major program elements are intended to increase access to affordable childcare and preschool for Seattle children and their families, with services that may include, but are not limited to: financial support for families, childcare and preschool operating costs, facilities grants, and financial supports for early childhood workers such as, training, coaching, education, and employment incentives, and early childhood health and development services such as home-visiting programs. Services may also include home nurse programs that offer prenatal support. Services may further include a feasibility study to explore universal citywide preschool, and a pilot program to subsidize preschool costs for working families in neighborhoods where Seattle Preschool Program slots are not available.

B. K-12 student supports. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student college and career readiness, with services that may include, but are not limited to: expanded learning opportunities including year-round, out-of-school time activities; environmental learning programs; academic tutoring, mentoring, and case management; social, emotional, and behavioral skill building; culturally-responsive programming and family engagement activities; college and job readiness activities and college admissions supports; job exploration activities; and advising and guidance related to college and career.

C. K-12 health and safety. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student physical and mental wellness, with services that may include, but are not limited to: comprehensive primary medical care, mental health care, oral health care, health education, care coordination, facilities grants, connection and referral to community supports, food assistance, afterschool programming for at-risk youth, violence prevention, and outreach.

D. College and career supports. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student completion of post-secondary degree and/ or career pathway opportunities, including the trades, with services that may include, but are not limited to: academic preparation and application, retention, transfer supports, and financial assistance. Services may also include support for foster care youth transitioning to adulthood. Career pathway opportunities that may be supported include, but are not limited to: the trades, public sector careers, such as those with the Seattle Fire Department or Seattle Polie Department; and information technology careers that utilize digital skills in coding, software engineering, and computer programming languages that in high demand by major technology sector employers around the region, which currently include Java, JavaScript, and Python.

In the annual City budget or by separate ordinance, the City shall determine from year-to-year the education-support services and funding allocations that will most effectively achieve levy priorities and outcomes.

Section 7. Implementation and evaluation plan. An Implementation and Evaluation Plan ("Plan") shall be approved by ordinance. The Plan may also be amended by ordinance. The Plan shall set forth the following: priority criteria, including type of educational support; methodology, and process by which these levy-funded strategies will be selected; and the procedure for regularly monitoring and evaluating overall impacts and outcomes of each of the individual investments.

The Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) shall create the Plan in collaboration with the Executive and the City Council. DEEL will partner with associated stakeholders including, but not limited to, City departments, the Seattle School District, Seattle Colleges, Public Health–Seattle & King County, students, families, educators, community-based organizations, cultural- and language-based organizations, other

governmental entities, and other educational institutions. The plan shall include a summary of stakeholders consulted.

The Plan shall be submitted to the City Council for its approval. Funds collected by levy shall be spent in accordance with the terms of the Implementation and Evaluation Plan. Until the new Implementation and Evaluation Plan is approved by the City Council, the criteria, guidelines, and requirements contained in the most-recently approved plan shall remain in effect, unless otherwise provided by ordinance.

Section 8. Accountability and reporting. Upon voter approval of the ballot proposition submitted by this ordinance, there is established an Oversight Committee (Committee) to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on levy-supported programs and activities and to monitor for transparency and accountability.

A. The Committee shall review an annual report of levy outcomes and indicators, monitor program implementation and evaluation of progress in meeting levy-intended priorities and goals, and advise on proposed course corrections.

B. The Committee shall consist of 17 members whose composition will include the Mayor, the chair of the City Council's committee with oversight of education programs, the Superintendent of the Seattle School District, a member of the Seattle School Board, the Chancellor of Seattle Colleges, and 12 appointed members with a nexus to Seattle. The Mayor and the City Council shall each appoint six of the committee members. All members appointed by the Mayor shall be confirmed by the City Council.

C. The appointed members shall be appointed to staggered two-year terms, with the option of an additional term subject to reappointment. Upon the resignation, retirement, death, incapacity, or removal of a Committee member, the authority appointing of such member may appoint a replacement for the balance of the term. The appointing authority may remove any member for good cause, such as unexcused absences from two or more consecutive meetings.

D. The appointed members should have professional, personal, or research experience associated with the growth and development of children, including student academic achievement and post-secondary and job opportunities. The City may develop specified positions that establish the desired areas of expertise for each appointed citizen committee member, split evenly between the Mayor and City Council, in the Plan referenced in Section 7 of this ordinance. The City will also seek candidates to serve on the Committee who understand, have experience working with, and represent historically underserved groups including African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Pacific Islanders, underserved Asian populations, other students of color, refugee and immigrant, homeless, and LGBTQIA+ students.

E. At all times no more than five Committee members shall be an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner, or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance; or be an immediate family member of, or an individual residing with, an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner, or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance; or be a person seeking or having an arrangement concerning future employment with an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance. For the purposes of this ordinance an individual's "immediate family" means an individual's spouse or domestic partner, child, child of a spouse or domestic partner, sibling, sibling of a domestic partner, brother-inlaw, sister-in-law, parent, parent of a spouse or domestic partner, a person for whom the individual is a legal guardian, or a person claimed as a dependent on the individual's most recently filed federal income tax return. Subject to the preceding sentence and applicable law, an individual serving as an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance, or who has an interest in such an entity, shall not thereby be disqualified from serving on the Committee, but shall fully disclose any such relationships and shall not vote on any matter that directly involves the interests of such entity. For purposes of this section, "entity" does not include a City department or office. The provisions of this section are in addition to the requirements of Chapter 4.16 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

F. The Mayor and the chair of the City Council's committee with oversight of education programs, or their respective designees, will co-chair the Committee. The Oversight Committee may adopt rules for its own procedures, covering topics such as quorum requirements, and the frequency of meetings.

G. Meetings of the Oversight Committee will be open to the public consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, chapter 42.30 RCW. The Committee will convene beginning January 2026. DEEL shall provide staff and logistical support for the Committee. The appointed members may be eligible for some reimbursement costs pertaining to in-person participation, such as parking, at the discretion of the Director of Education. Members shall serve without pay, with respect to duties as assigned by the Committee. The Committee shall continue in existence through December 31, 2032.

H. Any committees created by expired levies covering the same subject matter as the levy created by this ordinance are terminated.

Section 9. Agreements with public agencies. The Director of Education is authorized to enter agreements for education-support services with public entities such as the Seattle Public School District, Seattle Colleges, Public Health–Seattle & King County, and the State of Washington. The Director of Education is also authorized to enter agreements with non-public entities for the education-support services using an advertised process, such as a request for proposals or qualifications, except in case of emergency as determined by the Executive or when the Director of Education determines that a process is not feasible because the services are only available from one source or are impracticable to solicit. When an exception to an advertised process is used to enter an agreement with a non-public entity, the Director of Education shall include a written explanation of the determination of exceptional circumstances with the agreement.

All City agreements for education-support services shall cover items including, but not limited to, the specific service provided, standards for delivery of services, intended outcomes, performance metrics and data sharing requirements on an annual basis to determine program evaluations and course corrections. These City agreements will also require the contracting entities to comply with all then applicable requirements for non-discrimination in employment in federal, state, and City laws and regulations. All City agreements funded by the proceeds will stipulate that no assurances are made of continuation beyond the 2026–32 school years after the levy lid lift authorized by the voters has expired.

Section 10. Election – Ballot title. The City Council directs the City Clerk to file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting the Director of Elections to call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the City Attorney in accordance with their responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The following ballot title is submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy

The Seattle City Council adopted Ordinance No. XXXXX concerning replacing an expiring levy to fund education support services.

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 would replace an expiring levy, funding childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; college and job readiness; and other supports, as provided in Ordinance XXXXX.

It authorizes a six-year levy for collection beginning in 2026 of an additional \$0.72/\$1,000 of assessed value, for a maximum total levy rate of \$3.02. 2026's amount will be the base for subsequent levies through 2031. RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

Section 11. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 12. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 13. Those portions of this ordinance providing for the submission of a ballot proposition to the voters shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070. Those portions of this ordinance that are dependent upon voter approval of said ballot proposition shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the business and occupation tax; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 4, 2025 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City a proposition to lift the limit on business and occupation tax rates under RCW 35.21.711, authorize the City to levy additional taxes for the purposes of providing housing, human services, workforce, and small business support, increase the business and occupation tax threshold, create a business and occupation tax standard deduction, create offsetting credits for certain eligible businesses, and revise the business license tax consistent with changes to the business and occupation tax; adding a new Section 5.45.105 to the Seattle Municipal Code; amending Sections 5.45.050, 5.45.100, 5.55.030, and 5.55.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code; proposing a ballot title; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasts' April 2025 revenue forecast projected a \$241 million reduction to revenues in 2025 and 2026, compared to amounts used to balance the 2025 and 2026 budgets; and

WHEREAS, as presented at the May 7, 2025, Finance, Tribal Governments, and Native Communities meeting, the combined financial plans of the City's General Fund and JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund show a \$233 million average deficit in 2027 and future years; and

WHEREAS, 2026 budget guidance provided by the Mayor's office requested, for all departments supported by the General Fund and Payroll Expense Tax, a two percent reduction targeted for homelessness, public safety, and public-safety related departments and an eight percent target reduction for all other departments; and

WHEREAS, such reductions, if included in the Executive's 2026 Proposed Budget, could impact the City's ability to provide critical services that support vulnerable workers and small businesses, and that address food insecurity, gender-based violence, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, according to a presentation at the April 23, 2025, Housing and Human Services Committee, the federal government has already eliminated \$1.6 billion in funding for food programs, not including any changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); and WHEREAS, the Continuing Resolution passed by the House in May 2025 would cut nearly \$300 billion from SNAP through 2034; and

WHEREAS, the Continuing Resolution passed by the House in May 2025 would reduce Continuum of Care (CoC) funding, a critical source of funding for homelessness services for Seattle, and change eligibility criteria so that Permanent Supportive Housing projects that rely on \$20 million in annual CoC grants may no longer be eligible for them; and

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provided Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) to households experiencing homelessness during COVID, with a commitment to fund the EHVs through 2030, but HUD has recently announced funding will end early, leaving hundreds of households at risk of homelessness in 2026; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing providers are financially stressed by rising operating costs and other factors, placing their long-term ability to provide affordable housing to low-income tenants at risk; and

WHEREAS, Seattle benefits tremendously from the large number of diverse immigrants and refugees who contribute to the development of a culturally and economically diverse and enriched community, with immigrant-owned businesses in Washington State generating over \$2.3 billion in annual revenue and creating thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle adopted Resolution 32168 reaffirming Seattle as a Welcoming City to immigrants and refugees in May 2025, in which council committed to the consideration of maintaining funding for programs and policies that support immigrants and refugees, low-wage workers, communities at risk of displacement, as well as supporting the City's diverse business community and balancing the City's budget

in a way that minimizes harm to women-and-minority-owned business enterprises, the LGBTQ business community, and the Office of Economic Development's community wealth building strategies; and

WHEREAS, rising inflation and the potential loss of federal support in critical service areas will leave a gap in the level of services that can be provided to the community by non-City partners; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to over 100,000 businesses, 75 percent of which have annual revenues under \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, according to a comparative analysis¹, starting a business in Seattle is expensive, time-consuming, and complex; and

WHEREAS, businesses also face challenges from rising inflation, public safety concerns, and housing, construction and insurance costs, which together put additional pressure on their ability to survive and thrive in the city; and

WHEREAS, while downtown Seattle shows promising signs of recovery, retail space vacancies remain high at nine percent as of late 2024, and the Downtown Seattle Association reports that there are over 500 vacant street-level storefronts in downtown neighborhoods, many of which formerly were filled by small businesses; and

WHEREAS, high vacancy rates in commercial districts can create a vicious cycle, where fewer businesses attract foot traffic, leading to more business closures or relocations, which in turn further reduces the number of visitors to the area; and

WHEREAS, many small businesses operate with slim margins and are disproportionately impacted by the financial pressures facing cities, communities, consumers, and workers; and

WHEREAS, providing small businesses with relief from the business and occupation tax will provide needed support for these businesses; and WHEREAS, by increasing the business and occupation tax exemption to \$2 million in gross revenues and by implementing a standard deduction for the first \$2 million in gross revenues earned, over 90 percent of

WHEREAS, addressing the projected long-term structural General Fund and JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund (JumpStart Fund) deficit will require the City Council to make difficult decisions that address the ongoing budget deficit and produce a balanced budget, including determining future funding amounts for the JumpStart Fund investment categories, such as housing; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Housing Investment Plan, as requested in the City Council's Statement of Legislative Intent OH-001S-A, will provide critical information on the most strategic use of City funding, including the JumpStart Fund, to support housing production goals; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.21.711 requires a majority vote of the people to raise business and occupation tax rates to the rates proposed in this ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

businesses in Seattle will either pay no or fewer taxes; and

Section 1. The City Council finds and declares:

A. The October 2024 forecast from the Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasts (Forecast Office) projected an estimated \$89 million structural General Fund (GF) deficit, beginning in 2027.

B. In April 2025, the Forecast Office released revised revenue projections, which show:

- 1. A \$150 million deficit in the JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund (JumpStart Fund) in 2025 and 2026;
- 2. An average combined JumpStart Fund and GF deficit of \$232 million each year, beginning in 2027. Of that deficit, \$85 million is in the JumpStart Fund and \$147 million is in the GF.
- C. The Forecast Office estimates that the Business and Occupation Tax restructure in this ordinance could generate \$90 million in additional

¹ https://ij.org/report/barriers-to-business/city-profile/seattle/

net GF revenue per year, after accounting for the higher exemption threshold and new standard deduction.

D. Of that \$90 million in net revenue, up to \$30 million may be used to mitigate the impact of federal funding reductions, leaving at least \$60 million to help offset the GF and JumpStart Fund projected deficit.

E. If this ordinance is approved in the November 2025 general election and generates the projected \$90 million in net GF revenue, and if \$30 million of that is used to mitigate federal funding reductions and \$60 million is used to offset GF and JumpStart Fund project deficit, the City would still face a projected combined JumpStart Fund and GF deficit of approximately \$90 million in 2026 and an average of \$172 million each year beginning in 2027. As such, the City will need to take other actions to address the projected deficit.

F. The City Council, in adopting future budgets, will need to make difficult decisions that address the ongoing budget deficit and produce a balanced budget, including determining future funding amounts for the JumpStart Fund investment categories described in Ordinance 127155, as adopted by the Council in November 2024. Those investment categories are: housing and services; the Equitable Development Initiative; economic development and revitalization; community planning efforts; the City's Green New Deal program; youth mental health; contributions to the JumpStart Fund revenue stabilization account; and programs and services supported by the City's General Fund.

Section 2. Subject to and contingent upon approval of the qualified voters of the City as authorized by RCW 35.21.711, Section 5.45.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125211, is amended as follows:

5.45.050 Imposition of the tax—Tax or fee levied

Except as provided in subsection 5.55.040.D.1, there is hereby levied upon and shall be collected from every person a tax for the act or privilege of engaging in business activities within the City, whether the person's office or place of business be within or without the City. The tax shall be in amounts to be determined by application of rates against gross proceeds of sale, gross income of business, or value of products, including by-products, as the case may be, as follows:

A. Upon every person engaging within the City in business as an extractor; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the value of the products, including by-products, extracted within the City for sale or for commercial or industrial use, multiplied by the rate of .00215 through December 31, 2016, and beginning January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019, ((and)) beginning January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2025, by the rate of .00222, and beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2032, by the rate of .00342, and beginning January 1, 2033, by the rate of .00273. The measure of the tax is the value of the products, including by-products, so extracted, regardless of the place of sale or the fact that deliveries may be made to points outside the City.

B. Upon every person engaging within the City in business as a manufacturer; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the value of the products, including by-products, manufactured or processed within the City, multiplied by the rate of .00215 through December 31, 2016, and beginning January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, by the rate of .00219, ((and)) beginning January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2025, by the rate of .00222, and beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2032, by the rate of .00342, and beginning January 1, 2033, by the rate of .00273. The measure of the tax is the value of the products, including by-products, so manufactured or processed, regardless of the place of sale or the fact that deliveries may be made to points outside the City.

C. Upon every person engaging within the City in the business of making sales of retail services, or making sales at wholesale or retail; as to such persons, the amount of tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the gross proceeds of such sales of the business without

regard to the place of delivery of articles, commodities, or merchandise sold, multiplied by the rate of .00215 through December 31, 2016, and beginning January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, by the rate of .00219, ((and)) beginning January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2025, by the rate of .00222, and beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2032, by the rate of .00342, and beginning January 1, 2033, by the rate of .00273.

- D. Upon every person engaging within the City in the business of:
- 1. Printing;
- 2. Both printing and publishing newspapers, magazines, periodicals, books, music, and other printed items;
- 3. Publishing newspapers, magazines, and periodicals;
- 4. Extracting for hire;
- 5. Processing for hire; or
- 6. Conducting a tour operator business; as to such persons, the amount of tax on such business shall be equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of .00215 through December 31, 2016, and beginning January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, by the rate of .00219, ((and)) beginning January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2025, by the rate of .00222, and beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2032, by the rate of .00342, and beginning January 1, 2033, by the rate of .00273.

E. Upon every motor carrier engaging within the City in the business of transporting freight for hire; as to such persons, the amount of the tax with respect to such business shall be equal to the gross income from the transport of freight picked up in the City multiplied by the rate of .00415 through December 31, 2016, and beginning January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, by the rate of .00423, ((and)) beginning January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2025, by the rate of .00427, and beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2032, by the rate of .00526. The business of transporting freight for hire includes the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles operated by the lessor, or by a person under the control of the lessor, to transport freight for hire.

F. Upon every other person engaging within the City in any business activity other than or in addition to those enumerated in the above subsections; as to such persons, the amount of tax on account of such activities shall be equal to the gross income of the business multiplied by the rate of .00415 through December 31, 2016, and beginning January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, by the rate of .00423, ((and)) beginning January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2025, by the rate of .00427, and beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2032, by the rate of .00658, and beginning January 1, 2033, by the rate of <u>.00526</u>. This subsection includes, among others, and without limiting the scope hereof (whether or not title to material used in the performance of such business passes to another by accession, merger, or other than by outright sale), persons engaged in the business of developing or producing custom software or of customizing canned software, producing royalties or commissions, persons engaged in the business of freight brokering, and persons engaged in the business of rendering any type of service which does not constitute a sale at retail, a sale at wholesale, or a retail service.

Section 3. Subject to and contingent upon approval of the qualified voters of the City, Section 5.55.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Initiative 137, is amended as follows:

5.55.040 When due and payable—Reporting periods—Monthly, quarterly, and annual returns—Threshold provisions—Computing time periods—Failure to file returns

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D.

1. For purposes of the tax imposed by Chapter 5.45, any person whose gross proceeds of sales, gross income of the business, and value of

products, including by-products, as the case may be, from all activities conducted within the city subject to tax after all allowable deductions, is less than the tax threshold amount defined in subsection 5.55.040.D.3 in the current calendar year, shall complete and file a return, declare no tax due on their return, and submit the return to the Director. The gross receipts and deduction amounts shall be entered on the tax return even though no tax may be due.

- 2. Any person who reasonably estimates that the gross proceeds of sales, gross income of the business, and value of products, including by-products, as the case may be, from all activities conducted within the city subject to tax after all allowable deductions, will be less than the tax threshold amount defined in subsection 5.55.040.D.3 ((below,)) in the current calendar year may file a declaration so stating on a form supplied by the Director at the same time ((he or she)) the person files ((his or her)) an application for a business license tax certificate or a renewal. The Director may assign any person who files such declaration to an annual reporting period.
- 3. ((For calendar years prior to 2008, the Business and Occupation tax threshold amount shall remain at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) as established under Ordinance 116945. For calendar years 2008 and 2009, the Business and Occupation tax threshold amount shall be Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000).)) For calendar years 2010 ((and thereafter,)) through 2025, the ((Business and Occupation)) business and occupation tax threshold amount ((shall be One Hundred Thousand Dollars ()) is \$100,000(())). For calendar years starting in 2026, the business and occupation tax threshold amount is \$2,000,000.

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Section 4. Subject to and contingent upon approval of the qualified voters of the City, Section 5.45.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124089, is amended as follows:

5.45.100 Deductions.

In computing the license fee or tax, the following may be deducted from the measure of tax:

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W. Standard deduction. In computing tax, taxpayers may deduct \$2 million from the measure of the tax. Taxpayers reporting multiple business activity types may choose the business activities to which they apply the standard deduction. This deduction is available to taxpayers for tax years beginning January 1, 2026.

Section 5. Subject to and contingent upon approval of the qualified voters of the City, a new Section 5.45.105 of the Seattle Municipal Code is added as follows:

5.45.105 Credits

- A. Credit for comprehensive cancer centers. Persons taxable under Section 5.45.050 that receive gross receipts that are exempt from state business and occupation tax under RCW 82.04.4265 shall be allowed a credit against those taxes equal to the amount of gross receipts that is exempt from state business and occupation tax under RCW 82.04.4265 multiplied by: the rate of the tax for that business, minus the rate immediately preceding the effective date of this ordinance.
- B. Credit for pediatric hospitals. Nonprofit hospitals specializing primarily in pediatric medicine taxable under Section 5.45.050 shall be allowed a credit against those taxes equal to the amount of gross receipts that is taxable under Section 5.45.050 multiplied by: the rate of the tax for that business, minus the rate immediately preceding the effective date of this ordinance.
- 1. For the purposes of this section:
- a. "Hospital" has the meaning established in Revised Code of Washington Chapter 70.41.020.
- b. "Nonprofit" means a corporation or organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- c. "Specializing primarily in pediatric medicine" means a hospital providing clinically appropriate health care for the special needs of pediatric and young adult patients whose care and diagnosis is best treated with pediatric expertise.
- 2. The calculation of the credit applies solely to gross receipts from hospital services and shall not include gross receipts from retail, wholesale, or manufacturing business activity.

Section 6. Subject to and contingent upon approval of the qualified voters of the City, Section 5.55.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126880, is amended as follows:

5.55.030 License requirements - Minimum license threshold

A.

- 1. No person, unless specifically exempted, shall engage in any business activity, profession, trade, or occupation in the City without having first obtained and being the holder of a valid and subsisting license to do so, to be known as a "business license tax certificate."
- 2. Effective January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, the fee for the business license tax certificate shall be:
- ((1-,)) <u>a.</u> Fifty-five dollars for persons with taxable gross income of the business and value of products of less than \$20,000 in the most recent complete calendar year that engage in any business activity, profession, trade, or occupation in the City prior to July 1 and \$27.50 for such persons beginning their activity on or after July 1;
- ((2-)) <u>b.</u> One hundred ten dollars for persons with taxable gross income of the business and value of products of \$20,000 or more but less than \$500,000 in the most recent complete calendar year that engage in any business activity, profession, trade, or occupation in the City prior to July 1 and \$55 for such persons beginning their activity on or after July 1;
- ((3-)) <u>c.</u> Five hundred dollars for persons with taxable gross income of the business and value of products of \$500,000 or more but less than \$2,000,000 in the most recent complete calendar year that engage in any business activity, profession, trade, or occupation in the City prior to July 1 and \$250 for such persons beginning their activity on or after July 1;
- ((4-,)) <u>d.</u> One thousand two hundred dollars for persons with taxable gross income of the business and value of products of \$2,000,000 or more but less than \$5,000,000 in the most recent complete calendar year that engage in any business activity, profession, trade, or occupation in the City prior to July 1 and \$600 for such persons beginning their activity on or after July 1.
- ((5-)) e. Two thousand four hundred dollars for persons with taxable gross income of the business and value of products of \$5,000,000 or more in the most recent complete calendar year that engage in any business activity, profession, trade, or occupation in the City prior to July 1 and \$1,200 for such persons beginning their activity on or after July 1.
- 3. On January 1, 2020 and on January 1 of every year thereafter, the fees for the business license tax certificate shall be increased for all persons consistent with the rate of growth of the prior year's June-to-June Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area as published by the United States Department of Labor. To calculate the new annual fees, each prior year's fee will be multiplied by the sum of one and the annual percent change in the CPU-U. If the annual change in the CPI-U is negative, no adjustment shall be made for the year. The amount of the fees so calculated will be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.
- 4. For the 2026 business license tax certificate fee computation and every year thereafter, the fees in subsections 5.55.030.A.2 and 5.55.030.A.3 shall be based on the taxable gross income of the business prior to the taking of the standard deduction under subsection 5.45.100.W.
- 5. The fee shall accompany the application for the license. Persons who did not engage in business in the City in the most recent complete calendar year shall pay the minimum full or partial year fee amount at the time of application and the Director shall bill the person after the

conclusion of the calendar year of the application for any remaining amount based on the fee schedule in this subsection 5.55.030.A and the person's taxable gross income of the business and value of products during the calendar year of the application.

- <u>6.</u> The business license tax certificate shall expire at the end of the calendar year for which it is issued. The business license tax certificate shall be personal and nontransferable except as provided in subsection 5.55.030.F. Applications for the business license tax certificate shall be made to the Director of Finance and Administrative Services on forms provided by the Director. Each business license tax certificate shall be numbered, shall show the name, place, and character of the business of the licensee, and such other information as the Director deems necessary, and shall at all times be conspicuously posted in the place of business for which it is issued.
- 7. If the licensee changes the place of business, the licensee shall return the business license tax certificate to the Director and a new business license tax certificate shall be issued for the new place of business free of charge.

Section 7. Subject to and contingent upon approval of the qualified voters of the City:

A. Proceeds of the business and occupation tax will continue to be deposited into the City's General Fund. The increases in business and occupation tax rates authorized in Section 2 of this ordinance shall be dedicated for the uses described in subsections 7.B and 7.C of this ordinance. At least three months prior to the Mayor submitting the annual budget, the Executive shall consult with the City Council on the impact of actual and anticipated revenue reductions and federal funding cuts on the programs identified in subsections 7.B and 7.C of this ordinance to inform how the new revenue generated by this ordinance is to be utilized. The Mayor shall submit to the City Council at the same time the budget is transmitted a written proposed plan outlining how the new revenue generated by this ordinance is to be utilized in these areas.

- B. The proceeds shall be used:
- 1. For the business and occupation tax threshold lift and deduction for small businesses.
- 2. To pay for programs or activities that receive City General Fund or JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund (JumpStart Fund) appropriations as of the effective date of this ordinance, in the following program areas:
- a. Food access;
- b. Gender-based violence;
- c. Small business supports, including but not limited to storefront repairs and Business Improvement Areas;
- d. Emergency shelter;
- e. Homelessness prevention;
- f. Support for workers' rights and protections;
- g. Public health;
- h. Workforce development and job readiness training;
- i. Arts and culture; and
- j. Immigrant and refugee services, including but not limited to legal assistance and representation.
- C. Up to \$30 million in proceeds may be used:
- 1. For implementation costs and ongoing administration of the tax.
- 2. To mitigate the impact of federal funding reductions or federal policy changes in the following program areas:
- a. Housing stability for low-income tenants;
- b. Food insecurity, including but not limited to, food banks and food meal programs;
- c. Financial stability for affordable housing providers and properties;
- d. Emergency shelters and homelessness;

- e. Substance abuse disorder treatment; and
- f. Transportation projects.
- D. The mayor shall submit a written report by September 1 annually, beginning in 2026 and ending four years after the effective date of this ordinance, with the following information:
- 1. The year-to-date outcomes achieved by the prior year's appropriation of City General Fund or JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund, including the net revenue generated by this ordinance, for all of the program areas in subsection 7.B.2 of this ordinance. The report should include outcomes such as the number of: households receiving food assistance; individuals receiving gender-based violence services; emergency shelter bed nights provided; households placed into permanent housing from emergency shelter; unduplicated households receiving homelessness prevention services, including rental assistance, eviction legal aid, or case management to stay housed; unduplicated small businesses receiving assistance; and workers' rights cases resolved.
- 2. The new or additional funding that was provided to mitigate federal funding reductions, including programs and funding amounts, as described in subsection 7.C.2 of this ordinance. For any program receiving funding under subsection 7.C.2 of this ordinance, the report should include outcomes achieved year-to-date due to that funding, such as the number of: affordable units preserved through financial stabilization subsidies; households receiving food assistance; emergency shelter bed nights provided; and tenants able to remain stably housed.

Section 8. This ordinance does not limit the City's ability to pass other ordinances that amend the credits in Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.45.105, business and occupation tax threshold in Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.55.040, or the standard deduction in Seattle Municipal Code subsection 5.45.100.W.

Section 9. Fiscal sustainability

- A. Revenue generated from the business and occupations tax is deposited into the General Fund, which also relies on a large ongoing transfer from the JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund. Contingent upon the Mayor's 2027 Proposed Budget including new revenue generated by this ordinance, that budget proposal shall include balanced financial plans for the City's General Fund and JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund, in the form and format prescribed in the Fiscal Transparency Program, subsection 3.140.060.B of the Seattle Municipal Code as added by Ordinance 126962. In addition to the requirements in subsection 3.140.060.B, both plans shall:
- 1. Clearly demonstrate how the new resources generated by this business and occupation tax restructure, plus existing and newly proposed resources, are managed to generate zero or positive projections of unreserved fund balance for both the General Fund and JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund in 2027 and all future years when the tax is in effect. To the extent that spending reductions are needed to achieve zero or positive fund balance, the financial plans shall show which of the following spending categories is to be reduced and by how much. Anticipated spending increases shall be documented in the financial plan in the same manner.

General Fund spending categories: Administration; Arts, Culture, and Recreation; Education and Human Services; Livable and Inclusive Communities; Public Safety; Utilities, Transportation, and Environment.

JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund categories: Affordable Housing, the Green New Deal, Economic Development, Equitable Development Initiative; and Youth Mental Health.

- 2. Rely on reasonable, transparent and publicly available assumptions that are transmitted with the plans.
- 3. Include revenue, expenditure and reserve projections for 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030.
- Include a discrete line to show in each year the transfer from the JumpStart Payroll Expense Tax Fund to the General Fund.

B. If either or both financial plans submitted under subsection 9.A of this ordinance show a negative unreserved fund balance in 2030, the Mayor and City Council shall engage in a process to review ongoing spending and revenues in support of developing budget actions that can be implemented in the 2030 Budget to resolve those shortfalls.

Section 10. Election – Ballot title. The City Council directs the City Clerk to file relevant portions of this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting the Director of Elections to call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in Sections 2 through 7 of this ordinance. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the City Attorney in accordance with their responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The following ballot title is submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Changes to the Business and Occupation Tax

The Seattle City Council adopted Ordinance No. XXXXXX concerning changes to the business and occupation tax.

The City of Seattle's Proposition 2 would increase the threshold for payment of the business and occupation tax from \$100,000 to \$2 million in gross receipts; create a \$2 million standard deduction; and increase, for seven years, tax rates currently at .00222 and .00427 to .00342 and .00658, respectively. Beginning in 2033 tax rates would decrease to .00273 and .00526, respectively. Proceeds would support the general fund and critical city services threatened by federal cuts.

Should this Proposition be approved?

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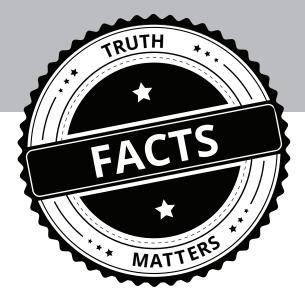
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Section 11. Future Consideration. Future City Councils should consider sending a ballot question to the voters to reimpose the temporary elevated rates of the business and occupation tax if needed to provide financial sustainability after the reduction of the rates.

Section 12. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed. Section 13. Sections 2 through 7 of this ordinance shall take effect subject to and contingent upon approval of the qualified voters of the City as authorized by RCW 35.21.711 and in accordance with applicable law. All other sections of this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if this ordinance is not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, then those sections shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

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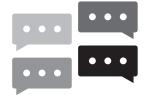
Question the source.

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.

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