# 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.

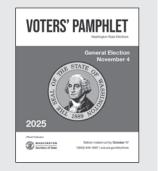
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# You will receive **two** voters' pamphlets

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!



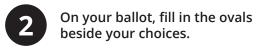
You can receive ballots, voting materials, and correspondence in Chinese, English, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish, or Vietnamese.

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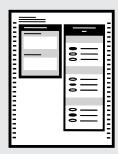
Return your ballot. Whether by drop box or the mail, vote early!



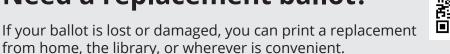


Track your ballot. Visit kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot or sign up for ballot alerts at kce.wiki/BallotAlert. These are the best ways to know your ballot was counted and your voice was heard.





# 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	<b>King County Elections</b> 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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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 County<sup>1</sup>



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 district<sup>1</sup>

#### **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 district<sup>2</sup>

#### 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

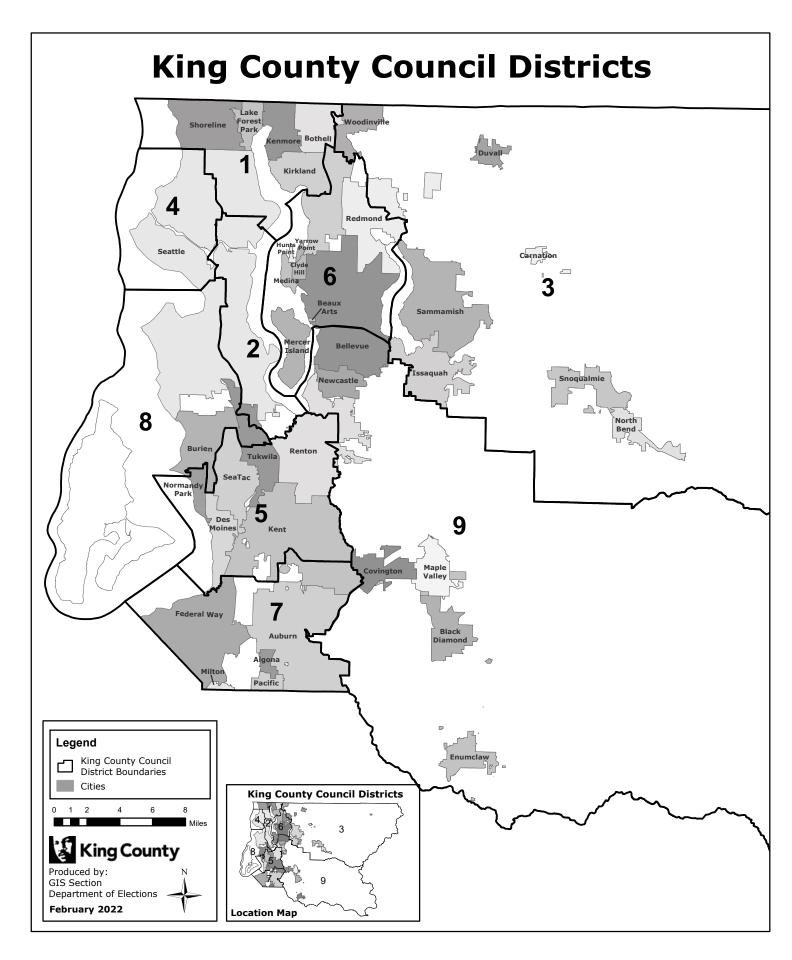
#### Park District Commissioner

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

Elected by voters in the district

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

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





#### Executive

# Girmay Zahilay

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**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

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**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. 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.

# Steffanie Fain

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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.



#### Council District No. 7

# Pete von Reichbauer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Maya Vengadasalam

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

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

**Statement:** With over 20 years of leadership—including a decade in elected and appointed roles—I'm running for King County Council to deliver responsible governance and a future-focused vision for District 7.

My husband and I have called South King County home for over 30 years, raising our son and volunteering across Kent, Auburn, Federal Way, and surrounding communities. I've worked alongside families, educators, and local leaders to strengthen neighborhoods and expand opportunities.

With eight years as a School Board Director, President, and Legislative Representative, I've championed balanced budgets, secured funding for state mandates, improved student outcomes, and advanced equity in public education—including oversight on the Washington State Charter School Commission. I've partnered with the Kent Food Bank, United Way of King County, and the Seattle Foundation to address urgent community needs for our families and have supported Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in Auburn and Kent schools.

My professional journey includes serving with the Tacoma Housing Authority, where I streamlined operations and improved efficiency across finance, IT, property management, and rental assistance. Currently, I work as a consultant for a state agency, where I train elected officials on financial and legal responsibilities, building on my extensive executive-level experience in management and finance.

With deep community roots and broad experience across public and private sectors, I am committed to advancing transparent, accountable governance that ensures residents understand how decisions are made and how public funds are spent. As your councilmember, I will focus on driving sustainable economic growth, expanding access to education and public safety, and increasing affordable housing options for our communities.

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



#### Council District No. 9

# Jude Anthony

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**Education:** BS in Computer Science from the University of Central Florida

Occupation: Amazon Senior Development Engineer, retired

**Statement:** I'm running for King County Council to give our community a voice and solve the problems we've all faced since before I moved here: unaffordable housing, congested commutes, an unbalanced property tax system, and public safety fears. We can fix these issues, but it will take a vision, action, and persistence. I bring all three.

We need open minds that seek input from the people affected by their decisions. At Amazon, I built a successful software developer training program for underrepresented employees by proactively seeking input from struggling learners. In my campaign, I'm building connections with local aid groups and community members. As Councilmember, I will ensure your voice is heard by holding community meetings before voting on legislation.

We need representatives who take action. I've spent my campaign volunteering at food banks, organizing charity drives, and participating in cleanup projects. Investing in social services saves us money by reducing the need for emergency medical care and criminal justice services. As Councilmember, I'll prioritize funding the essential groups that are already doing the work to keep us fed, sheltered, and safe.

We need problem-solvers with new ideas. I have thirty years of career experience solving complex problems with evidence-based solutions. I plan to replace our broken property and sales tax systems with fair, sustainable revenue streams. With the political will, we can enact the changes our community desperately needs.

I am proud to be endorsed by 314 Action, King County Democrats, Covington Arts Commission Chair Riley Reed, and others on the growing list at ElectJude.com. If you give me the chance, I will leverage the funding and weight of King County to secure food, housing, healthcare, and an opportunity for success - for *all* of us.

# Reagan Dunn



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**Education:** University of Washington School of Law, Order of Barristers; Arizona State University, Magna Cum Laude

**Occupation:** County Councilman; Former Federal Prosecutor; National Coordinator, Project Safe Neighborhoods

**Statement:** It has been my privilege to be your advocate on the King County Council. I am running for re-election to fight against new and unnecessary taxes, higher fees, and government spending at all levels that are making it harder for working families to be able to afford to live here in King County.

I'm proud to have earned the endorsement of all nine nonpartisan mayors in the district, in addition to numerous police, firefighter and first-responder organizations, and many prominent Democrats and Republicans. I have also been honored as Washington State's Outstanding Local Elected Official of the Year.

County government faces very significant challenges. I will work hard to give law enforcement the tools they need to reduce crime, and I will fight to keep your taxes low. I will continue to prioritize government spending so that critical emergency services and road maintenance are properly funded. Additionally, I am the only member of the King County Council with criminal justice experience, having spent many years working for the Department of Justice. I was appointed by President George Bush and served as a Federal Prosecutor with *Top Secret* clearance. In Seattle, I worked in the Terrorism and Violent Crime Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office. I also led the Justice Department's national initiative to fight gun violence.

I'm committed to finding real solutions to our regional homelessness crisis and will continue to help those who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction. Environmental stewardship and protecting open space in our region are also key priorities for me.

If re-elected, I will use my knowledge of the district, combined with years of private sector and government experience, to help King County continue its path toward a more efficient and accountable government.

I work for you, and I appreciate your vote.



#### Commissioner Position No. 1

# Ryan Calkins

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**Education:** M.A. International Relations, Yale University; B.A., Willamette University

**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

# Hamdi Mohamed



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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

# Toshiko Grace Hasegawa

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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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# Jessica K Parker

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**Education:** Doctorate in Psychology; Master's in Professional Counseling; Master's in Philosophy, Qualitative Analysis

Occupation: Homemaker and Licensed Mental Health Counselor

**Statement:** "The City of Algona is unique, our land and our people.

We occupy 3.4 square miles, landlocked between Auburn and Pacific. We are challenged to grow with humanity, e.g. school, housing and safety, while addressing environmental problems, e.g. flooding, infrastructure and wildlife. I am a unique solution.

I have provided a dozen years of professional mental health services and over 20 years in various community settings and outreaches in Washington State. I am well versed in community life and desire to be an influence of health and support for Algona and its residents. I offer my diverse clinical and administrative skills with my servant's heart to represent Algona's citizens well. I will bridge the gap between established and new residents, and I will stand with and by Algona as we move into the future."



#### Council Position No. 4

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

Statement: I would be honored to serve the people of Algona. I care about community outreach, transparency, and making sure your voice is heard. I currently serve as Chair of the Planning Commission and volunteer as a Metro Community Van driver, because I believe public service starts with listening, showing up, and being involved. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected city where everyone feels valued and included. When we lead with compassion and integrity, real progress is possible.



# Mayor

# Nancy Backus

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**Education:** B.S. Accounting, City University; Leadership Institute of South Puget Sound; Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute

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

**Statement:** As your Mayor, I've worked to build a safer, stronger, more resilient city—turning ideas into action, challenges into opportunities. We've made key investments in public safety, housing options, and vital infrastructure keeping Auburn safe, healthy, and vibrant. I've prioritized downtown improvements, family-wage jobs, and expanded efforts to reduce homelessness—connecting 400+ people with housing and services.

I believe in compassion, accountability, community, and practical solutions. That's why we're hiring more officers, revitalizing parks, supporting arts and culture, and hosted summer block parties that brought us together. Our city is thriving—families feel secure, roads are being repaired, businesses prosper, and our neighborhoods are stronger.

Proudly endorsed by Congresswomen Kim Schrier and Marilyn Strickland, Congressman Adam Smith, Firefighters #1352, local mayors, regional leaders, labor, and business. *Together*, we've made real progress—and with your support, we'll keep building a future we can all be proud of. I'd be honored to earn your vote again.

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**Education:** Associate Degree in Early Learning; SCA Certificate of Leadership and Finance

Occupation: Auburn City Council from 2014 to Present; Planning Commission 2010-2013

**Statement:** Auburn is at a crossroads. Too many businesses have closed, crime has gone up, and neighbors tell me they don't feel safe. We can, and must, change this.

I have served you as a councilmember, building strong partnerships with local businesses, community groups, and leaders across Washington and the nation. I bring experience, energy, and a proven record of getting results.

As mayor, I will make public safety my top priority- holding myself, our council, and our police accountable. I will bring back good-paying jobs, create affordable housing, and give our youth real opportunities to succeed. I will lead with integrity, transparency, and action - not words. I'm running a grassroots campaign with no PAC or special interest money, because my only commitment is to you. Together, we can restore the safe, vibrant Auburn we deserve. It's time for strong leadership. It's time for change. I ask for your vote.



#### Council Position No. 2

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**Education:** Master's in Public Administration; Bachelor's in Civil & Environmental Engineering; extensive professional and leadership training.

Occupation: Water & Sewer Engineer; Soccer Coach; Union Steward; Candidate

Statement: I'm running for Auburn City Council because I care deeply about the people who live here. I'm a water and sewer engineer who works with residents every day, solving problems, listening to concerns, and making sure essential services are running smoothly. I want to bring that same approach to city leadership that is practical, rooted in communication, and focused on getting things done.

Auburn deserves transparent leadership. I'm proud to be endorsed by several sitting councilmembers, fellow council candidates, regional leaders, including our Mayor Nancy Backus. These relationships matter when we're working across jurisdictions to solve shared issues.

I'll fight to keep our water clean and our sewer system reliable, no matter what deregulation happens at the federal level. I'll also work to improve our roads, protect the environment, reduce crime, and make our city safer. I love Auburn, and I'll always advocate for more affordable housing and stronger neighborhoods.

# Kate Baldwin



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**Education:** BA Journalism, Michigan State University. Project management certification (PMP). Small Business Development, Lansing Community College.

**Occupation:** Auburn City Councilmember; Senior Advisory Architect, Milestone Technologies; Former reporter.

**Statement:** Everyone deserves to feel safe and have a fair chance at finding the American Dream in their hometown. Yet inflation, stagnant wages and divisive politics block the real progress that we need.

As your council member, I will fight to bring working families meaningful help – from increasing affordable childcare to making our neighborhoods safer. I will make sure that your needs are valued in City Hall and your priorities guide our work here in Auburn. Nobody should be left out to struggle on their own. I will advocate to build supportive housing for our homeless, improve access to treatment for those breaking free from addiction, and enable training for workers starting over.

Together we can change lives and create a community where everyone can thrive. Endorsed by: King County Democrats, 30th, 31st and 47th Democratic Legislative Districts, Teamsters 117, UFCW 3000, ATU Local 587, local and regional leaders.



# Brian Lott

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

Occupation: Small Business Owner & Senior Project Manager

**Statement:** I'm running to represent *you*. Auburn deserves leadership grounded in practical solutions, accountability, and integrity. I bring those values to every decision I make.

With a background in project management and business ownership, I know how to cut through bureaucracy to get things done. I'll support effective community policing, youth outreach, and local solutions to homelessness that combine housing, mental health treatment, and job training. I'll push to reduce red tape for small businesses and affordable housing projects, enabling growth in ways that serve working families and help ease the cost of living.

Reviving downtown Auburn is key to our city's future. I'll champion smart growth that fills storefronts, creates jobs, and strengthens our sense of community. I'll be accessible, transparent, and focused on results. I'll listen to your concerns and work collaboratively to move Auburn forward — safer, stronger, and more vibrant for everyone who calls it home.

# Erica Tomas



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

Occupation: Epidemiologist, Washington State Department of Health

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

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

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



#### Council Position No. 6

# Lisa M. Stirgus

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

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

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

I'm running to *retain* my appointed seat on *Auburn City Council*, where I have *demonstrated* transparency, accountability for truth, and heart! I'm *proudly endorsed* by Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, Councilmembers Tracy Taylor, Clinton Taylor, and Hanan Amer, as well as Renton Mayor Armando Pavone, Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, the International Association

# Cobi Clark



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**Education:** BA, Economics and Policy Analysis & PPE: Politics and Philosophy, University of Washington Tacoma

**Occupation:** Former Housing Producer

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

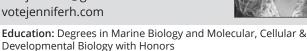
I'm committed to *creating* affordable housing with targeted zoning and regulatory reforms rather than public subsidy, *upholding* rule of law and *protecting* civil liberties with Auburn's court and police systems, and *streamlining* economic development. While I bring strong ideas to the table, I believe in *listening* to feedback to ensure every policy aligns with community needs, while respecting individual freedom.

With deep local roots and a clear vision for the future, I'm ready to serve our community. Please vote Clark this election so we can build a better future together!



# Jennifer Harjehausen

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Occupation: Global Director, Project Management; City Councilmember Statement: I have been a resident and community volunteer for over 20 years, was recognized as your City's 2018 Citizen of the Year, and have served as your Councilmember since April 2019. As we grow, I will continue to prioritize attention to government transparency, traffic and public safety, and increased opportunities and access to mental health services, while fighting against the tax burden to Covington residents.

I have served on various committees for Kent School District, as Chair of the City's Parks & Recreation Priority Advisory Committee, on the City's Arts Commission, the City's Planning Commission, and supported our community's first Pride event this year! I have served in many leadership positions on the boards of local PTAs and other non-profits such as Valley Cities Behavioral Health.

As your Councilmember, I promise to work hard to provide the community you all desire and deserve. I ask for your vote.



#### Council Position No. 4

# Riley Reed

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**Education:** Master's in Business Administration, WGU; Bachelor's in Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Green River College

Occupation: Field Operations Manager, Markey Machine; Board Member, Seattle Propeller Club

**Statement:** As a lifelong Covington resident, I care deeply about our city's future. I've seen how rapid growth affects families, neighborhoods, and programs. Covington needs thoughtful leadership to guide growth while keeping our community strong and connected.

I bring experience in management, community service, and collaboration. As former chair of the Covington Arts Commission and a member of local boards, I've learned how to listen, unite people around shared goals, and deliver results. My private sector background sharpens my ability to make practical, data-driven decisions.

I'm honored to be endorsed by Mayor Pro Tem, Sean Smith and Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, David Upthegrove. As your councilmember, I will prioritize public safety, improve traffic and infrastructure, expand opportunities for teens, and advocate for a true community center. I will work to ensure growth benefits everyone and preserves the character we love. I would be honored to earn your vote.

# Joseph T. Cimaomo Jr

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**Education:** BA History for Secondary Education **Occupation:** Middle School Teacher

**Statement:** As a longtime Covington resident and parent, I've seen firsthand how much our city has grown and how much potential lies ahead. Growth brings both opportunity and responsibility. That is why we need experienced leadership to ensure smart planning, strong infrastructure, and safe neighborhoods.

As your councilmember, I've worked to improve roads and sidewalks, expand transit options, enhance our parks and increase public safety by supporting more officers. I've also prioritized fiscal responsibility to keep Covington strong for the long term.

I'm committed to keeping our community safe, connected, and thriving. I'd be honored to earn your vote as we Continue to Build a Better Covington. Thank you for your vote. I have earned the endorsements from the Covington City Council, the mayors of Covington, Kent and Maple Valley, along with many more, for a full list please visit my Facebook page.



# Elizabeth Porter



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**Education:** B.A- Finance, Western Washington University; Project Management Certificate-GRC; Advanced Certificate of Municiple Leadership, AWC.

**Occupation:** Career in Retail Management & Operations. Currently in Facilities/Construction

**Statement:** My name is Elizabeth (Beth) Porter. As a 20-year resident of Covington, I would be honored to continue serving for a second term as Councilmember, Position #6.

Incorporating feedback from residents, I will continue prioritizing preservation of our natural spaces, traffic and safety solutions, and creating a vibrant community. I will *always* champion to give Covington residents final ratification power (by ballot). I will represent our city as we navigate uncertain economic conditions, regional issues including growth, and state and federal mandates.

My guiding principles are simple: *Represent* constituents. *Collaborate* with council and staff. *Inspire* community involvement. I believe in finding *balance*, having *respect* even when disagreeing, and being *accessible* to Covington residents and businesses. I am also not afraid to occasionally challenge how we do things to make sure they are still relevant. I respectfully ask for your vote. Together...We Are Covington!



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# David Denino

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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

# Gene Achziger



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

**Occupation:** Retired journalist, Seattle P-I; 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.



# Lloyd Elliott Lytle Jr.

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Education: B.S. Biochemistry Univ. of Washington, M.A. Education Cal State  ${\sf I}$   ${\sf A}$ 

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!

# Pierre Blosse

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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.



## Mayor

# Jim Ferrell

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

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

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

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

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

# Susan Honda

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

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

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

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

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



#### Council Position No. 2

# Martin A. Moore

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

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

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

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

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

# Nathan J Orth

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**Education:** Bellevue College (AA Business Management), Western Governors University (In Progress, BS Software Engineering) **Occupation:** Operations and eCommerce Management

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

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

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



# Melissa Hamilton

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**Education:** Saint Martin's University, B.A. in Criminal Justice **Occupation:** Civil Service Commissioner; Community Volunteer; Former Municipal Public Safety Professional

Statement: Federal Way needs proven leadership to protect opportunity and keep our city affordable for working families and future generations. I've served our community through years of hands-on work with city commissions, law enforcement, and local leaders—building the experience, trust, and relationships needed to get results. On the City Council, I will fight to keep taxes low, ensure responsible budgeting, and prioritize public safety so our community can thrive.

Federal Way's future depends on leaders who are prepared to lead on day one and focused on real solutions that reflect our shared priorities, like continuing our downtown development to support jobs and local businesses. With your vote, I will bring strong, experienced leadership that delivers for every neighborhood and every resident.

Proudly endorsed by your Federal Way Police Guild, Affordable Housing Council, Washington Retail Association, Associated General Contractors of America, current city council leadership, and more!

# Tammy Dziak

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**Education:** Geriatrics

Occupation: Geriatric Case Manager

Statement: My career has been dedicated to service and caring for people, advocating for their needs, and ensuring they feel valued. Leading the Decatur High School PTA, reading to students at Green Gables Elementary, fostering teens who went on to college, volunteering with FUSION and the Alzheimer's Association, supporting local drives, and helping at church and community events. Experience which deepened my belief that strong communities are built through connection and compassion.

Federal Way is at a turning point. Rising crime, visible homelessness, and gaps in services for seniors, youth, and families demand action and accountability. I will work to expand mental health and addiction treatment, strengthen support for our first responders, and promote responsible economic development that benefits everyone. I will ensure taxpayer dollars are used wisely and transparently.I am running to be a voice for every resident—a councilmember who listens first, acts decisively, and leads with integrity.



## Council Position No. 6

## Les Sessoms

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**Education:** Bachelors, Political Science, University of Washington; Master's, Organizational Leadership, Chapman University

Occupation: Counseling Services Coordinator, University of Washington

Statement: I'm running for Federal Way City Council to bring bold, results-driven leadership that helps our city thrive. A 25-year resident, husband, father, and professional in higher education and workforce development, I understand the challenges our community faces, rising living costs, economic uncertainty, and a growing disconnect between residents and local government.

I'll prioritize *public safety* that protects all residents, especially seniors, with transparency and accountability. I'll push for urgent, compassionate action on homelessness, housing, and mental health by investing in affordable housing and support services.

To strengthen our economy, I'll attract businesses, support entrepreneurs through a city-sponsored incubator, manage growth around light rail, and create good-paying jobs. I'll also champion youth engagement by expanding access to education, recreation, wellness programs, and city-backed apprenticeships. I believe in Federal Way's potential, with your support, we can build a safer, stronger, more inclusive city for everyone. I humbly ask for your vote!

# Jack Dovey



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**Education:** Bachelor's of Science Geography, from Oregon State University and Decatur class of 1973

Occupation: Sales and Marketing

**Statement:** I am a former Federal Way Mayor and the current Federal Way Councilmember in position 6, I have the experience required to be reelected and will work for all citizens and businesses in Federal Way.

Public Safety is my number one priority. I will fight crime in our neighborhoods and work to attract new businesses to our community. Our hard-working families need to be able to find a living wage job in Federal Way and feel safe living here.

Affordable housing is needed in Federal Way, I am working with landowners and churches to convert underdeveloped property into affordable homes for first time buyers, seniors, and renters in Federal Way. I am endorsed by the Federal Way Police Officers Guild. Please vote to re-elect an experienced and proven leader, Jack Dovey for City Council Position 6.



#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1

# Brad Bales

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Occupation: Judge, Federal Way Municipal Court

Statement: I have had the honor of serving as a Federal Way Municipal Court Judge for over three years. I have been committed to upholding the rule of law and ensuring that every individual receives a fair and impartial hearing. I believe that justice is best served when it is administered with transparency, respect, and a deep commitment to the community. I strive to ensure that all sides are heard and that the principles of due process are maintained.

My diverse background as a former King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, a U.S. Army Military Trial Judge, and a Regional Defense Counsel makes me uniquely qualified to serve as a municipal court judge.

As your incumbent judge, I ask for your support in continuing to uphold these values. I remain dedicated to serving our community with integrity and impartiality.



#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2

# Danielle Havens

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**Education:** Seattle University School of Law, Juris Doctorate; University of Washington, Bachelor of Arts.

Occupation: Judge Pro-Tem & Attorney

Statement: Danielle Havens is the clear choice for Federal Way Municipal Court Judge because of her diverse legal experience and commitment to the law. As an experienced Judge Pro-Tem and attorney, we can count on Danielle Havens to serve with distinction as a Judge.

Accountability is Danielle Havens' guiding principle as an attorney and judicial officer. Throughout her legal career, Danielle has worked hard to address the underlying issues that lead to violations of the law. As our next Municipal Court Judge, Danielle Havens will ensure that offenders are held accountable with decisions that are timely, fair, and firm.

Danielle Havens is proud to have earned the endorsement of every Municipal Court Judge for whom she has served, Mayor Jim Ferrell and King County District Court Presiding Judge and former Federal Way Municipal Court Judge Rebecca Robertson. Please support Danielle Havens for Federal Way Municipal Court Judge, Position 2. Thank you.

# Mitch Greene

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**Education:** Bachelor's in Political Science and Communication, CUNY, Juris Doctor from Puget Sound School of Law

Occupation: Attorney, Judge pro tem

Statement: Since 1997, Mitch Greene has served as a pro tem judge throughout the Puget Sound region. With 33 years as an attorney, he has represented hundreds of clients, including many from Federal Way. As a regular pro tem for Federal Way Municipal Court, Mitch has gained a unique perspective on the needs of the Federal Way community. He strives to apply the law consistently, compassionately, and fairly while treating every individual with dignity and respect. Mitch will use his years of experience to help improve services and access for all.

Respected and widely endorsed by judges, attorneys, law enforcement, and community members, he is eager to make a difference at Federal Way Municipal Court and looks forward to serving as your next Municipal Court Judge.



## Mayor

# Dana Ralph

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**Education:** BS Business Management, BS Cybersecurity and Information Assurance, MS Management and Leadership, MBA

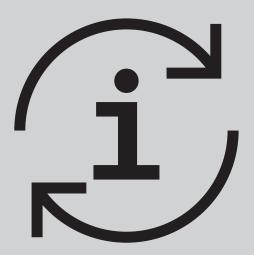
Occupation: Mayor, City of Kent

**Statement:** I grew up in Kent, attended Kent public schools, and am the fourth generation of my family to proudly call Kent home.

As your mayor these past eight years, my experience and leadership have been tested and proven. I promised to be a hands-on leader with a strong vision for Kent, and that commitment hasn't changed.

My track record demonstrates a dedication to improving our quality of life by investing in safety, infrastructure, housing affordability, transit options, parks and youth programs, human services and more.

I've guided our city through hardship and have worked hard to create lasting partnerships—resulting in policies that directly support Kent families, businesses and industries. I remain committed to reducing crime, keeping public spaces clean, and prioritizing safety while ensuring my administration is transparent and accountable. Throughout my life, I've watched our community grow and change, and I know I have what it takes to keep us on the right track. We've made a lot of progress, and I'm ready for another four years to continue delivering results for you and your family. I would be proud to have your vote and trust to continue serving as your mayor.



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# Neet Grewal

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington; Political Science **Occupation:** Small Business Owner, Community Volunteer and Advocate

**Statement:** As a lifelong Washingtonian, I'm running to put our city back in the hands of Kent residents. I'm not backed by political insiders or special interests-my grassroots supporters are our neighbors who want new outcomes!

As a passionate political activist for years, I've fought corruption with recalls and advocated for workers, Indigenous tribes, and medical freedom. I lead youth gang-diversion programs, help seniors learn AI, advocate for cryptocurrency, and fight for single-member districts so every neighborhood is represented.

My priorities are clear: *Reduce crime* by strengthening community policing and equipping law enforcement with sufficient resources. *Clean up Kent* by investing in parks, removing drugs and graffiti, and stopping illegal loud exhausts. *Grow our economy* by cutting red tape, supporting businesses, and restoring our middle class. *Implement transparency* by enacting term-limits so elected officials focus on service, not survival. Two terms is enough. We need change that upholds democratic values.

In the past eight years, has your life become safer or more affordable? Our city is at a crossroads. We either settle for the status quo or fight for a higher quality of life. Kent is our home. My commitment is representing you. I ask for your vote-Let's Clean Up Kent!

# Satwinder Kaur

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**Education:** MBA in Tech Mgmt, University of Washington; BA in Business Administration/Supply chain, Kentridge HS graduate

Occupation: Kent Council President; Senior Engineer, Private IT Company; PTA Mom

Statement: I'm passionate about Kent — it's where I grew up, and where I'm now raising my family. Over 20 years ago, I began my public service journey by volunteering with local nonprofits and cleaning up our streets and parks. That same passion brought me to the City Council, where I've focused on delivering real results.

I helped lead Kent through the pandemic, securing emergency relief for families and small businesses. I supported increasing public safety funding and hiring 38 additional police officers. I led major park investments, including upgrades to Morrill Meadows and West Fenwick Parks. I've championed balanced, transparent budgets that ensure your tax dollars are used wisely. I also represent Kent at the regional level to make sure our city gets its fair share of resources.

But there's more to do. I'll continue prioritizing public safety, affordable housing, street and park improvements, and strengthening our economy to support working families, seniors, and small businesses. I'll keep showing up, listening, and working hard for you — every single day.

I'd be honored to earn your vote. Endorsed by Kent Mayor Dana Ralph, all Kent City Councilmembers, Kent Firefighters, Kent Education Association, Labor Unions, the 47th District Democrats and more



# Toni Troutner

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, Western Washington University **Occupation:** Small business owner, Market Research Analyst

Statement: As your City Councilmember during these last eight years, every decision I have made has been to support Kent families and strengthen our city. As a dedicated advocate for public safety, I have championed investments in our first responders, improving emergency response times and fostering strong partnerships between law enforcement and the community.

I am dedicated to improving our parks and recreation facilities to promote a healthy and active community. I have supported investments in our green spaces, while maintaining recreational programs and enhancing accessibility for everyone.

While representing Kent around the region, I have ensured that we receive our fair share of funding while building partnerships to bolster our economy and attract new investments, businesses and industries. Through strategic planning and responsible funding, we are building resilient infrastructure that meets the current and future needs of our residents and city.

I bring the experience, knowledge, and proven leadership needed to keep Kent moving forward. I'm proud to be endorsed by Kent's firefighters, police officers, and my colleagues on the Council. I would be honored to have your vote in this election so I can continue working for you.



# Sharn Shoker

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

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

Statement: As a lifelong Kent resident, my commitment is deeply personal. I attended Kent schools and now raise my son in the community where I grew up. My family has owned a local business for over two decades, giving me a direct understanding of the financial pressures families and businesses face. I'm ready to help shape a growing, thriving Kent where everyone can feel secure and succeed.

As Director of King County Policy for a Seattle-based nonprofit, I've spent my career turning advocacy into action—building partnerships, securing resources, and managing budgets to keep vital programs running. I've navigated complex challenges to ensure essential services continue. My service on local nonprofit and foundation boards has given me a close-up view of our community's needs and the collaborative leadership it takes to meet them.

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

Proudly endorsed by Kent Councilmembers Brenda Fincher, John Boyd, and Satwinder Kaur; former Kent Mayor Suzette Cooke; Senator Karen Keiser; and numerous other local leaders and organizations.

# Andy Song

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

Occupation: College Professor & Business Owner

**Statement:** I'm running for Kent City Council because our city deserves leadership that listens, leads with facts, and puts people before politics. As a college professor, small business owner, mental health therapist, and current Kent School Board Director, I've built a career around problem-solving, accountability, and common sense solutions.

I grew up in a working-class, military family, raised by a single mom who worked multiple union backed jobs. To put myself through college, I worked multiple jobs and now lead a company that provides mental and behavioral health services. I've seen how government can either lift people up or get in the way, and I believe in doing what works, not just what's popular.

Public safety, fiscal responsibility, and making Kent a place where families can thrive are my top priorities. I will work hard to make our city is safe, our tax dollars are spent wisely, and every resident is heard. I'm not here to play politics. I'm here to serve with integrity and results.

The future of Kent should be shaped by leaders who are reasonable, experienced, and ready to work. I would be honored to earn your vote. Read more about my ideas at andy4kent.com.



#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1

# Michael R. Frans



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**Education:** BA Central Washington University--Law and Justice; JD Seattle University School of Law

Occupation: Judge

Statement: It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the City of Kent as Municipal Court Judge over the last seven years. After nearly 20 years in private practice as a trial lawyer, and two years as a pro tem judge in King County District Court, I was appointed to the position of Court Commissioner in the City of Kent in 2018. I then assumed the role of sitting judge in January 2019 and took over as presiding judge later that same year. I was then reelected for a second term in 2021.

I strive to have a positive impact in this community every day I take the bench. I work hard to ensure that all individuals coming before the Court are treated with dignity and respect. I founded this Court's community court program, which places emphasis on assisting individuals dealing with challenges related to poverty, mental health, and severe addiction. I will continue to work hard for this City and look forward to serving Kent in the years to come. I respectfully ask for your vote.



#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2

# Anthony Gipe



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Education: Juris Doctor Degree from University of Washington

Occupation: Judge

**Statement:** I am running for reelection this year and asking for your vote.

I am a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served as an intelligence analyst and interpreter prior to becoming a lawyer.

I worked as a trial lawyer for twenty years. I served as president of the Washington State Bar Association from 2014-2016, and served on numerous other boards. While a lawyer I served as a pro tem judge for almost nine years prior to becoming a full time judge.

I have been consistently rated as Well Qualified and Exceptionally Well Qualified for Judicial positions for the last nine years from numerous bar associations in the state of Washington. I served as a on the Washington State Supreme Court Minority & Justice Commission for the last ten years and lead one of its committees. I am also an officer of the Washington State District & Municipal Court Judges Association. Outside of the law, I have been an oil painter for forty years and continue to volunteer as a teacher for both adults and youth. Thank you for voting, and I hope your will cast your vote for



# Mayor

# **Bruce**White

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Steve Whitaker

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Jason F. Roberts



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Elected Experience: No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience: Systems and Verification Engineering Manager for medical device company. Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. The city of Milton parks board member. Local small business owner.

**Education:** Associates in Applied Science - Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Community Service: Fife/Milton youth basketball coach.

**Statement:** Milton is a vibrant, close-knit city where families thrive and community spirit shines. As a proud long-time resident, I am passionate about preserving our unique charm while championing a bright, prosperous future for everyone.

Serving on the Milton Parks Board, coaching Fife/Milton youth basketball, and being a local small business owner has given me a first-hand appreciation for what makes our city outstanding: the wonderful people of our community. I am dedicated to continuing to have safe, welcoming spaces for our residents and ensuring our community's needs are met through leadership, energy, and vision moving forward.

I will be your advocate for smart growth and express the needs of what makes Milton exceptional. I am excited to earn your support for City Council Position 1, and I enthusiastically ask for your vote to shape our future together.



#### Council Position No. 2

## Trina Ternes



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Elected Experience: No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience: Trina brings over 35 years of experience as a small business owner, having run a successful hair salon in Seattle's Magnolia neighborhood. For the past two years, she has also operated a home-based business in Milton.

Education: No Information Submitted

Community Service: Trina is passionate about service. She helps lead weekly homeless outreach efforts in Seattle and Tacoma, focusing on the urgent issues of homelessness, mental health, and addiction. She is also a dedicated member of her local church and believes in the importance of serving the church body.

Statement: I've had the honor of serving communities across Washington state, and through that experience, I've seen the urgent need for justice, support, and real solutions for those facing homelessness and addiction. As a council member, my passion is to ensure the people of Milton are truly heard, represented, and cared for. I am committed to being a strong voice for our community—a leader who stands for justice, equality, and opportunity for all. Together, we can build a safer, healthier, and more compassionate Milton.



## Teri Mounts

No photo submitted

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Elected Experience: No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience: Certified Federal Contracting and Grant Specialist tasked with identifying fraud, waste and abuse in federal programs. Adjunct Faculty member developing and delivering training courses.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Washington, Tacoma in Politics and Values with a focus on non-profit management. Certifications in financial management, government contracting, grants and leadership.

**Community Service:** Founder and CEO of a 501c3 non-profit organization. Volunteer and leader in various small groups for both adults and children. Servant traveler with a goal to meet and help local folks when on vacation or visiting other places.

**Statement:** I grew up in Puyallup when it was a small town, moved to Edgewood for the local charm, and now live in Milton and want to preserve the neighborly atmosphere. Local parks are a great way to visit with folks, and sidewalks provide safe access for walking around Milton

As your neighbor and City Councilmember, I look forward to hearing about the issues that are important to you and finding the best opportunities possible.

Thank you!



#### Council Position No. 5

# April Elliott



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Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: I've worked in construction project management for 15 years, overseeing infrastructure projects including roadways, stormwater systems, wastewater pipelines, schools, restaurants, and community centers. This hands-on experience gives me a strong understanding of the planning, budgeting, and collaboration needed to support growing communities. I bring practical knowledge of how cities are built and maintained, and deep respect for the people who make that work possible.

**Education:** Green River College, Auburn, WA - Associate of Arts - 2005

Community Service:

City of Milton Planning Commission - Since 2020

South Sound Housing Affordability Advisory Board (SSHA3P) 2023-2024

Statement: Milton is growing, and with that growth comes a need for smart, thoughtful leadership. For the past five years, I've served on the Planning Commission, working to ensure growth doesn't come at the expense of our small-town charm. My experience in construction project management has provided me with valuable insights into the planning and development of essential infrastructure, including roads, utilities, schools, and public spaces, and how to ensure these projects stand the test of time.

But this isn't just about policy, it's about people.

Milton is my home. Like many of you, I'm raising a family here, supporting local businesses, and working to build a strong community. I want to preserve what we love about this city while planning for the future: Affordable Housing, Safe Streets, and Vibrant Local Events.

I'm running for City Council because I believe local leadership should listen, act with integrity, and make decisions that benefit everyone in Milton. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves, work hard for our city, and ensure Milton remains a great place to live, work, and grow for generations to come. I'd be honored to earn your vote and represent our community.



## 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

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**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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## Kerry Garberding

No photo submitted

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No statement submitted.



#### Council Position No. 4

## Ray Helms



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Education: US Navy, Westminster College

Occupation: Owner/General Contractor, Racy's,LLC

Statement: It's been an honor to serve on Pacific's City Council, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue representing our community. With over 25 years as a small business owner and more than a decade of public service—including the North Highline Council, Burien Planning Commission, and now Pacific City Council—I bring steady Leadership, real-world experience, and a deep commitment to public service.

I've worked hard to listen to residents, support local businesses, and advocate for development that reflects our community's values. I actively support and participate in community events and remain committed to keeping city spending down while continuing to invest in essential services that matter most to Pacific families.

I will remain focused on building a stronger, safer, and more connected Pacific, where every resident feels heard, respected, and included. I'm proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing the work. Thank you for your trust and support.



#### Lawrence C Boles

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Education: Doctorate of Divinity Occupation: Pastor, DD Statement: Candidate Statement

I'm running for Pacific City Council because I believe in the good that public service can do to improve the lives of our residents. I envision a community where everyone has a stable home and access to the resources they need to thrive. My priorities on the Council are: Investing in Public Parks – Keeping our parks and playgrounds clean and well-maintained, offering families and communities a safe place to gather and play. Tackling the Homelessness Crisis – Working together to compassionately address homelessness by connecting individuals with resources and support services. Ensuring Public Safety – Building accountability and collaboration with our first responders to keep our communities safe. I am proud of my work alongside law enforcement to reduce gang violence and mentor youth.

I believe that through collaboration, compassion, and commitment, we can make Pacific a stronger, safer, and more welcoming place.





#### Council Position No. 6

# Stacey D lackson





**Education:** Graduate from Nathan Hale High School **Occupation:** Banquet Waiter at the Westin Hotel 35 Years

**Statement:** I am focused on developing the community of pacific and bringing opportunities to others! I am excited to be joining the council and looking forward to helping the city of pacific.



## Eric Petersen

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Education: School of hard knocks

**Occupation:** Construction superintendent, 36 year Union Equipment Operator

Statement: It appears that I am running unopposed, but I will tell you this: A vote for me is a guarantee that you will have someone that will fight to lower taxes and fight to lower utilities rates and fight to stop wasting tax dollars on unneeded items, as I have done for the last 4 years. But on that note there is a seat on council that has nobody running for it, that means the council will appoint someone, that being said we need a like-minded person to help with the fight, if you're that person, please think on applying and helping me with the fight to keep common sense in our town!!!





## 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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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf Education: Center for Employment Education, a technical trade school in Anchorage, Alaska. \end{tabular}$ 

**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

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**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.

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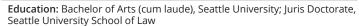
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#### Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1

## Jessica Giner

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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

## Isabelle Kerner

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**Education:** American University, B.A. Political Science and Studio Art, EC-Council, Master's of Certified Ethical Hacking

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.



## 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!* 

## Verna Seal

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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

## Tosh Sharp

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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

## Jane Ho

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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.

## Gina Bernhardt Nielsen



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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.



## Dirk A Dearinger

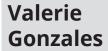
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**Statement:** I have the ambition and the energy to serve Auburn students and our community.

I feel Auburn voters are willing to support schools financial needs, but appreciate being provided accurate information and also the positive benefits that their vote provides. I believe in full community involvement.

Currently, the federal commitment to education is uncertain. Now, more than ever, schools need to explore new strategies to keep learning at its maximum effectiveness. I will work hard with absolute dedication to the needs of our students as a challenge that I welcome wholeheartedly. Thank you for your support.



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**Education:** Green River Community College Nursing graduate with a degree in human development

Occupation: School Nurse Specialist

Statement: I am asking for your vote today. I have enjoyed my time as director and hope to return. I would love to continue to be a representative of the community, staff, students and families of ASD on their issues. I support policies that help benefit everyone to the greatest degree. At this time all my immediate family have or will attend school in the Auburn School district. I'm fortunate to have had the opportunity to work in a variety of classrooms within Auburn and neighboring districts. I know the challenges from both sides of the IEP table. Through my experiences I have developed a perspective that sees the many valuable traditions that remain effective tools, and the importance of innovation and technology. I have a unique perspective, eager spirit and heart of compassion and service. I'm excited to serve as school board director if awarded this opportunity once again.





#### **Director District No. 5**

## Shelly Combs



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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, University of Washington

Occupation: PTA & PTSA Board Member, School Volunteer

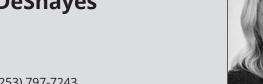
**Statement:** I am a lifelong resident of Auburn and a graduate of Auburn High School, who is now raising children in the Auburn School District. I have been involved with PTA for the last 7 years and have volunteered where help has been needed within the schools.

As a board member, I look forward to continuing to support the district that I grew up in and that my children currently attend. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff of the Auburn School District.

Thank you for your vote!



## **Julianne DeShayes**



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

Statement: I'm Julianne DeShayes, and it's been a privilege to serve on the Enumclaw School Board. As a parent and longtime community member, I care deeply about the role our schools play in shaping the lives of students and families in our district.

In my time on the board, I've prioritized truly listening to a wide range of voices, ideas, and concerns. I believe thoughtful decisions come from open dialogue and a willingness to consider different perspectives. I welcome feedback and view collaboration as essential to strong public education. If reelected, I'll continue working to support safe, welcoming schools where every student belongs; promote academic growth and meaningful pathways to success; build strong, respectful partnerships between families, educators, and the district; and ensure responsible, transparent use of resources.

Enumclaw's schools are at the heart of our community. I would be honored to earn your vote and keep serving.

## Tara Cochran

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Education: BA Human Development, Washington State University, Master of Science in Education, National Board Certified Teacher

Occupation: 20 years as Elementary and Middle School Teacher, Instructional Coach

Statement: As a wife, mother, teacher, and 17-year Enumclaw resident, I'm passionate about ensuring every child in our community receives a highquality education.

With classroom and leadership experience, I'm ready to serve on the school board with transparency and courage—especially when it comes to financial decisions, school safety, and academic priorities. I've developed and strengthened educational systems, boosting teacher performance, academic achievement, community engagement, and collaboration across multiple schools, while guiding countless students past barriers to achieve their potential. Early intervention, skill-building, and extracurriculars are key to shaping well-rounded citizens. Using evidence-based approaches, I'll boost student achievement and ensure school accountability.

I'll collaborate with families and educators—our most vital teammates because parents are a child's first teacher, and educators deserve support to focus on essential skills. As an engaged, approachable board member, I'll be active in schools, open to listening, and eager to share ideas. Reach me anytime by phone or email.



#### **Director District No. 5**

## Malia **Ebner**



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Education: Bachelors in Biology, University of Oregon Occupation: Supply Chain/Logistics Operations Manager

**Statement:** I am grateful for the opportunity to raise my two children in Enumclaw, and I know many parents feel the same. Our community is growing, and it's imperative that our school district is ready to meet the needs of all children, current and future, through strategic planning and budgeting effectively.

As a board director, I will work with our district leaders to ensure the community's vision for student success is realized. Our goals must not only focus on improving test scores and graduation rates, but they must also consider the individual needs of every child to set all students up to become healthy, contributing members of our community.

We all have a stake in our children's future success. I look forward to collaborating with the Enumclaw and Black Diamond communities, parents, teachers, and district leaders to help bring that vision to life.

## **Paul Fisher**



Education: State University of New York at Buffalo - BA

Occupation: Sales Manager

**Statement:** I believe in a common-sense approach to education—one that prioritizes both our students and the taxpayers. I'm committed to setting high academic standards and ensuring every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. I support the Parental Bill of Rights and firmly believe that parents should be the primary decisionmakers when it comes to their children's education and medical needs. I also believe that biological males should not compete in girls' athletics. This is a matter of fairness and safety in girls' athletics. I'm asking for your vote to re-elect me to the Enumclaw School Board so I can continue advocating for policies that put students first and uphold the values of our community. Thank you.

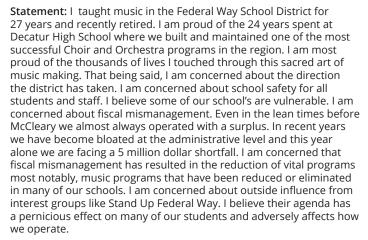


## Steve Gorringe

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Education: Bachelors Degree K-12 Music Education

Occupation: Music Educator (retired)





## Eric **Gollings**

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grammar, or fact check candidate and measure statements.



Education: BA Linguistics, University of Washington; MBA, Hope International University; Certificate in Teaching ESL, Peking University

Occupation: Philanthropy Representative at World Vision since 2009, former ESL Teacher

Statement: Federal Way Public Schools are facing challenges but we can do better for our students. In reading, just over half of our students are at grade level and only a third are on track for college level learning. The way forward is to keep the focus on equipping students to succeed. That starts with reading.

Demonstrating accountability and transparency to students, their families and the community we will see greater cooperation and results. Working together with parents and caregivers is key. I've seen the dedicated volunteers in our community organizations like Federal Way Cares for Kids, World Vision and the PTA.

Nearly one third of FWPS students who are English Language Learners. I spent years of my childhood in Mexico studying in my second language, Spanish. My children went through the dual language (English-Spanish) program at Sunnycrest Elementary school here in Federal Way. I was a regular volunteer and leader in the PTA. They also attended Adelaide Elementary, FWPA and Running Start through Federal Way High School. I look forward to being a small part in many more K-12 success stories.

Please vote for me so I can represent you on the Federal Way School Board.



# Trudy Davis



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Education: Howard University, PIMA Medical, University of DC

Occupation: Semi retired

Statement: Statement: I'm a 30-year resident of Federal Way. I've been an active volunteer in the FWPS district for over 15 years. My children attended school in the district for 13 years. I'm a U.S. Army veteran and have held careers in banking, mortgage lending, real estate, public health, and non-profits. I was appointed to the Federal Way Public School Board in October 2018, elected in 2019, and again in 2021, serving as Director of District #4 and Board Vice President.

While serving, I continued to advocate for scholars' rights to equity and inclusion, more opportunities to enroll in AP, IB, CTE, ROTC, Cambridge, STEM, arts, and athletics. I believe in and support educators and their commitment to teaching. Transparency is how we've maintained trust and partnerships with families and community members. With the oversight and approval of the school board, as well community members, the district has buillt 8 schools and rebuilt 2 stadiums. FWPS Board has earned the WSSDA Board of Distinction for the past 8 years because of its governance. K-12 schools are the launching pads to propel our scholars to success. Every child can learn. My job is to account for that in my district.

## Jim Dalke





**Education:** Electrical Engineering at Oregon State University, Boise State University, and the University of Washington

**Occupation:** Self-Employed as an electronic media engineer in radio and television

**Statement:** I am a resident of the Federal Way School District and patriarch of a family that includes both graduates and teachers from the Federal Way School system.

I am running for School Board director to serve and support our Federal Way students and their parents, their teachers and administrators, and the taxpayers who provide financial support for our school system.

I serve as Chair for the Bates Technical College Broadcasting and Video Production and Digital Media Advisory Board, and I have taught as an adjunct instructor at BTC.

I continue to serve as a Precinct Committee Officer in my local community to support and promote our free election process. Our K-12 Federal Way school system aims to maximize high school graduation rates and prepare students for higher education, careers in service or trades, and essential life skills, and I believe that with my leadership, we can improve on these goals. I believe our school board needs to operate openly, promoting parent and public attendance and participation. The school board meetings should be streamed live and recorded for public access.



## Melissa Hale

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## **Director District No. 4**

## Cheryl Reid

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#### **Director District No. 5**

## Kimberly Palmer Yee



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**Elected Experience:** Fife School District Director Position #5 (2017-2025), Fife School District Board President (2017-2020, 2022), Fife School Board Legislative Representative (2022-present).

**Other Professional Experience:** Doctor of Chiropractic, Small Business Owner, Past President-Washington State Chiropractic Association.

**Education:** Associated Arts and Sciences-Selkirk College, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences- University of Alberta, Doctor of Chiropractic-University of Western States.

Community Service: FME youth soccer coach; Girl Scout co-leader; Discovery/Endeavour PTA Board Secretary; Hedden Elementary PTA Vice President; Surprise Lake Middle School PIE, Columbia Junior High Booster Club, Fife High School Booster Club, and Fife High School Scholarship Foundation current member and volunteer.

**Statement:** Serving Fife Public Schools' students, families, and staff has been an honor and a privilege. My motivation comes from witnessing their growth and success, and I remain committed to supporting that progress by actively listening and staying engaged. As the mother of two Fife graduates and one current student, I'm deeply connected to our district and attuned to our community's experiences and needs. Student achievement is the common thread that unites us all

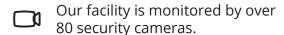
As a school board member, my responsibility is to ensure that every decision we make is student-focused. In light of the significant challenges facing public education in our state, the inequities affecting our students have become increasingly clear. I have worked and will continue to work tirelessly to represent their voices and advocate for fairness and opportunity.

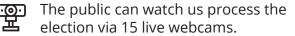
It is my privilege to represent all students and families within the Fife School District.

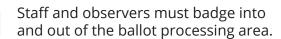
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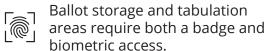
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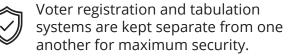


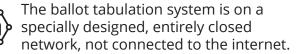


#### Cybersecurity











## Sue-Ann Hohimer

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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

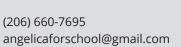
**Statement:** As a former Chicago Public School teacher, a proud graduate of public schools, and daughter of public school teachers, I'm passionate about making sure every student has access to great public education. With bold, creative leadership, our schools can be places where every child feels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

## Angelica M. Alvarez





**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.



## Teresa Gregory

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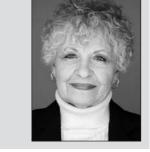
**Education:** UW Business School Bachelor's Degree Human Resource Mgmt and Org. Behavior

Occupation: Leadership Development Consultant

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

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

## Carolyn Wilsie-Kendall



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

Occupation: Retired

Statement: I have been an advocate for youth most of my adult life: I owned and operated a daycare for 8 years; I have worked and volunteered at every level of the K-12 public school system. I have served in the Pierce County Courts as a Guardian Ad Litem & Diversion Counselor. I am dedicated to supporting the future adults who will be contributing to our communities and country. If elected to the Kent School Board, I would be honored to contribute to decisions representing our community and support the kind of academic excellence and foundational skills students need to succeed.

We must prioritize essential academic skills: reading, writing, and math and not replace parents in personal matters. We require outstanding instructional strategies to assist teachers in educating students and administrative staff guiding educators in their pursuit of academic excellence. Additionally, we must maintain fiscal responsibility to support these core learning objectives.

I have worked in the Franklin Pierce and Puyallup School Districts, at Pacific Lutheran University, with Associated General Contractors, and with First Security Investments & Moss Adams CPA Tacoma

Volunteering Awards: 2 Golden Acorns; Franklin Pierce SD Community Appreciation; Washington Association of School Administrators Appreciation



## Laura Williams





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

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

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

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

Endorsed by the Kent Education Association, Northwest Progressive Women's Caucus, Mayor Dana Ralph, all Kent City Council members, Covington Councilmember Jennifer Harjehausen, Congressman Adam Smith, Lands Commissioner Dave Upthegrove, Former Majority Leader Pat Sullivan, Speaker pro tem Chris Stearns, and the 11th, 33rd, 47th and King County Democrats. I'd be honored to bring my experience to the board and earn your vote.

## Jane Smith

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

Occupation: Mom; Software Engineer, PayPal

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

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

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



## **Avanti Bergquist**

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Education: B.S. Biology, Duke University; M.S. Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, OHSU; M.D., University of Louisville

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.

# Voting FA

#### O HOW DO I VOTE?



Fill in the bubble next to your choice in each contest.

#### O DO I HAVE TO USE A PEN?

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

#### O DO I HAVE TO VOTE ON EVERY RACE?

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

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



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

## ○ DO I HAVE TO SIGN MY BALLOT?



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

## O HOW DO I RETURN MY BALLOT?



You can put your ballot into any USPS mailbox as long as it will be postmarked by Election Day. You can also return your ballot to one of our more than 80 ballot drop boxes around King County. We recommend mailing your ballot by the Friday before Election Day or using a drop box in the final days of the election.



## Meagan **Powell**

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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



## Jennifer McMaster



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Education: Bachelor's in General Science at Ashford University

Occupation: Contract Administrator

**Statement:** I am honored to serve as School Board Director for the Tahoma School District. My family has been part of this community for 35 years, and my husband and sons are proud Tahoma graduates. I have a deep connection to the district, having served as a volunteer and a dedicated staff member for over 20 years.

Tahoma has a strong foundation, and I am committed to building on it by identifying our collective strengths and areas for improvement. I believe in working collaboratively with students, staff, and the community to find solutions that honor our history while shaping the future.

As we approach the district's 100-year anniversary and implement our new Strategic Plan, I invite you to join the conversation. I am always available to listen to your questions, celebrate our successes, and address your concerns. Thank you for your trust and your vote for Tahoma School Board, Position 1.



#### **Director District No. 2**

#### Susan Balthaser



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**Education:** Master of Science Occupational Health, University of Utah; B.S. Emergency Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

**Occupation:** Environmental, Health, and Safety Global Program Manager, Microsoft; Former EMT-Paramedic

Statement: As a parent of two Tahoma students and a longtime community volunteer, I care deeply about the well-being of our children and families. My background as a former EMT-Paramedic, youth coach, and Scout leader reflects a lifelong commitment to service and connection. I believe every child deserves access to high-quality education in a safe, inclusive environment. When students feel supported and heard, they're empowered to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.

Serving as your current School Board Director, I've worked to ensure responsible governance, transparent budgeting, and compassionate, data-informed decisions. I'm proud to have helped pass our 5-year strategic plan—a vision shaped by community voices. I will continue working to remove barriers—from bullying to overcrowding and security concerns—so students can focus on learning, growing, and preparing for the future. Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving.

Endorsed by teachers —Tahoma Education Association (WEA-PAC)



## Ric Lewis

No photo submitted

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Education: Brigham Young University, Computer Science

Occupation: Software Engineer

**Statement:** I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve on the school board. I regularly see firsthand the care that the educators and staff of our district demonstrate for our children.

Superintendent selection and annual evaluation is the most impactful work done by the board. I'm proud to have participated in the board's decision to place Dr. Callison as Superintendent. Her combination of thoughtfulness and rigorous standards is an excellent fit to lead our district.

This past year we've moved the district toward data-driven continuous improvement cycles to evaluate and improve student outcomes, and renewed focus on student safety. We've also overhauled our hiring practices, increasing quality and integrity. We still have work to do. There remain opportunities for growth in elementary and special ed outcomes. In partnership with the community, we're developing a long-term plan to address overcrowding. And I'm excited by upcoming opportunities to leverage Al as an educational accelerator.



#### **Director District No. 4**

## Nina Rose



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**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Entrepreneurship **Occupation:** Community Volunteer, Army Veteran, Former Business

Owner

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

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

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

## Kristi Krumperman



**Education:** Bachelor's: Political Science and History; Master's: Teaching **Occupation:** Studio Manager and Preschool Director at Ash and Elm **Statement:** My name is Kristi Krumperman, and I am a dedicated educator and manager of a small business specializing in early childhood education. Nearly a decade ago, my family chose Maple Valley for its exceptional schools. Today, two of my three children attend schools in our district, deepening my commitment to this community.

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

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



## Zach Butala

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Quantitative Economics, U.S. Naval Academy

**Occupation:** Commercial Airline Captain, Navy Reserve Commander (not a DoD endorsement)

**Statement:** As a father of three Tahoma students and long-time MV resident, I care deeply about our schools and community. I've been honored as CRES' Volunteer-of-the-Year two years in a row, and I'm entering my 3rd year as STMS' Family Support Partner.

As a prior Navy Reserve Commanding Officer, I've led teams through complex challenges by listening, building trust, and working together. That is the steady, collaborative, service-oriented approach I will bring to the board. I want to unite our community around our shared commitment to students and teachers, no matter our differences.

I'm not seeking political party endorsements, but I am seeking support from all of Tahoma. I believe schools should unite us. With greater transparency, teamwork, and respect, we can face every challenge/opportunity and keep making Tahoma better. I am ready to listen, learn, and serve with humility and purpose, for Tahoma. Endorsements: Washington Education Association; Tahoma Education Association

## Elizabeth (Liz) Karkoski-Gardner

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Lewis-Clark State College. Doctorate of Nursing Practice, University of Washington

Occupation: Cardiovascular Intensive Care Nurse Practitioner

Statement: As TES PTO President, opportunities to work closely with district leaders have made me aware of current issues, be informed of budget related changes, and have better understanding of the vision moving forward. Tahoma students deserve the opportunity to achieve their highest academic success without sacrificing their social/emotional well-being. They should feel safe to go to school being their authentic self without ridicule and be mentored by teachers and staff who equally feel valued in their work. Building strong trusting relationships ensures the success of our district and community.

As District 5 School Board Director I vow to advocate for every student, teacher, and family, ensure fiscal responsibility to our community-members, be present in my duties, and to always listen with an open mind. I am proudly endorsed by the 5th LD Democrats, King County Democrats, and The National Women's Political Caucus.



## 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 Accesiblity. 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**

No photo submitted

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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.



## Ara Papyan

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

Occupation: Director of Budget and Operations, Seattle University

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

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

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

# **Charles Simpson**

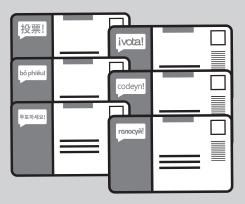


**Education:** Tukwila School Educated **Occupation:** Automotive Locksmith

**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



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#### Commissioner Position No. 1

## Kevin Garling

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**Elected Experience:** Fire Commissioner 18 years

Other Professional Experience: District Chief, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, 33 years. Bates Fire Instructor, 24 years. Instructor multiple FD classes Pierce College, Bellevue College. Fire Department instruction at the state, regional, and local levels

**Education:** Executive Fire Officer Program Graduate, National Fire Academy. Emmitsburg, MD.

Community Service: Member of Washington State Local Assistance State Team (LAST) assisting with LE and FD line of duty death (LODD) services at the State and National level. Volunteer and Board member -Sumner Community Food Bank, Past President and Board member Hilltop elementary PTA, Youth Coach Multiple Sports

Statement: It is important to carefully use the community provided resources as effectively as possible. With my years of experience in helping to manage a large fire department I have the expertise and knowledge to assist your fire department into the future. I have learned a great deal in my work life and in my 18 years as a commissioner that will help guide East Pierce Fire & Rescue going forward.

Thank you for allowing me to serve these past 18 years. I am asking for your vote again this coming election!













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#### Commissioner Position No. 3

## Justin Evans

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**Elected Experience:** Currently Appointed East Pierce Fire & Rescue Commissioner, Former City of Bonney Lake Deputy Mayor / Council Member 2015 – 2023, Previous Chair of COBL Finance / Public Safety Committee, Previous Chair Pierce County Regional Council, Former Member of the Puget Sound Regional Council

Other Professional Experience: Director of Operations - AeroGo

Education: Pierce / Highline College - Project Management

Community Service: GoodRoots NW - Executive Board Member, Sumner Bonney Lake Bond Oversight Committee, Beautify Bonney Lake – Previous Chair / Vice / Board Member, Bonney Lake Veterans Memorial - Previous VP, SBLSD Safety Advisory Committee, EPFR Bond Advisory Committee, Volunteer Firefighter / EMT - KCFD44

**Statement:** I'm proud to call this incredible community home. With beautiful parks, strong neighborhoods, and a top-tier fire district, East Pierce is a place we can all be proud of. For the past decade, I've worked to build a vibrant community where people are proud to live, work, and play. I want to continue that same passion and experience to strengthening our Fire District.

We need a balanced approach to improving emergency services—focused on consistent training, operational continuity, and responsible financial management. That means ensuring transparency in policy, efficiency with taxpayer dollars, and delivering excellent service to those we serve.

My background includes serving on the Bonney Lake City Council, leading GoodRoots Northwest, and volunteering as a firefighter. These roles have taught me the importance of prioritizing essential public services and leading with integrity.

I'm honored to be endorsed by East Pierce Firefighters Local 3520—an organization that shares my commitment to public safety and community service. It's been a privilege to serve this community for the past 10 years. I'd be grateful for the opportunity to continue that service with East Pierce Fire & Rescue. Thank you for your support.

## Benjamin R. Johnson



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Flected Experience: Precinct Committee Officer - 19

**Elected Experience:** Precinct Committee Officer - 1996-00; Serve Alaska Commission - 2008-10

Other Professional Experience: Over two decades in operational leadership roles, with a focus on budgeting, emergency response planning, and organizational strategy. Former firefighter. Extensive background in public service, with a track record of fiscally responsible decision-making and cross-functional team leadership.

Education: University of Alaska; Green River College

Community Service: I've been actively involved in community service for many years, including volunteer work with youth programs, local nonprofits, and public safety initiatives. My focus has been on strengthening community, supporting families, and ensuring resources are accessible to those in need.

**Statement:** As a former firefighter and long-time community leader, I understand the deep responsibility we carry to protect both lives and livelihoods. I'm running for East Pierce Fire and Rescue Commissioner to bring that experience and perspective to a role that demands trust, transparency, and sound decision-making.

I served several years with the Petersburg, Alaska Fire Department, gaining firsthand insight into the needs, risks, and challenges our firefighters face every day. Since then, I've spent decades in leadership positions focused on budgeting, emergency planning and serving the public. That background gives me a balanced view — one that values both operational excellence and financial discipline.

I believe in supporting our firefighters with the resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. I also believe in being accountable to the community we serve. That means transparent communication, thoughtful planning, and careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

East Pierce is growing. Our emergency services must grow smarter — not just bigger. If elected, I will work to ensure our fire and rescue services remain strong, responsive, and rooted in the values that define our region. I'd be honored to earn your support.



#### Commissioner Position No. 7

## Pete Connell





**Elected Experience:** My wife and I have lived in the Sumner/Bonney Lake area for the last 30 years where we raised our family.

Other Professional Experience: I started my fire service career with the Auburn Fire Department and now the Valley Regional Fire Authority in 1993. In 2022, after 29 years of service, I retired as a Battalion Chief. During those years, I held many different positions in the department that gave me a global view of the organization.

Education: No Information Submitted

**Community Service:** My wife and I both volunteer at the Sumner Food Bank. Also, since my retirement, I have taken up umpiring High School and Summer League Baseball.

**Statement:** With my experience in the Fire Service and raising my family in the Sumner/Bonney Lake community, I beleive that I would be a great asset as a fire commissioner for East Pierce Fire & Rescue.

# King County Fire Protection District No. 2



#### Commissioner Position No. 2

## Bob Lawson



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Education: South Seattle College-Washington State Fire Academy-EMT

**Occupation:** Retired-Fire Fighter-King County Fire District 2- North Highline Fire District

**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. 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.

# District No. 25

**King County Fire Protection** 



# Commissioner Position No. 2

# Andy Adolfson



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**Education:** Bellevue Community College, Fire Command and Administration; University of Washington School of Medicine Paramedic Certification

**Occupation:** District 25 Commissioner (appointed July 2025); retired firefighter (38 years)

**Statement:** In reading this statement, I truly appreciate your time and effort in making your voting decisions; I hope that I will earn your vote.

My background includes over 44 years in the fire service, beginning as a volunteer in 1981 and becoming a full-time firefighter in 1985. 35 years of my career were with the Bellevue Fire Department, where I advanced through the ranks and retired as the Deputy Chief of Operations in September 2023.

Earlier this year I accepted an invitation to fill a Commissioners Board vacancy and now I am seeking to extend my service to the community through the election process. My experience in fire service will complement that of your other Fire Commissioners who contribute their own critical expertise. I will strive to be approachable, open-minded and fiscally responsible while seeking the highest service level for you and your family. Thank you for your consideration.



# Commissioner Position No. 3

# **Andrew Franklin**

No photo submitted

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No statement submitted.

# Matthew Patten

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.



# David Scalabrini



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**Education:** Bachelor's in Politics & Government / Public Administration, University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Project & Program Management – Event Strategic

Marketing & Production

**Statement:** When an unexpected opening arose on the Fire District 37 Commission, it was an honor to be asked to once again serve my community by accepting the appointment to the commission and the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority Governance Board.

Covington has been my home since 1968 when I was six years old when my family moved here from Montana. I have wonderful memories from my time growing up, going to school here, as well as the many people I have met.

After my parents passed away and I moved back to Covington to again make it my home, I was committed to continue to serve the community. I enjoyed my time serving on the Covington Equity, Cultural, and Social Justice Commission, Planning Commission, and with your support I would be honored to continue serving the community and First Responders of Fire District 37 and Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.

# Commissioner Position No. 1

# Mark D. Mulich



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**Education:** BS SUNY-Brockport, MBA Xavier University, MS Western Governors University

Occupation: Systems Analyst, Costco Wholesale, Inc

Statement: I bring a unique combination of business and emergency services experience to this position. Professionally, I have spent more than 35 years in the information technology industry, supporting a wide range of business functions. In addition to my business background, I served as a volunteer firefighter for 12 years and as an EMT/Paramedic for 15 years. This blend of experience gives me a well-rounded and practical understanding of the fire district's needs.

I have lived in Westen Washington for the past nine years and have been a resident of Maple Valley and its fire district for the last six years. In June 2024, I was appointed to the Fire Commissioner's Board to fill a vacated position following two years of active attendance at board meetings as a community member.

I am more than willing to speak with any district residents. You can reach me at the following email address MMulich@MapleValleyFire.org

# Leslie Hamada



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**Education:** Eastern Washington University University of Washington Evergreen State College Leadership Certificate WSSDA

**Occupation:** Emergency Assistance Coordinator Kent United Methodist Church

Statement: I am running to be the voice for the staff and constituents in the Maple Valley Fire District # 43 from Hobart, Ravensdale to Maple Valley, Covington. I have received help from these paramedics. When you feel your worst and are in need of help, they show up. I would keep the services coming at a high level in fire and emergency needs. Managing large budgets which I have done in past professional work will keep the department response times down and your insurance rates low. Your commissioner needs to be ready to speak up for your needs and if necessary, testify in Olympia. A year ago, I headed up the KSD Levy which was in grave need of passing. After two failed attempts, it passed. I have served my community in various capacities for many years. I have been honored with Honorary Citizen of the Year of Covington



# Russell Calcote



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

Occupation: Firefighter

Statement: My fellow neighbors,

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

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



# Commissioner Position No. 5

# **Craig Hooper**



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Education: Bachelor of Arts, Bus. Admin. - WSU. AA in Fire

Administration

Occupation: Retired Firefighter

Statement: I am running for re-election for King Co. Fire Dist. 43. As a current Commissioner for D43 for the past 7 yrs, I have been involved in the decision making processes that have enabled our communities to have safe, effective and efficient fire service for the citizens of the Maple Valley area, all at a reasonable cost. We made the decision to contract with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority years ago and that has allowed us to upgrade our equipment and facilities to provide better service to our community and our fire personnel. I will continue to be a good steward of our funding and make decisions that benefit our service and safety.

I look forward to continue my service as a Commissioner for KC Fire District 43 and ask for your support.



# Catherine McKinney



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**Education:** Bachelor's in Communications, Washington State University

Occupation: Owner, McKinney Communications

**Statement:** It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your Fire Commissioner. I currently serve as the Vice Chairman of our Board. As a steward of your tax dollars, I am very proud of our financial track record. Our District has had a clean state audit for many years. I will continue to champion opportunities to make the District stronger and to be a fiscal watchdog over public funds.

I have lived in the area most of my life and in the District for over 30 years. I know the geographic and financial challenges facing our District.

I will focus on assuring that Mountain View Fire has the resources it needs to fully protect and respond in our community, and to plan for growth and increased demand for service. Thank you for your support.



# Commissioner Position No. 4

# Mark Hargrove

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**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Engineering Mechanics, United States Air Force Academy

**Occupation:** Retired Boeing Instructor Pilot, Former Military Pilot and State Representative

**Statement:** As a state legislator, I represented the majority of my neighbors in the Mountain View Fire & Rescue District and have personally visited most of your homes. So, I think I have a pretty good idea of what your priorities are.

There are serious issues to be resolved between Mountain View and various local governing bodies. Fully manning and funding existing fire stations and maintaining local control and short response times are very important. With my previous elected experience, I am well-qualified to negotiate the best solutions.

As a homeowner who has had good interactions with Mountain View, I recognize there are always ways to improve the district's capacity to better serve us. For improved communication with your fire protection district, my personal cell phone is (253)632-0736, I look forward to serving you again in this new capacity.

# Therron Smith

No photo submitted

No statement submitted.



# Martese Monroe



**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 fire commissioner.

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, public-centered 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.



# Kevin Broom



www.votekevinbroom.com

**Education:** Kentwood High School, Western Washington University (Geology), City University of Seattle (MBA)

**Occupation:** Experienced program manager and environmental consultant **Statement:** As a lifelong Covington area resident, I am committed to ensuring our community has a safe, reliable, and affordable water supply.

I am a licensed geologist with 24 years of experience in program management. I bring the technical knowledge and leadership needed to guide long-term infrastructure planning while balancing environmental stewardship with fiscal responsibility.

Our water district plays a critical role in public health, regional development, and resource conservation. As our population grows, we must invest in upgrading aging systems, expanding capacity, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our local water sources. I believe in transparent communication and collaborative leadership to make informed, community-driven decisions. I will work to protect our natural resources while supporting responsible growth. I would be honored to serve as your commissioner and respectfully ask for your vote.

# Tal Weberg



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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Education:} AS \& BS in Diesel Engineering Technology - Oregon Institute of Technology \\ \end{tabular}$ 

Occupation: Rebuild & Resell Construction & Mining Equipment

Statement: As a property and small business owner, my primary goal upon joining the Covington Water District Board was to promote fiscal responsibility, rebuild public trust, and deliver exceptional service to you —the ratepayer.

Since elected, the district has gone nearly ten years without a rate increase, lowered single-family connection charges, eliminated the top-tier summer rate, and supported customers facing unusually high bills due to leaks—while maintaining financial health. Debt has been reduced to under 10% of equity, and I can confidently point to millions in savings thanks to a capable board and dedicated staff.

I remain committed to efficient local utility management, balanced budgeting, and accountability to the community. Looking ahead, my priorities are to keep rates low, enhance customer service, and secure a sustainable water supply to reduce reliance on wellfields. Please text with any questions or concerns. I would be honored to earn your vote.

# Commissioner Position No. 5

# Pete Hackett



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**Education:** Bachelor's in Business Administration, City University. AA, Highline College

Occupation: Global Account Manager, Dell Inc., Retired

**Statement:** Covington Water District (CWD) needs new ideas and new water sources to protect and care for the environment from where CDW draws its water, especially Lake Sawyer and the Green River watershed. We need someone with real world experience in negotiations, supply chain, and business relationships. Pete is that person.

With over 24 years of experience at Dell, selling over \$1B of products and services to many of the Seattle area's largest companies, Pete's experience in forecasting, budgeting, global supply chains, services, and complex negotiations gives him the tools to lead with accountability and efficiency. Pete has also served for 15 years as finance lead on the board of TurningPoint Community Church.

Pete is running for CWD Commissioner to help ensure our communities continue to receive clean, affordable water with minimal environmental impact. Pete believes in collaboration with customers, cities, county, tribal nations, and suppliers to protect our water future.

# David Brent Roselle



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Education: Kent Meridian 1973 graduate.

Occupation: Retired City of Auburn engineering dept.

Statement: As your Covington Water District Commissioner, I've worked to limit rate increases and keep service reliable through strong leadership and community-focused planning. With over 41 years in the water industry, including work at the City of Auburn's engineering department and a certified Water Distribution Manager, I bring deep expertise to every decision.

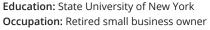
When elected to the board, Covington had some of the highest water rates in Washington. Since then, we've gone nine years without a rate increase. This was achieved by balancing the budget, streamlining operations, and partnering closely with staff to improve transparency and efficiency.

As the district grows, my priority is to secure long-term, sustainable water supply solutions that keep rates affordable while ensuring safe, high-quality drinking water. I'm committed to protecting the values that matter to our community: reliability, affordability, and trust. I'd be honored to earn your vote and continue serving with experience, accountability, and results.



# Dan Johnson

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

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.



# Jeff Crompe

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**Education:** Seattle University

Occupation: Retired

**Statement:** I was appointed to this vacant 6-year term in May of 2025. Per State requirement, I must participate in this 2025 General Election to fulfill the remaining 4 years of this term.

I submitted my name initially and participate in this election solely for the purpose of serving my community in this capacity for the next 4 years.

Des Moines is a great little town and to be involved in its present and future with the Water District is quite an honor. I just completed 6 years as Chairman of the Des Moines Senior Advisory Group, have run numerous fundraisers over the past decade for non-profits and charities, currently manage the Angelo's Shamrocks Men's Over 60 Soccer Team as well as organizing Reunions for my Class from Kennedy HS.



# Commissioner Position No. 2

# Kris Van Gasken



**Education:** Bachelor's in Geology with Teacher Certification, University of Washington

Occupation: Executive Director, Des Moines Area Food Bank

**Statement:** It has been an honor to serve as Water Commissioner for the last 7 years. A 4th generation Des Moines resident who believes in community service, I am the director of the local food bank and am on the Des Moines Farmers Market board of directors.

During my time as a commissioner, I have learned a great deal about our district operations and what matters to our customers. In the last 2 years, our board and staff have completed an update of the10-year plan for the district, which looks at potential infrastructure improvements, our daily routine, and our water capacity for the future. I enjoy talking to community members about our water and have been able to bring feedback from customers directly to the board.

I ask for your vote to continue the work of providing our community with access to high quality water.



# Pete Eberle



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**Education:** Issaquah High School and Calhoon MEBA School of Marine Engineering

**Occupation:** Marine Chief Engineer aboard State of Alaska Passenger Ferries

Statement: I have been a resident of unincorporated King County within the service area of Water District 90 for 66 years. I have watched the community grow over the years and am very aware of the challenges that face our community. I have worked with several community groups that promote Community engagement with local governments and service providers.

I was first elected to King County Water District–90 Board of Directors in 2019 and have completed my first 6 year term. I look at our board as a team that works with management to give our customers the best service for the current rates charged. I also believe in keeping our systems and infrastructure in the best condition possible to provide resilience and reliable service. We have a duty to our community to lead these efforts. Of course we couldn't do all of this without public support.

# King County Water District No. 125



# Commissioner Position No. 2

# Leebue Maidesil



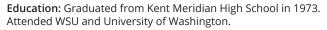
**Education:** No information submitted. **Occupation:** No information submitted.

**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.



# Jeff Barber





**Occupation:** Worked for Baugh/Skanska for 45 years. Retired May 2016.

Statement: I have been an appointed commissioner for the past year and a half. Prior to that I have attended most of the meetings as a concerned citizen for the past 5 years. While attending the meetings as a citizen I observed a very coordinated relationship between the commissioners and water district management. I am continuing that relationship as an appointed commissioner. I will always listen to concerns of our costumers. I have been watchful of our fees, spending, infrastructure maintenance, and improvements.



## Commissioner Position No. 3

# Shari Ann Snelling

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**Education:** Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees in English Literature, California State University Northridge

Occupation: District Clerk, Water Utility District

**Statement:** I'm a Midwesterner by birth, a Washingtonian by choice, making my home and going to work every day in Kent. Like you, I am a customer of Lake Meridian Water District. Like you, I care about the quality of our drinking water and how much we pay for it.

I have worked in water districts almost as long as I have lived in Kent. My career with neighboring water districts has given me a deep understanding of Lake Meridian Water District's history, what it takes to provide us with clean, affordable water, and the unique challenges Lake Meridian Water District faces in the future.

As your Commissioner I will use my experience in the water utility industry to provide informed, knowledgeable leadership, keep communication open between the District and the people it serves, and work hard to keep our rates affordable. I would be honored to receive your vote.

# Jason L. Mitchell



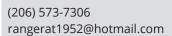
(206) 304-9458 mitchelljl0004@gmail.com

**Education:** Bachelor of Accounting, Master of Business Administration **Occupation:** Local Business Owner (Kent Bowl), former health system finance leader

Statement: As a long-time Kent resident, Water District customer, and current Commissioner for the Lake Meridian Water District, I respectfully ask for your vote to retain my seat on the Board. With over 18 years in the community and a professional background as a CPA and finance leader, I bring extensive experience in financial oversight, long-term planning, and capital project management. Since my appointment to the Board in February 2025, I have focused on ensuring the District remains financially strong while continuing to provide reliable, high-quality water service. My fresh perspective and commitment to asking the right questions have helped the District better serve its customers. I believe in transparent leadership and integrity and am dedicated to maintaining low rates and excellent service while planning wisely for the future. I would be honored to continue representing you in helping to guide the District forward.



# **Gregg MacDonald**



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

**Statement:** My family and I have been residents of the Cedar river Water/Sewer district since 1979. I studied at Bellevue College with an emphasis in urban planning and public administration.

I was employed with a local municipality for 35 years in the sanitary sewer and storm drainage water quality division until my retirement in 2013. I have continued to work in retirement with part-time and volunteer work.

As a commissioner I will bring a solid understanding of water/sewer practices and procedures allowing the commissioners to take on issues and achieve equitable solutions. I would be honored to be an active member of the commission and to serve the community. I have very good public relations skills and would sincerely appreciate your vote of confidence going forward. *Thank you*.



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Education: University of Oregon

**Occupation:** Former Transportation Manager and Small Business Owner

Statement: I was appointed to the Cedar River Water and Sewer District Commissioners in 2024, and currently serve as their President. I believe that retaining me as a Commissioner will maintain the continuity and positive working relationships I have already built within the District. My prior experiences as a five-year appointed

years as an elected Kent City Councilman, has made me realize the need of always having a "vision" for the future.

Awareness of potential growth requires long-term planning, and knowledge of the capacity required by the District to maintain the quality of life, services and sustainability that we currently provide. With fiscal responsibility in mind, I aim to find alternative funding resources other than increased customer service rates. I will listen to and work diligently for you. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

member of the Kent Land Use and Planning Board followed by eight







# 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.



# 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

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.

# **Valley View Sewer District**



# 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.



# Juan Juarez

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**Education:** Pursuing B.S. in Communications, Western Governors University

**Occupation:** Communications, Washington State Legislature; Speech and Debate Coach

Statement: Proven leadership for the essential services your family depends on. Juan Juarez's experience in communications, public outreach, and community service as Chairman of the Federal Way Youth Commission has prepared him to serve you effectively as Lakehaven Water and Sewer Commissioner. Juan will continue Lakehaven's tradition of careful financial stewardship while making strategic, data driven infrastructure investments that deliver clean water and reliable service without breaking the bank.

His experience in speech and debate and public affairs has sharpened his ability to advocate effectively for policies that benefit our communities. He understands responsible stewardship of public resources and evidence-based decision making. Juan has earned the trust of experienced leaders who understand good governance.

With his communications experience, bilingual capabilities, and dedication to transparent representation, Juan is ready to ensure Lakehaven continues providing reliable, affordable service through practical, phased improvements. Juan is ready, qualified and committed to serve as your next Lakehaven Commissioner. His proven public service experience, communication skills, and dedication to transparency provide the skill set needed to ensure reliable service and fiscal responsibility. Vote Juan Juarez for Lakehaven Commissioner.

Endorsed by Current Commissioner Leonard Englund, City Council President Linda Kochmar, and more!

# Travis Baker

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Education: The Art Institute of Seattle - AA in Computer Animation

Occupation: Creative Director - Double Z Media

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grammar, or fact check candidate and measure statements.

Statement: Hello, Federal Way!

My name is Travis Baker, and I'm proud to be running for Water and Sewer Commissioner. As a longtime resident of Federal Way, I care deeply about the health, safety, and future of our community.

I'm a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, and I attended both Highline and Green River Community Colleges before earning my degree in Computer Animation from the Art Institute of Seattle. For over 20 years, I've lived in the Twin Lakes area and successfully operated my own design and marketing business.

Why am I running? Because I believe the health of our community and environment depends on the strength of our infrastructure—and right now, critical updates are being made to our aging water and sewer systems. We need clear communication, transparency, and public awareness about these changes. With my background in marketing and public outreach, I'm ready to engage our community through informative mailers, educational events, and a dedicated website to keep residents informed and involved. Let's protect the future of Federal Way—together. I would be honored to earn your vote. Sincerely, Travis Baker Candidate for Water and Sewer Commissioner



# Laura Belvin





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

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

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

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

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

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

# Daniel Kukhar



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**Education:** No information submitted. **Occupation:** President, Kukhr's Build Inc

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



# Donald L. Henry

No photo submitted

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No statement submitted.

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# Alan Eades



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**Education:** Associate in Arts Degree; Water Distribution Manager Certification; Wastewater Collection Systems Certification; numerous additional certifications

**Occupation:** Semi-retired; former Operations Manager, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District

**Statement:** Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. It has been my pleasure to serve the community as your commissioner and I look forward to continuing to serve in this capacity.

During my tenure, the board of commissioners and district staff have been working together to secure our future water supply, manage resources effectively, and streamline operations. We have been busy securing our future water supply by signing a new contract with Seattle Public Utilities that will take us decades into the future. We also have been replacing aging infrastructure and modernizing operations to serve generations to come.

For the next term, I am focused on improving efficiency while preserving the safety, reliability, and affordability of our water and sewer services. With the challenge of continued regional growth and tightening environmental regulations, we will need to stay agile and forward-thinking. I have full confidence in our experienced team of fellow commissioners, dedicated Soos Creek staff, and regional partners, that these challenges can and will be met effectively with our shared commitment to the district's long-term success.

I appreciate your continued support and the opportunity to keep serving our community.



## Commissioner Position No. 3

# Kevin A. Fuhrer



**Education:** Bachelor of Science - Accounting, Central Washington University and currently licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Occupation: Utility Finance Director - Retired

**Statement:** As an essential public health and service agency, the overarching goal of the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District is to provide you with safe drinking water and reliable sanitary sewer service. More simply put, to give you peace of mind that everything will flow as it should when you turn the faucet or push the flush handle.

To that end and to fulfill the responsibilities of this office, I remain committed to supporting policies and actions which promote fair and equitable rates, efficient and effective operations, responsible infrastructure investment and reinvestment, and sound financial management.

In closing, it has been an honor and privilege working alongside my fellow commissioners and district staff in this critical undertaking. I look forward to continuing to serve in this role.

Thank you for your support and your vote!



# 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.



# 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



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

towards Wastewater Technology AAS.

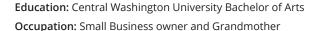
Occupation: Wastewater operator

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.



# 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.

# **Proposition No. 1**

# 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 112.



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:

Helen Chatalas
Deputy Director
(206) 263-8560
helen.chatalas@kingcounty.gov

# Statement in favor

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.

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## **Advisory Vote No. 1**

# Sale, Possession, and Discharge of Consumer Fireworks Within the City of Milton

The Milton City Council is calling for an advisory election to determine whether the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks should be prohibited within the city limits of Milton. The prohibition of the sale, possession or discharge of consumer fireworks would not affect properly licensed and permitted public displays of fireworks.

Should the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks be made illegal within the city limits of the city of Milton?

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 Advisory Vote No. 1

Requirement passage: This measure is advisory only; there is no validation requirement.

# **Explanatory statement**

Under Milton Municipal Code Chapter 8.04, the City of Milton currently allows the sale, purchase, and use of consumer fireworks within its city limits. This ballot proposition is a non-binding advisory vote that allows residents to inform the Milton City Council whether they are for or against prohibiting the sale, purchase, and use of consumer fireworks within the City of Milton. A "Yes" vote means the voter is in favor of prohibiting the sale, purchase, and use of consumer fireworks within the City of Milton. A "No" vote means the voter is in favor of continuing to allow the sale, purchase, and use of consumer fireworks within the City of Milton as laid out in Milton Municipal Code Chapter 8.04. The outcome of this advisory vote will provide input to the Milton City Council in its decisionmaking process to evaluate whether to modify the City's existing law, which currently allows the sale, purchase, and use of consumer fireworks in the city limits of City of Milton.

## For questions about this measure, contact:

Trisha Summers
City Clerk
(253) 517-2705
tsummers@cityofmilton.net

# Statement in favor

Kristi Ceder neighborsforpeacefulholidays@gmail.com

Yes to banning fireworks.

The sound of bombs and guns is traumatic for many neighbors, including veterans. The bangs, booms, and whistles of fireworks cause anxiety for our pets and wildlife. The barrage of noise disrupts life for working people, ill people, babies and children, and elderly people. Injuries, fires, pollution, and litter are all part of fireworks.

We can show compassion for those impacted by war or violence. We care about all living creatures and do not wish to cause suffering. We want our neighbors to enjoy the peace of our city without losing sleep. We do not need to risk tragedy and poison our environment. A clear rule helps our police protect us by establishing a standard that is fair, consistent, and enforceable.

We can celebrate the freedom of a country that allows expression and individual rights while we respect one another enough to refrain from causing harm.

# **Statement in opposition**

Bruce White, Ronald Berger, Daniel Hull bruce@friendsofbruce.us

Stand up for freedom, tradition, and our community—vote *No* on the proposed fireworks ban within Milton city limits. Let's send a clear message to our city leaders: we won't let a blanket ban extinguish our right to celebrate the 4th of July, America's Independence Day, with the joy and brilliance of fireworks. President John Adams envisioned this holiday ablaze with "pomp and parade... bonfires and illuminations" across the nation—a tradition we've cherished since our founding. Will we let Milton snuff out this historic celebration?

Fireworks do more than celebrate our independence—they strengthen Milton. Local nonprofits depend on firework sales to fund vital programs, boosting our economy and community spirit. These aren't dangerous aerial displays, which are already illegal and available just outside city limits, but safe, family-friendly options that make our celebrations memorable.

Milton's current law— "If it goes up, or blows up, it's illegal"—has never been enforced, with zero tickets issued. Before adding harsher restrictions, let's enforce the rules we already have. A total ban on safe and sane fireworks would rob families and children of joyful traditions, dimming our community's spirit. Vote No to protect our heritage, support our nonprofits, and keep Milton vibrant!

### Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Traditions that matter are neighborly and respectful relationships in a community that cares for its members. Vibrant joy is wonderful until it causes harm. Our Constitution and laws are meant to protect us from harm, not allow us to inflict it.

Law-abiding people try to follow the law. The current fireworks restriction is difficult to enforce and too cute to take seriously. We need to be clear that Milton is a no-fireworks city.

#### Rebuttal of statement in favor

Thousands of Milton citizens joyfully celebrate Independence Day with fireworks annually, upholding a patriotic tradition. In 2024, only about 14,700 ER-treated injuries occurred nationwide (<0.005% of the U.S. population), mostly preventable through education.

Fireworks' brief noise may disturb veterans, pets, and wildlife, and cause temporary air pollution and litter. These manageable impacts can be addressed by enforcing existing laws, promoting safe, lownoise options, and guiding pet owners on calming techniques. Preserve our heritage—vote *No!* 

# **Proposition No. 1**

# School Construction and Replacement Bonds

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 has approved Resolution 1408, concerning a proposition to finance construction of new and replacement schools. This proposition would authorize the District to provide funds to construct a new Middle School and replacements for Cascade Middle School and Alpac Elementary, in order to increase capacity and reduce class sizes, modernize technology and learning environments, improve safety and security, and renovate playfields for student and community use, by issuing up to \$490,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years, and levying annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as the resolution provides.

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: 60% yes vote and a minimum turnout of 40% of voters casting ballots in last general election (Washington Constitution, art. VII, sec. 2(b))

# **Explanatory statement**

Passage of Proposition 1 enables Auburn School District to finance the construction of new and replacement schools by issuing up to \$490,000,000 of general obligation bonds. If voters approve this proposition, the District will use the bond proceeds to (1) construct and equip a new Middle School #5, (2) construct and equip a new middle school with enlarged capacity to replace Cascade Middle School, and (3) construct and equip a new elementary school with enlarged capacity to replace Alpac Elementary School. These projects will increase school capacity and reduce class sizes, modernize technology and student learning environments, improve safety and security, and improve and expand playfields and athletic facilities for student and community use.

If voters approve this proposition, the District expects to receive approximately \$26,000,000 in construction assistance funds from the State to complete these projects. The bonds will mature within 20 years and be repaid from annual excess property tax levies. Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates the excess levy rate to average \$1.04 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

A property tax exemption may be available to senior or disabled homeowners who meet specified income limits. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-3920.

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

Cindi Blansfield

Associate Superintendent (253) 931-4930 2025election@auburn.wednet.edu

# Statement in favor

Jason Wright, Cary Manry

We urge a *Yes vote* on this bond to build a new middle school and replace Cascade Middle School and Alpac Elementary. Over *900 middle school students are currently learning in portables*, and Alpac requires ongoing, costly repairs. Our students need safe, modern schools to succeed.

This bond is a *smart, responsible investment*. The Auburn School District has a strong record of *on-time, on-budget construction* and has managed finances carefully by *retiring debt*—keeping the tax impact low.

The projected cost is \$1.04 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about \$47.66 per month for a \$550,000 home.

Auburn voters have consistently supported education, and our community has seen the benefits. With no long-term plan from the state to fully fund school construction, it's up to us to act. Let's continue investing in our kids and our community. Vote Yes to build the schools our students deserve.

# **Statement in opposition**

Yuval Fleming

Auburn School District is a great asset to the Auburn community, teachers and support staff work tirelessly to provide a quality education to the students they serve. Well-funded schools are critical to economic prosperity a student achievement.

However, now is not the right time to take out a \$500 million bond for school construction. Interest rates are at record highs and our community faces an affordability crises. This bond would cost the average homeowner \$12,000 over the course of 20 years. Student enrollment is extremely difficult to forecast, population growth in Auburn has plateaued in recent years and new restrictions on immigration at the federal level could significantly decrease student enrollment making it unnecessary to build new schools.

This is not a prudent allocation of scarce resources as none of this revenue would be used to increase teacher pay or decrease class size the two most impactful instruments to improve student achievement.

Lastly, the State of Washington should provide funding for school construction, continuing to rely on regressive property taxes is not equitable or sustainable and places an unfair financial burden on the working class and less affluent communities.

## Rebuttal of statement in opposition

While interest rates are high, delaying school construction will cost more due to inflation and aging facilities. Auburn middle schools are over capacity and Cascade MS is severely outdated — needs state funding does not meet.

Bond funds can't raise salaries, but safe, modern classrooms boost learning. Property taxes aren't perfect, yet they're the most direct way to invest in our children today. Waiting risks higher costs and diminished educational quality for current and future students.

#### Rebuttal of statement in favor

No statement submitted.

### **Proposition No. 2**

# Safety, Security, Facility Improvements, and Technology Replacement Levy

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1409 concerning a proposition to fund safety, security, technology and capital improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to replace an expiring levy by levying the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District, to provide funds for Districtwide facilities improvements, including safety and security improvements, technology system upgrades, and building and infrastructure renovations:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$0.77	\$17,144,318
2027	\$0.77	\$17,658,648
2028	\$0.77	\$18,188,408
2029	\$0.77	\$18,734,060
2030	\$0.77	\$19,296,082
2031	\$0.77	\$19,778,484

as provided in Resolution No. 1409. 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 enables Auburn School District to fund safety, security, and capital improvements throughout the District and will replace the expiring technology levy with a sixyear levy. If voters approve this proposition, the District will use the funds to make Districtwide improvements including: (1) safety and security improvements, including upgraded and expanded security camera systems, secured building entries and access controls, intrusion alarms, fencing, and exterior lighting; (2) upgrades to technology systems, including modernized computer infrastructure, new computers and technology devices for students and staff, enhanced cybersecurity protections, assistive technology, vape detection, and digital safety curriculum; (3) building improvements, including major repairs, ADA improvements, seismic upgrades, roofing, paving, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, flooring, and electrical and plumbing system upgrades; and (4) energy conservation improvements.

The proposed levy will authorize collection of annual excess property taxes of between \$17,144,318 and \$19,778,484 from 2026 through 2031, for a maximum six-year total of \$110,800,000. Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates the excess property tax rate to be approximately \$0.77 per \$1,000 of assessed value for each year of the six-year levy.

A property tax exemption may be available to senior or disabled homeowners who meet specified income limits. For information regarding exemptions, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-3920.

## For questions about this measure, contact:

**Cindi Blansfield** Associate Superintendent

(253) 931-4930 2025election@auburn.wednet.edu

# Statement in favor

Jason Wright, Carry Manry

A community-led Citizen's Ad Hoc Committee—made up of parents, staff, and students—carefully reviewed Auburn's technology and safety needs. This *replacement* levy directly reflects the *top priorities* identified through their work and community surveys.

This levy will replace the expiring technology levy and fund *critical safety upgrades* in every school, including secure entry vestibules for older buildings, card-access systems, fencing, lighting, vape detectors, and security cameras. It will also ensure students continue to have 1:1 technology access, and fund specialized devices to support the communication and learning needs of students with disabilities.

In today's world, technology and safety are not luxuries—they're essentials. This levy provides the tools and protections all students need to thrive and that the state simply doesn't fully fund.

We've come together as a community to define what our kids need. Now we must act. *Vote Yes for safer schools. Vote Yes for equal access to learning. Vote Yes to keep Auburn's schools strong and secure.* 

# **Statement in opposition**

Yuval Fleming

No statement submitted.

# **Proposition No. 1**

# 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:

Andrew Burgess Controller (206) 631-3201 Andrew.burgess@highlineschools.org

# Statement in favor

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.

# **Proposition No. 1**

# 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

### Statement in favor

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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### **Proposition No. 2**

# 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:

### Randy Matheson

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

### Statement in favor

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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# **Proposition No. 1**

# **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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# Statement in favor

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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.

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.

#### Full text of Ordinance No. 19950

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:

<u>PROPOSITION ONE</u>: The King County Council adopted Ordinance \_\_\_\_ concerning continuation of funding for the county-wide Medic One emergency medical services system. Should King

#### Full text of Ordinance No. 19950

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.

<u>SECTION 9.</u> **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.

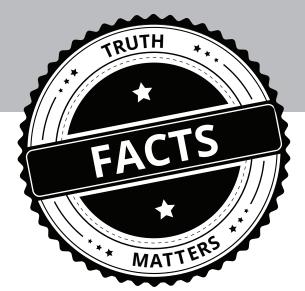
SECTION 10. **Exemption**. The additional regular property taxes authorized by this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW 84.36.381, if that statute is amended by the state legislature during the term of this levy.

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.

# **Truth Matters**

Between partisan arguments and misinformation, sometimes the path to the truth is unclear. Here are some tips for finding your way to the facts.





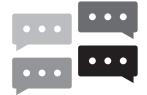
# Question the source.

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



# Think critically.

It can be helpful (especially when we feel strongly about something) to take a moment and apply curiosity to the situation. Pause to consider a few simple questions: Who is sharing this information? Why? When was it originally published? What else might be helpful for me to know?



# Seek diverse opinions.

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