

November 3, 2026 General and Special Election

King County
Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

vote!

 Your ballot will arrive by October 19

206-296-VOTE (8683) | kingcounty.gov/elections



one thing your **Election Workers** want you to know...



I wish more voters knew that it's okay to question how elections work. In fact, I wish more people would. Elections are a public process, and voters deserve to understand how their ballot gets from their hands to the final results. Ask us questions, come see us in action, and learn how it works. The more people understand the process, the more confidence we can have in it together.

Leland B.
Elections Specialist Lead



We work hard to make voting easy. From voter education in high schools to accessible voting opportunities in libraries and foodbanks, we are in community spaces across King County.

Naheed A.
Language Access and
Community Outreach
Program Supervisor



The people who make sure King County Elections are accurate, accessible, and secure are your neighbors! Collectively we've got years of training and experience, and we're dedicated to our mission. We believe that elections matter, and that your voice matters!

Devon L.
Building Services Coordinator

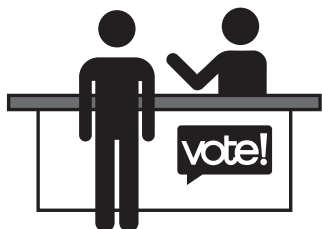


Most of the KCE staff you see during an election are well-trained temporary workers hired specifically for that election. Our core team of 72 dedicated employees can grow to more than 600 for bigger elections. Many of our temporary staff members return for several elections because of KCE's commitment to ensuring elections are accurate, secure, accessible, and transparent. I am proud of the work we all do to support the election process and our voters.

Meredith M.
Administrative Services Manager



**We're here
to help!**



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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. Check your ballot for your races and measures.

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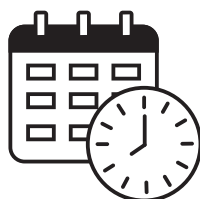
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Your vote is too important to leave until the last minute.

Vote Early!

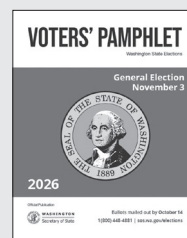
This voters' pamphlet has information about every issue and race on your ballot. Do your research, make your choices, and return your ballot to your nearest official ballot drop box as soon as possible!

Then, track your ballot every step of the way with ballot alerts via text or email. Sign up at kce.wiki/BallotAlerts



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.



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Who can register to vote?

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States,
- A legal resident of Washington state,
- At least 18 years old by election day,*
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order,
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction and,
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.



*If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a **Future Voter** and be automatically registered to vote and receive a ballot when you qualify.

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How can I register to vote?



Online

Visit VoteWA.gov to register online. Online registration for this General Election is available until **October 26**.



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 26**.



In person

Register at a Vote Center until 8 p.m. on **Election Day, November 3**. Find Vote Center hours and locations on page 7, and at kce.wiki/votecenters



Visit a Vote Center

Vote Center staff can help:

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

Vote Centers also have accessible voting units available to help voters with disabilities cast their ballots privately and independently. Learn more and make an appointment at kce.wiki/votecenters.

Everyone's Voice Matters

People who have been to jail have voting rights.
Your vote is one way to make your voice heard!



I have a misdemeanor conviction. Can I vote?

Yes!

I have a juvenile conviction. Can I vote?

Yes!

I owe court debt (LFOs). Can I vote?

Yes!

I have a felony conviction and I completed my sentence and have been released from DOC.

Can I vote?

Yes!

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!

Before you can vote, you have to be registered.



Register to vote online at **VoteWA.gov** or call King County Elections at **206-296-VOTE (8683)**.



We'll send you a voter registration form. Fill it out and mail it back to **King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057**.

How do I get my ballot?



Ballots are automatically mailed to registered voters around 3 weeks before Election Day.

You can list the detention center address as your mailing address or have a loved one forward your ballot to you. **Need help? Call us at 206-296-VOTE (8683). We will work with you and the detention center to get your ballot to you.**

Get your ballot in on time.



You don't need a stamp! But you do need to vote as early as possible. Get your ballot in the mail at least a week before Election Day.

Voting is as simple as 1-2-3

1. Do your research! This voters' pamphlet has information about the races and issues on your ballot.



2. Fill in the ovals next to your choices on your ballot.



3. Put your ballot in the return envelope, and ***don't forget to sign the back!***



How do I return my ballot?

King County has nearly 100 official ballot drop boxes around the county. Drop boxes are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day. Find a convenient drop box near you at kce.wiki/DropBox



Can I mail my ballot?

Yes! Just be sure your ballot is postmarked by Election Day. USPS recommends getting your ballot in the mail at least one week before Election Day.



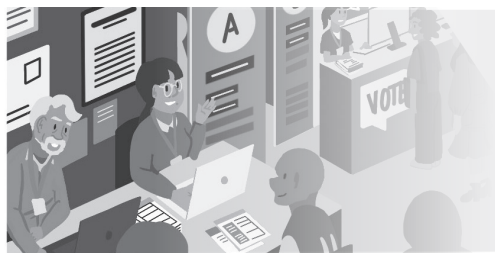
You can track your ballot through every step in the process with automatic ballot alerts. Sign up for email or text alerts at kce.wiki/BallotAlerts.



We are here to help!

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. Learn more and make an appointment at kce.wiki/votecenters.

Locations		Hours of operation
Renton	King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, 98057	Weekdays, October 14-23 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Weekdays, October 26-30 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 31 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 2 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, November 3 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue	Bellevue College Building U, Gary Locke Ballroom 3000 Landerholm Cir SE, 98007	Saturday, October 31 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 2 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Election Day, November 3 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Federal Way	Weyerhaeuser Aquatic Center Banquet Hall 650 SW Campus Dr, 98023	
Kenmore	Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028	
Kent	Green River College-Kent Campus Rooms 282 & 283 417 Ramsay Way, 98032	
Seattle	Seattle City Hall Building Bertha Knight Landes Room, Floor 1 600 4th Ave, 98104	



**Parking is free at
Renton, Bellevue,
Federal Way, Kenmore,
and Kent Vote Centers.**

Paid parking is available
at Student Engagement
Hubs and Seattle Vote
Centers.

Student Engagement Hubs

University of Washington Seattle Campus

Located in the Lyceum (Room 160) in 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 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.



2026



Vote Plan

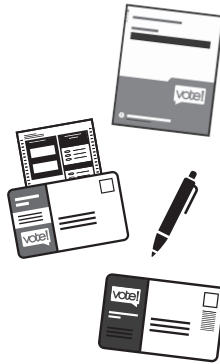
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Make your voice heard this election! Fill out your custom vote plan.
You can compare with friends and family and then share with us on social media @kcelections

Gather materials

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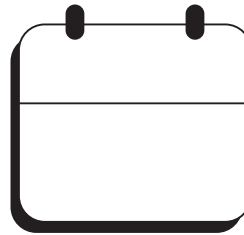
- ☐ Voters' Pamphlet
- ☐ Ballot
- ☐ Return Envelope
- ☐ Pen (any color)



Time to vote!

02

- ☐ I will mark my ballot on



How will you vote?

- ☐ By myself
- ☐ With family and/or friends
- ☐ Other (*Write below*)

Return your ballot

Election Day is November 3, 2026

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Choose one



Recommended

By official ballot drop box

- ☐ Which official ballot drop box will you use? *Write below*

Find yours at kce.wiki/DropBox



! Vote early!

By mail

- ☐ If mailing your ballot, USPS recommends mailing at least one week before Election Day.

Bonus!

We are here to help!

Scan the QR code to find information about accessible voting options in King County.

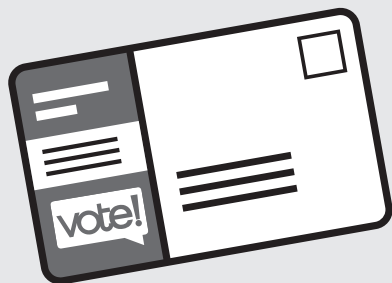


Track your ballot

Choose one

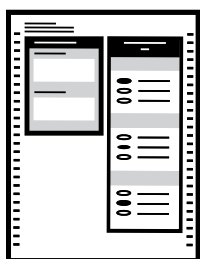
- ☐ Sign up for alerts at kce.wiki/BallotAlerts
- ☐ I am already signed up for ballot alerts, hooray!





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.



Need a replacement ballot?

If your ballot is lost or damaged, you can print a replacement from home, the library, or wherever is convenient.

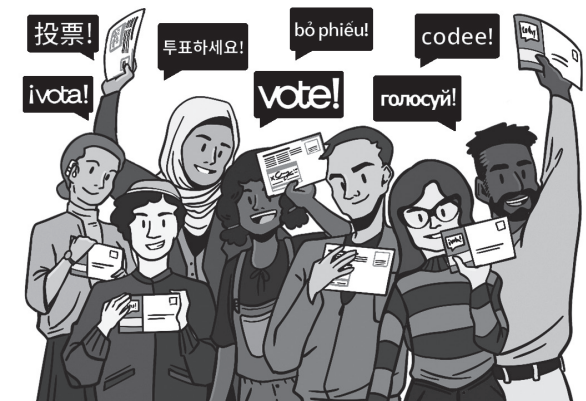


The Online Ballot Marking Program (OBMP) is available for all registered voters. It's designed to help voters with disabilities (particularly those who are blind or low vision) mark their ballots privately.



How to use the Online Ballot Marking Program

- Go to kce.wiki/obmp
- Enter your information in the form.
- Mark your ballot choices online and then print your completed ballot,
OR
- print your ballot and mark it by hand.
- Check that your ballot is marked correctly.
- Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box by 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day. If returning by mail, USPS recommends getting your ballot in the mail at least one week before Election Day. Your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day.

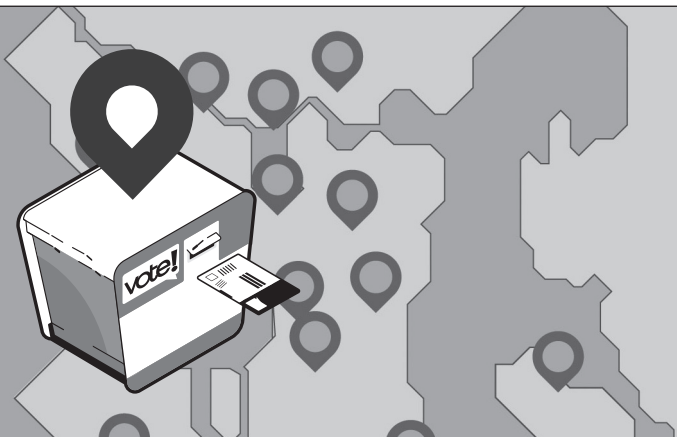


Materials available in 7 languages!



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.



King County Drop Boxes
Nearly 100 Locations!
 All drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp
 on Election Day, November 3.

Auburn

Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002

Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th St NE, 98002

NEW Auburn Valley YMCA, 1620 Perimeter Rd SW, 98001

* Green River College (across from the Trade Technologies Building on SE 320th St), 12401 SE 320th St, 98092

* Muckleshoot Community Center, 17432 SE 392nd St, 98092

Bellevue

NEW * Bellevue College (in parking lot 1A), 3000 Landerholm Cir SE, 98007

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

NEW Des Moines Municipal Court, 21630 11th Ave S, 98198

* Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S), 2400 S 240th St, 98198

Duvall

* Duvall Police Department - Depot Park, 26225 NE Burhen Way, 98019

Enumclaw

Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022

Fall City

Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024

Federal Way

Federal Way 320th Library, 848 S 320th St, 98003

Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003

* Safeway Star Lake, 28810 Military Rd S, 98003

Issaquah

Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset Way, 98027

Kenmore

Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028

Kent

Kent Panther Lake Library, 20500 108th Ave SE, 98031

Kent YMCA, 10828 SE 248th St, 98030

Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032

NEW Safeway Kent Kangley, 13101 SE Kent-Kangley Rd, 98030

Kirkland

Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034

* Kirkland City Hall, 120 3rd Ave, 98033

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

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
Ravensdale
NEW Ravensdale Park, 27200 SE Kent Kangley Rd, 98051 <i>Parking lot east of Field 4, across 272nd Ave SE from the U.S. Post Office.</i>
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 <i>The drop box is located two blocks from King County Elections and can be easier to get to during high-traffic times.</i> * Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056
Sammamish
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075 South Sammamish Park & Ride, 3015 228th Ave SE, 98075
SeaTac
Angle Lake Transit Station, 19955 28th Ave S, 98188 Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188
Shoreline
Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St, 98155 Shoreline Park & Ride, 18821 Aurora Ave N, 98133

Skykomish
NEW Skykomish Community Center, 114 W Railroad Ave N, 98288
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
Belltown
NEW Belltown, 2208 4th Ave, 98121
Broadview/Greenwood
Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133
Bryn Mawr-Skyway
Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178
Capitol Hill
Seattle Central College (northeast corner of the Broadway-Edison Building), 1701 Broadway, 98122
Central District
12th & Cherry, 1223 E Cherry St, 98122 Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122
Chinatown/International District
Uwajimaya, 713 6th Ave S, 98104

Columbia City
Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118
Crown Hill
Safeway Crown Hill (corner of NW 83rd St and Mary Ave NW), 8340 15th Ave NW, 98117
Downtown
King Street Box (near the Kingdome Deli), Corner of 2nd Ave S and S King St, 98104
NEW Seattle Central Library, 1000 4th Ave, 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
NEW Northgate Library, 10548 5th Ave NE, 98125
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

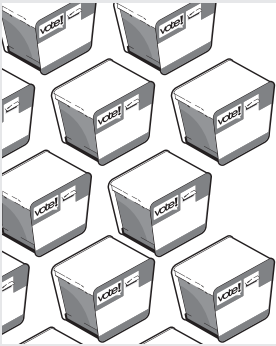
Uptown
Metropolitan Market - Queen Anne, Corner of 1st Ave N and Mercer St, 98109
West Seattle/Delridge
Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116
High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126
Morgan Junction Park, 6401 California Ave SW, 98136
South Seattle College (at the entrance of the Robert Smith Building), 6000 16th Ave SW, 98106
White Center
NEW Steve Cox Memorial Park, 1321 SW 102nd St, 98146 <i>The drop box formerly at White Center Library has moved to Steve Cox Memorial Park.</i>

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

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.



Official Ballot Drop Box FAQ



How many official ballot drop boxes are in King County?

We now have nearly 100 official ballot drop boxes across the county.

Is there an official ballot drop box near me?

Yes! You can find the 3 official ballot drop boxes nearest to you on the insert that comes with your ballot.

In King County, more than 97% of active voters are within 3 miles of an official ballot drop box. A full list of all official ballot drop boxes is available at kce.wiki/DropBox.



Who can deliver ballots to an official ballot drop box?

Under Washington state law, anyone can deliver ballots to a drop box! We recommend delivering your own ballot, or only allowing someone you trust with your vote to deliver it.



How will I know my ballot is safe and will be counted?

King County's official ballot drop boxes weigh 1,000 pounds and are secured in concrete with heavy gauge steel screws. The boxes have no pry points and the ballot return slot is specifically designed to fit a ballot and not much else.

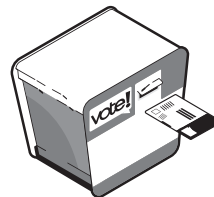
Boxes are equipped with fire suppressant systems and monitoring systems that provide real-time data if a drop box is accessed or tampered with.

Drop boxes are regularly emptied by trained staff during the voting period, in teams of two. On Election Night, trained teams of Elections staff in branded safety vests and aprons are on site to assist voters and to close and lock the drop boxes promptly at 8:00 p.m. sharp.



When are official ballot drop boxes open?

Official ballot drop boxes open the day after ballots are mailed, and remain open 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. sharp on Election Night.



Track your ballot with Ballot Alerts!

We recommend you track your ballot at kce.wiki/BallotAlerts to watch its progress as it moves through the system. You can also sign up for ballot alerts to receive automatic text or email alerts as your ballot is processed and counted.

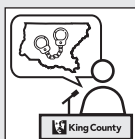


About Washington's November General

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 (2026):
\$264,745

Serves for 4 years

Prosecuting Attorney

Serves as the county's lawyer, and prosecutes misdemeanor and felony criminal cases.

Elected by voters in King County



Salary (2026):
\$241,096

Serves for 4 years

Assessor

Sets property values for county property taxes.

Elected by voters in King County



Salary (2026):
\$241,096

Serves for 4 years

Director of Elections

Runs elections, including voter registration, counting ballots, and providing election results.

Elected by voters in King County



Salary (2026):
\$187,547

Serves for 4 years

Metropolitan King County Councilmember

Makes laws and adopts county budget.

Elected by voters in King County Council District

JUDICIAL



Salary (2026):
\$226,096

Serves for 4 years

District Court Judge

Hears and decides misdemeanor criminal cases, small claims, traffic cases, and protection orders.

Elected by voters in the electoral district

CITY



Salary (2026):
\$166,058

Serves for an unexpired 1-year term

City of Seattle Councilmember

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

Elected by voters in the City of Seattle



Salary (2026):
\$214,791

Serves for 4 years

Seattle Municipal Court Judge

Hears and decides misdemeanor cases for the City of Seattle.

Elected by voters in the City of Seattle



Who donates to campaigns?

View information on financial contributors for federal candidates:

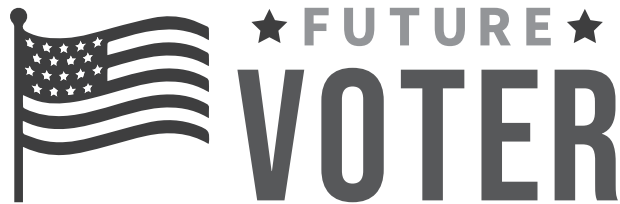
Federal Election Commission

www.fec.gov | Toll Free 1 (800) 424-9530

View financial contributors for candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov | Toll Free 1 (877) 601-2828



Pre-register to vote

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

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

Audits and Quality Control

Our team conducts several tests before, during, and after each election to ensure all votes are being counted accurately.



Logic & Accuracy Test

Conducted about three weeks before the election, the Logic & Accuracy test uses test ballots and a set of expected results to ensure the tabulation equipment is reading votes correctly.



Random Batch Audit

On the Thursday after Election Day, six batches of ballots are selected at random and hand counted to ensure the tabulation equipment continues to read votes as it should.



Risk Limiting Audit

Conducted between Election Day and certification, this auditing system checks a random sample of ballots to reach statistical confidence in the results of the election.



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



Prosecuting Attorney

Leesa Manion

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Education: JD, Seattle University School of Law; BA, Northern Kentucky University

Occupation: King County Prosecutor; formerly Chief of Staff and Deputy Prosecutor

Statement: As King County's first woman and first person of color to serve as Prosecutor, I have spent the past four years fulfilling my promise to keep our neighborhoods safe, reduce property crime, and protect survivors and the most vulnerable. Keeping that commitment requires proven vision, hands-on leadership and experience – qualities I possess and have strengthened since entering office.

Under my leadership, the Prosecutor's Office prosecutes violent crimes, sexual assaults, and property crimes daily. Since my election, I have expanded support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, invested in alternative sentencing for veterans, youth, and individuals facing behavioral health and addiction challenges, and prioritized juvenile justice reform.

My commitment to reducing gun violence shows in a nearly 50% reduction in gun homicides since 2023. I also worked to enact Washington's strongest Extreme Risk Protection Order policies, a statewide ban on high-capacity magazines and ghost guns, and tools that help law enforcement track weapons used in crime.

I am proud of the work accomplished over the past four years: developing fair and effective criminal justice policies and reforms, leading a team of nearly 600 professionals, building trusted partnerships with law enforcement, public defenders, business and community leaders, and advocates for equity and justice. There is still important work to do, and I am ready to continue to ensure that our county is safe for everyone.

I am proudly endorsed by former Governors Gary Locke and Christine Gregoire; Executive Girmay Zahilay; former Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell; the Alliance for Gun Responsibility; labor unions, King County Democrat organizations; dozens of county and city leaders; retired justices; and former U.S. Attorneys.



Assessor

Rob Foxcurran



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Education: University of Washington, B.A.; Certified General Real Estate Appraiser; Seattle Public Schools graduate

Occupation: Senior Appraiser, City of Seattle; Former King County Hearing Examiner

Statement: The Assessor's office touches every person's ability to stay in their home. Rising property taxes are pushing homeowners, renters, and small businesses out of their communities, and too many people don't trust that the system is treating them fairly. King County needs an accurate, fair, and transparent Assessor's office that works for everyone.

I'm a fifth-generation Seattleite and the only candidate in this race who has actually done the valuation work this office depends on. As Senior Appraiser for the City of Seattle, I appraise public properties daily, ensuring real estate decisions serve the public interest. My career has included commercial valuation in the private sector. Serving as a Hearing Examiner on the King County Board of Appeals and Equalization, I've sat across the table from homeowners fighting to stay in their communities while corporate landowners brought teams of experts to secure tax reductions. I understand both sides of this system.

I've lived in income-restricted housing. I know what financial pressure looks like from the inside, and it's why I'm a proud PROTEC17 shop steward.

I'll bring real relief for homeowners and renters, and transparency and accountability to a system many people don't fully understand. In Olympia, I'll push to establish homestead protections for primary residences to help homeowners manage rising costs, and create a renter's tax credit to give tenants relief from rising housing costs as well.

I'm proud to be endorsed by the Seattle Times, the Stranger, King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, Chief Deputy Assessor Al Dams, King County Councilmembers Claudia Balducci, Sarah Perry, and Rhonda Lewis, King County Democrats, eleven legislative district Democratic organizations, Seattle Councilmembers Eddie Lin and Dionne Foster, multiple labor unions, and Danny Hagen, President of the Washington State Association of County Assessors, among others. They trust my professional expertise to lead this department.

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Education: B.A. Criminal Justice, Washington State University

Occupation: Small Family Business Owner, CAPR King County Chapter President

Statement: The King County Assessor is far more than an appraiser—it's absolutely a leadership role, of one of the largest public offices affecting every property owner. While the office does employ appraisal staff, the Assessor's responsibility ensures the entire system operates transparently, consistently, fairly, and in accordance with the law.

I have studied our property tax system from the taxpayers perspective, analyzing assessment data, researching mass appraisal practices, public records requests, appealing assessments, reviewing BoE decisions, and developed comprehensive audit proposals identifying significant areas for reform. That experience gives me something many candidates cannot claim: a taxpayer's perspective on how the system actually functions in practice.

My campaign isn't about making minor adjustments to the status quo. It's about pursuing meaningful, system-wide reforms that protect taxpayers, strengthen property rights, ensures due process and helps ensure people aren't taxed out of their homes.

Government should be judged by results—not intentions. Our current assessment system is required to produce fair and uniform assessments, but if that system does not produce the results required by law, we have a responsibility to examine it honestly, measure its performance, and improve it.

Property owners deserve information they can understand. They deserve parcel-specific breakdowns on their individual property valuations—not simply a final number. They deserve due process, timely appeals and logical evidentiary standards, and should never need to become valuation experts or pay for professional help, simply to challenge their assessment.

I'm a King County resident, small business owner, and President of the King County CAPR chapter. I'm not a politician. Government works best being fully transparent and accountable, and we demand fiscal responsibility. I will continue to work relentlessly to change the status quo, strengthen taxpayer protections, and advocate for significant reforms that restore fairness and accountability in one of King County's most important public offices.



Director of Elections

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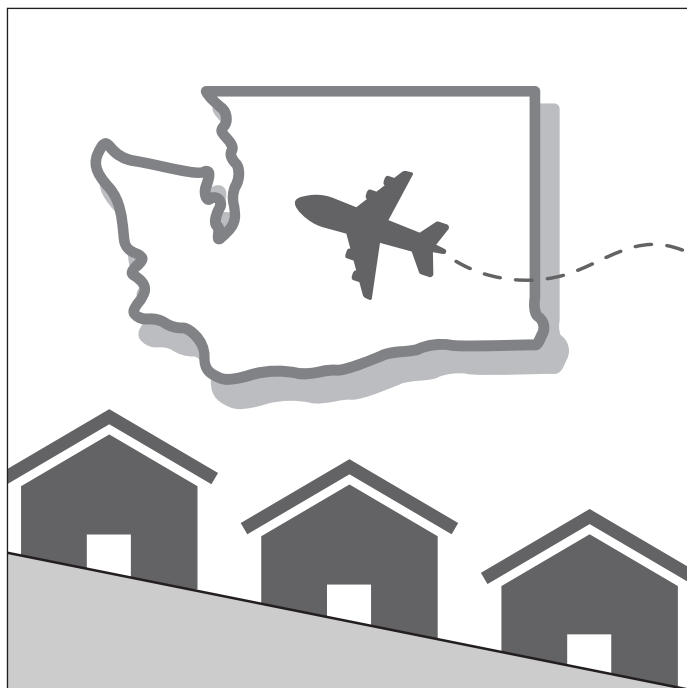
Occupation: Current King County Director of Elections, 26-year election administrator, farmer

Statement: Thank you for entrusting me to lead the Department of Elections for the past decade. In that time, we have added more than 80 secure ballot drop boxes, in-person voting centers, election materials in four new languages, ballot alerts, and new layers of physical and cybersecurity. We have also implemented national award-winning programs like the Voter Education Fund, our Civic Engagement Internship, and a robust Bipartisan Observer Program.

My parents instilled a sense of responsibility in my sister and me to contribute to our community and serve a greater purpose. In fact, it was when my father was running for Mayor of Enumclaw that I saw and applied for a job at the Department of Elections, twenty-six years ago. I fell in love with the work – ensuring every eligible voter could have their voice heard and working to protect one of our most critical institutions.

I remain just as passionate and committed today to improving our voting experience and maintaining a steadfast, transparent, and nonpartisan elections department. From Olympia to D.C., I will continue to advocate to ensure every person has meaningful access to their right to vote.

Thank you for voting!



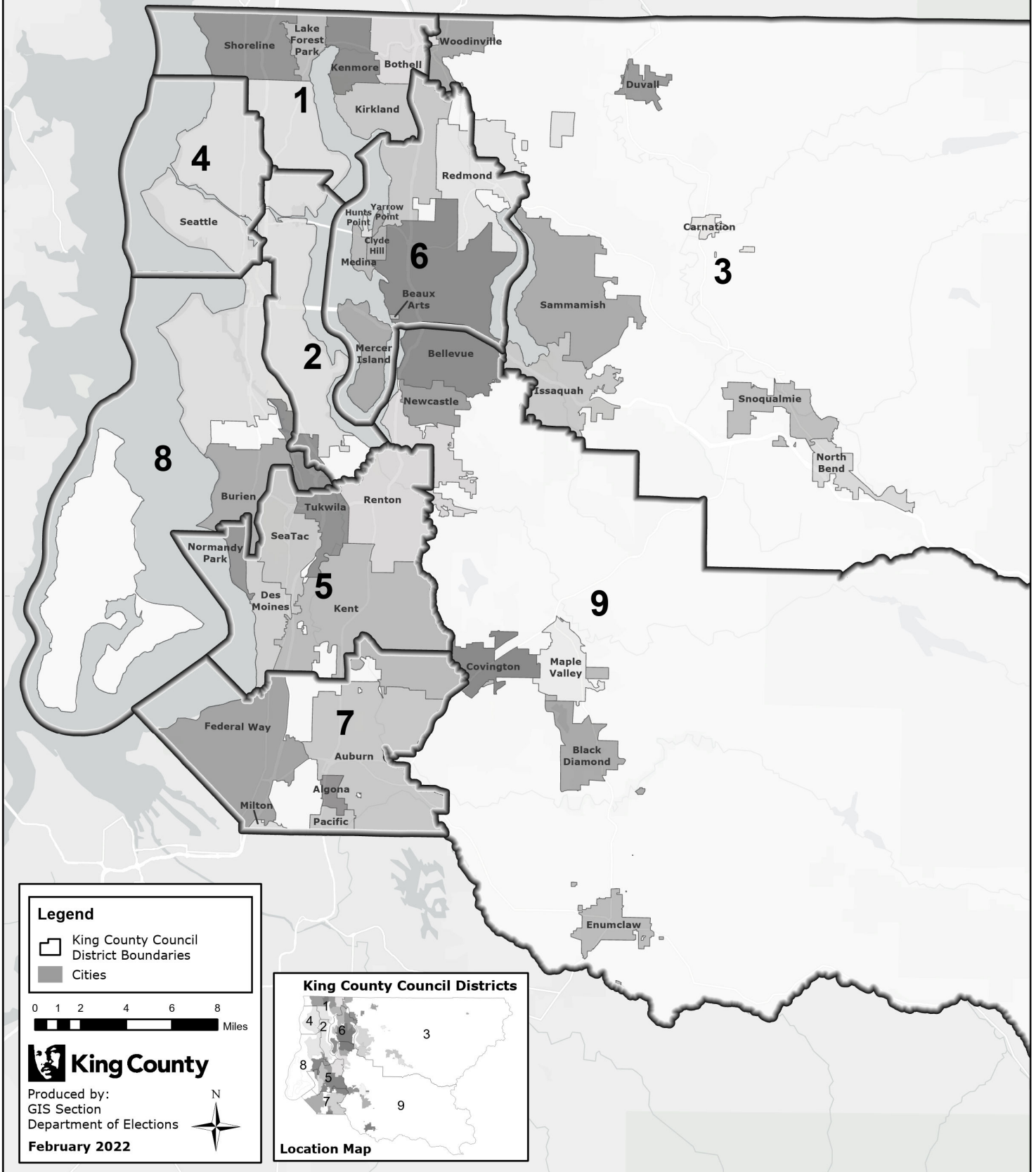
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King County Council Districts





Council District No. 2

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Education: 37th LD Senator (2017–Present); Executive Director, Puget Sound Sage (2014–2016)

Occupation: B.A. Humanities and Theology, Seattle University

Statement: I'm running for King County Council to build more housing that is affordable at any income, raise wages, improve transit, and make universal childcare a reality. Making King County a place every family can afford will require transformational change, and that's exactly what I have been doing in the state senate for a decade.

Too many families are choosing between paying for rent or health insurance. As the daughter of a formerly undocumented Mexican farmworker, I will never stop fighting to protect our communities from masked ICE agents terrorizing our neighbors and corporations stealing our wages.

In the state senate, I championed and passed taxes on the ultra-wealthy, including the Capital Gains Tax and Millionaires Tax, to fund the essential services we need. As Labor Committee Chair, I passed the most progressive Paid Family and Medical Leave programs in the country and passed a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights to ensure fairness and dignity for care workers. I also delivered on landmark investments in affordable housing, transit, and community investments.

I'm proud to have earned the sole endorsement of the King County Democrats. I'll bring new energy and proven leadership to the council to expand behavioral health and crisis response, improve transit access, and lower costs for working families. Addressing our toughest challenges will mean standing up to powerful special interests and never compromising on our values. That's what I've spent my life doing.

Endorsements: King County Councilmembers Mosqueda, Perry, Balducci, and Gossett (fmr); Seattle City Councilmembers Foster, Hollingsworth, and Lin; progressive legislators Scott, Macri, Farivar, Street, and Javier Valdez; unions representing essential workers (SEIU 775, SEIU 925, and UFCW 3000); county employees (PROTEC17; Teamsters 28, 117, 174, and 763; and AFSCME Council 2); machinists (IAM 751); graduate students (UAW 6); more at rebeccasaldana.com!

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Education: Seattle University Masters, Criminal Justice; Bachelors, Criminal Justice; Bachelors, Spanish; Garfield High School; Kimball Elementary

Occupation: Port of Seattle Commissioner; Small Business Owner, Agency Executive Director

Statement: As a fourth generation Japanese American and mom of two, I'm proud to raise my family in the same Beacon Hill home my grandparents bought after being released from WWII concentration camps. But the fight to stay rooted here is harder than ever. Too many neighbors leave because politicians haven't made affordability the priority. I believe everyone should be able to live in the place they love and call home. I'm ready to take this fight to the next level.

I served on transition teams for Governor Ferguson, Executive Zahilay and Mayor Wilson because they trust my expertise and ability to deliver. Now, King County must deliver the housing, childcare and transportation infrastructure people need.

As Port Commissioner, I championed childcare solutions, job opportunities, and delivered over \$5,000,000,000 in capital projects on-time and on-budget. Before the Port Commission, I worked at King County where I served vulnerable communities by advancing equity and building accountability systems. I understand the county and where the opportunities are for improvement, I have delivered real reforms, and I am uniquely prepared to meet the needs of our communities.

As your next County Councilmember, I'll champion anti-displacement protections for renters and home owners alike. I'll fight for affordable, accessible childcare options for families and demand investments into transportation safety infrastructure to prevent deaths. I'll prioritize upstream investments that get better outcomes for health and public safety. That means fully funding mental health and community-led gun violence prevention strategies, like after school and mentorship programs.

I'm endorsed by Executive Girmay Zahilay, City Attorney Erika Evans, County Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, City Councilmembers Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Eddie Lin and Joy Hollingsworth, Governor Inslee, legislators, labor unions, Democratic organizations, and over 100 progressive District 2 community leaders. Let's choose a better future.



Council District No. 4

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Education: Juris Doctor, Yale Law School; Bachelor's in Economics and History, Duke University

Occupation: King County Councilmember; Former Executive Director, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

Statement: Over the past three years, I have been working hard to address the issues that residents of District 4 asked me to prioritize: ensuring our criminal and civil legal systems are operating effectively and fairly so we can enhance community safety; stabilizing and strengthening our homelessness response system so we can reduce the number of people living unhoused in our region; protecting our public health clinics and investing in our county hospital, Harborview Medical Center, so we can preserve access to health care; improving the safety and reliability of our Metro transit system; and much more.

My team and I have been focused on making progress on these complex issues, but I know much more work remains to be done and I remain committed to these priorities. I also recognize that the reality for many in our community today is very different from what it was in 2023 when I first ran for this office. At the time, a second Trump Administration was a possibility. Today, it's a reality that is threatening the safety and well-being of so many, especially our immigrant and transgender neighbors.

Particularly at a time like this, I believe it is crucial to have leaders in state and local government who will be uncompromising in defending and advancing our community's values in the face of an increasingly chaotic and authoritarian federal administration, while also continuing to pursue progressive policies that will improve the lives of our residents.

For these reasons, I am asking you, my neighbors in District 4, to give me the opportunity to continue representing you on the King County Council.

Endorsed by Governor Bob Ferguson; Attorney General Nick Brown; Representative Pramila Jayapal; King County Executive Girmay Zahilay; King County Democrats; state and local elected leaders; labor; and social and environmental justice organizations.



Council District No. 6

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

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

Statement: I'm proud to have served as a regional leader, delivering results for East King County and communities across our region. Throughout my time on the King County Council, I've brought people together to tackle our biggest challenges with practical solutions and a focus on getting things done.

Representing you, I've led efforts to expand affordable housing, chairing the Regional Affordable Housing Committee and working with cities, housing providers, labor, business, and community organizations to plan for more than 200,000 new affordable homes across King County. I've championed transit-oriented development to create thousands of affordable homes near light rail, helped implement Health through Housing, secured stable funding for arts and culture through Doors Open, and continued leading the expansion of our regional transit system, including opening light rail across the I-90 bridge to the Eastside. I've also worked to strengthen homelessness and behavioral health services, improve public safety, preserve parks and open space, protect reproductive freedom, defend immigrant communities, and invest in programs that support children, families, and workers.

As Council Chair during the COVID-19 pandemic, I led the Council's response to keep county government open, delivering critical assistance to workers, renters, small businesses, and vulnerable residents. I sponsored the charter amendment moving county elections to even-numbered years so a much larger and more diverse electorate selects their local government representatives.

There is still more work to do. I will continue expanding affordable housing, improving public health and safety through smart investments with accountability, completing our regional transit network, protecting our environment, supporting small businesses and working families, and ensuring King County delivers effective, accountable government that reflects the values of the people it serves. It would be an honor to earn your vote once again.



Council District No. 8

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Education: Masters in Public Administration, focus in health policy, Evergreen State College; BA, University of Washington

Occupation: County Councilmember; labor champion, children's advocate, public health policy leader

Statement: I'm running for re-election to the County Council to continue building a healthier, safer, more affordable King County where working families can thrive. At a time when costs are rising and many neighbors are struggling to stay housed, maintain access to care, and make ends meet - we need bold leadership that delivers real results for our communities.

I've spent my career fighting for workers, kiddos, and healthy communities. At the Children's Alliance and the Washington State Labor Council, I helped win paid sick leave, minimum wage increases, and stronger protections for workers and immigrants. On the Seattle City Council and now at King County, I've built coalitions to expand affordable housing, strengthen worker protections, invest in behavioral health, and support small businesses and community safety.

At King County, I've worked to increase investments in affordable and supportive housing, improve behavioral health services, protect immigrant and refugee communities, and strengthen our public health infrastructure. I've also championed investments in transit, childcare, and workforce development to help families stay and succeed in our region.

My priorities remain expanding affordable housing and preventing displacement; improving community safety through behavioral health and gun violence prevention; and investing in working families with accessible transit, childcare, healthcare, and union job opportunities.

I believe King County works best when we lead with compassion, accountability, and commitment to opportunity for everyone - regardless of zip code, income, or background. Together, we can continue building a King County where every person has the opportunity to be healthy, housed, safe, and resilient.

Proudly endorsed by Congresswoman Jayapal; Governor Ferguson; AG Nick Brown; all endorsing unions including MLK Labor, SEIU locals, UFCW 3000, and Seattle Building Trades; 34th, 33rd, 11th District Dems; Progreso Latino Progress; Washington Conservation Action; WA Housing Alliance Action Fund; NW Women's Political Caucus; and 200+ more!

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Education: Bachelor's of Arts, Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Occupation: Former data analytics consultant; recent City Councilmember Policy Lead

Statement: Everyone I talk with in our district wants the same things: safe streets, good schools, treatment for those who are suffering, clean air and water, an affordable place to raise a family or start a business, and a government responsive to its community.

As a lifelong Democrat, I share those values, but it's clear we're not delivering on them. This position has oversight over the public health crises on our streets and has major influence on fiscal policy. Not using that authority effectively has resulted in our region now ranking among the nation's worst for homelessness, overdose deaths, property crime, cost of living, and commercial sex trafficking. These results aren't for lack of funding; we've consistently increased taxes and spent more on homelessness than almost any region in America, all while we've also seen declines in school enrollment, housing construction, office occupancy, and employment. These are uncomfortable, but honest facts.

Our leaders often measure success by how much they spend, not how effectively those dollars are spent. Ask yourself honestly: is our region better off than it was nine years ago?

My campaign is about improving our outcomes. That means public safety with real accountability. It means compassionate, treatment-required paths off the street for those struggling with addiction. It means building more housing by fixing permitting and reducing barriers to new construction, and public housing that is safe and stabilizing for our most vulnerable.

Whether you're a young person priced out of the market, a parent worried about your kid's future, or a longtime resident being taxed out of your home, our government should work for you, not for special interests and failed programs.

Progress isn't just about spending more; progress is about delivering better results. I'm asking for your vote to deliver those results that meet our region's values.



Judge Position No. 1

Jan Trasen



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Education: J.D., Boston College Law School; B.A., Tufts University

Occupation: Administrative Law Judge; King County District Court Judge Pro Tem

Statement: Jan Trasen has dedicated her career to fairness, equal justice, and ensuring our courts work for everyone. She is the only candidate with full-time judicial experience, serving as an Administrative Law Judge and Judge Pro Tem. She treats all in her courtroom with respect, making fair decisions in cases affecting public safety, healthcare access, and family stability.

Before becoming an ALJ, Jan spent 26 years as a public defender and appellate attorney, arguing cases before the Washington Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in criminal, juvenile, and dependency cases. Her experience across every level of the legal system gives her the judgment, temperament, and independence needed to serve fairly and effectively.

Jan is the only candidate to receive "Exceptionally Well Qualified" ratings from six independent local bar associations. Jan lives in Kirkland, where she raised her daughters.

Endorsed: Majority of Washington Supreme Court; over 95 judges & elected officials; majority of King County District Court; Commissioners Kuderer, Cho & Calkins; Senators Dhingra, Slatter, & Stanford; Claudia Balducci; Reps Goodman & Hall; Mayor Birney; Council Members throughout the Eastside; Bellevue Firefighters; National Women's Political Caucus; 1st, 5th, 41st, 45th, 48th, and King County Democrats; WA State Employees; Machinists; Transit Operators; more!

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Education: B.A. University of Washington, Seattle; JD Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans

Occupation: Judge Pro Tem, King County District Court; Attorney

Statement: I serve as a substitute (Pro-Tem) judge in King County District Courts, ruling in thousands of cases, sometimes hearing more than 100 cases in a day. Yet each case and every participant matters. This position requires different skills than being an administrative law judge. I've acquired the right skills and experience over my 30-year career in trial courts to handle high volume caseloads and still decide each case with fairness and integrity.

Judges should be non-partisan. I believe politics should play no role in our courts. I'm endorsed by people who know me by my good work, not by party affiliation. I've earned the highest rating, "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by multiple bar associations.

Raised in Renton as a first-generation immigrant, my husband and I settled in Bellevue where we've resided for 25 years, raising our children through Bellevue schools and contributing to our community. I ask for your support to bring my experience to this elected role.

Endorsed: Senator Manka Dhingra; Representative My-Linh Thai; Former King County Prosecutor Daniel Satterberg; Mayors Malakoutian and Sherlock; King County Superior, District Court and Municipal Court Judges; Councilmembers from Bellevue, Mercer Island, Redmond, Issaquah, Newcastle, Sammamish and Edmonds; National Women's Political Caucus-Washington, and more.



Judge Position No. 2

Michelle Gehlsen



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Education: JD, Southern Methodist University; BA, Texas State University, cum laude

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Michelle Gehlsen has served as a judge for more than 16 years, including 10 years as Presiding Judge of Bothell Municipal Court before joining King County District Court in 2019. She is committed to treating every person who enters her courtroom with dignity, fairness, and respect while faithfully applying the law equally to all.

Judge Gehlsen believes strong courts promote both public safety and public confidence. She has presided over Redmond Community Court, helping address the underlying causes of criminal behavior while reducing repeat offenses, and founded Bothell Youth Court, inspiring similar youth court programs in neighboring communities.

Her judicial colleagues elected her President of the Washington District and Municipal Court Judges' Association, reflecting the trust and respect she has earned among judges statewide. She has also earned endorsements from judges at every level of Washington's judiciary and received the Washington Women Lawyers Vanguard Award and the Judge Steiner Leadership Award in recognition of her commitment to judicial leadership and public service.

Judge Gehlsen respectfully asks for your vote to continue serving the people of King County.



Judge Position No. 3

Lisa O'Toole



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Education: JD, cum laude, Seattle University School of Law; BA, Whitman College

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Lisa O'Toole is honored to serve the people of King County as a King County District Court Judge. Judge O'Toole was first elected in 2014. She is committed to ensuring that justice is administered fairly, efficiently, and equally to all, and that everyone is treated with respect and courtesy.

Judge O'Toole brings to the District Court bench more than 30 years of experience practicing law and trying cases, both as a former prosecuting attorney and as a civil attorney in private practice. She is an active volunteer on many judicial committees and in our community.

Judge O'Toole is endorsed by Supreme Court, Appellate, Superior, District, and Municipal Court Judges and has broad, bipartisan support, including King County Councilmembers Balducci and Dunn; State Representatives Goodman, Walen, and McBride (ret.); Bellevue Mayor Malakoutian; Redmond Mayor Birney, Councilmembers Robinson, Nieuwenhuis and Barksdale (ret.), King County Democrats, 1st, 5th, 41st, 48th LD Democrats; National Women's Political Caucus.

Judge O'Toole is a life-long resident of Washington. She lives with her husband in east King County, where they raised their two children. Judge O'Toole would be honored to continue to serve our community as King County District Court Judge and respectfully asks for your vote.



Judge Position No. 4

Kevin Peck



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Education: J.D., University of Oregon; B.A., Northern Illinois University, summa cum laude

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Kevin Peck was unanimously appointed to the bench by the King County Council in 2019 and then elected to the position in 2020 and 2022. Before his appointment, he served as a Judge Pro Tem in the King County District Court for more than 25 years.

Transparency, integrity, and fairness are central to Judge Peck's work on the District Court. He strives to deliver just and equitable decisions, while ensuring that everyone appearing before him understands the legal process, the choices available to them, and the accountability expected of them.

Judge Peck was a trial lawyer in King County for more than three decades, representing clients in employment discrimination, civil rights, and federal criminal cases. He successfully pursued a case through the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold free speech rights. He also served as a board member of the Washington Community Action Network for over 30 years.

Endorsed by: More than 100 judges from all levels of our court system; Councilmember Claudia Balducci; Attorney General Nick Brown; former Attorney General Rob McKenna; IAM District Lodge 751; ATU 587; Teamsters JC 28; King County Democrats; 1st, 5th, 41st, 45th, and 48th Legislative District Democrats



Judge Position No. 5

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Education: JD, University of California, Davis 1991 BS, University of California, Davis 1988

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: I have been honored to serve as a King County District Court Judge since the King County Council unanimously appointed me in 2019, followed by my retention and reelection in 2020 and 2022. I currently serve as one of two full-time judges at the Bellevue Courthouse.

King County residents deserve to feel safe and protected from crime. They also deserve a justice system that gives defendants who are committed to change the resources and opportunities to succeed. Judges must balance these important goals every day. In my courtroom, I work to support meaningful change in defendants' lives while promoting accountability for crime and the safety and security of our community. I look forward to continuing this important work.



Judge Position No. 6

Denice Gagner



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Education: Juris Doctor, University of Washington - 2007; BA - University of Washington - 2000

Occupation: Judge Pro Tem: King County District Court, various municipal courts

Statement: Denice Gagner brings 20 years of diverse legal experience to the bench. As a victim advocate, she supported survivors of sexual and physical violence. As a Prosecutor, she held offenders accountable while advancing solutions that upheld public safety. As a criminal defense attorney, she zealously advocated for marginalized clients facing addiction and mental health issues. As a Judge Pro Tem, she has earned a reputation for fairness, compassion, and dedication.

Denice Gagner is a lifelong public servant and has strengthened her community even outside the courtroom. She serves as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Redmond and won the Golden Acorn Award in 2022 for her exemplary volunteerism at her children's public school.

She is the only Eastside candidate to receive the highest possible judicial rating – "Exceptionally Well Qualified" – from all 7 independent bar associations. She is endorsed by 50+ sitting judges, 100+ attorneys, 30+ local leaders (Legislators, Senators, Mayors, and both County and City Councilmembers), the Machinists Union (IAM 751), King County Democrats, all five Eastside LD Democrats, and the National Women's Political Caucus of Washington.

Denice will uphold the rule of law with fairness, integrity, and respect for all who come before the court.



Judge Position No. 7

Peter Peaquin



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Education: JD, Tulane University; BA, Western New England College; National Judicial College, 2023

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Peaquin was appointed to the District Court bench by unanimous vote of the King County Council in 2023 and was retained in his position by the voters in 2024.

He brought to the bench more than 30 years' experience as a practicing attorney. He focused on defending individuals accused of misdemeanor and felony offenses – everything from low level non-violent crimes to murder -- and has tried hundreds of cases to juries. In representing clients from marginalized communities, Judge Peaquin gained insight into the challenges experienced by many who appear in the District Court. In representing individuals experiencing behavioral health issues and addiction, he has knowledge of the complexities of the crisis facing our communities and utilizes this experience in his role presiding over the successful Redmond Community Court for appropriate non-violent offenders to prevent future involvement in the criminal justice system. There, rehabilitative programs are combined with community service and other requirements to ensure accountability and reduce recidivism.

Judge Peaquin lives in Kirkland with his wife of 34 years. He is endorsed by the King County Democrats and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM 751).



Judge Position No. 1

Raul Martinez



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Education: JD, Seattle University School of Law, 2001; B.A., Law and Diversity, Western Washington University, 1995

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Martinez was appointed to the King County District Court bench by the King County Council's unanimous vote in 2023. He was elected to retain his position in 2024. As a dedicated member of the court, he is endorsed by over 50 trial and appellate judges.

Judge Martinez understands and is committed to addressing the challenges facing our courts, including a historic opioid epidemic, underfunded mental health system, and unaffordable civil representation. He is also dedicated to increasing access to justice. His efforts include serving on judicial committees that update court processes, forms, and public information to make it easier for non-attorneys to understand and access their courts.

Judge Martinez brought 21 years of diverse legal experience to the court as a King County Senior Deputy Prosecutor, civil litigator, appellate lawyer, and legal advisor to businesses and government entities. His experience allows him to deliver well-reasoned, impartial decisions that follow the law. As the son of migrant farmworkers, he is also deeply committed to fairness, public safety, and dignity for all.

Judge Martinez's past community service includes the Boards of Northwest Justice Project and the Latina/o Bar Association. Endorsed by: King County Democrats; 32nd District Democrats; and 1st District Democrats



Judge Position No. 2

Karama H. Hawkins



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Education: Jurist Doctorate - University of Washington Law School; Bachelor of Arts - University of Washington

Occupation: Judge

Statement: My name is Karama H Hawkins. I am asking for re-election as your judge in King County District Court, Shoreline District Position 2. I am dedicated to ensuring that this court remains independent, and where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. To serve in this capacity this has been the greatest honor of my career. I have been privileged to preside over the Shoreline/Kenmore Community Court program. I worked collaboratively with community organizations and UW to create a free life skills course available to everyone. I have created the "Devon's Closet" Program to provide personal care products, coats, shoes and other necessities to justice involved individuals without resources. I currently preside over the King County District Court Regional Mental Health Court and Regional Veterans Court programs at our Seattle and Kent locates. I have been elected as the King County District Court West Division Presiding Judge. Within King County District Court by serve on several committees and share the GR 36 Committee. On the state level, I serve on the DMCJA Board of Governors and several committees, including the Diversity, Therapeutic Courts, and Education Committees. I look forward to continued work in the Judiciary. I appreciate your support.



Judge Position No. 1

Leah Taguba

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Education: JD, Southwestern University School of Law BA; BA, Washington State University

Occupation: King County District Court Judge, Southeast Division

Statement: Judge Leah Taguba has been honored to serve the King County community since 2022. She humbly asks for your vote to reelect her to the King County District Court bench. Judge Taguba honors constitutional rights by insuring parties are heard to come to resolutions for victims, defendants and all litigants. Every day, she applies the law fairly and equitably, treating all seeking access to the Court with respect and dignity. Judge Taguba will continue to maintain the trust given to her by this community, and will work hard to uphold these ideals.

Since her appointment by the King County Council in 2021 and subsequent election in 2022, she has presided over thousands of criminal and civil cases at the Auburn Justice Center and Community Court. Judge Taguba believes justice balances accountability that is proportionate to the harm committed, community safety and rehabilitation. She strongly supports treatment courts or other alternatives to jail, where appropriate.

As a woman of color she is dedicated to diversity on the bench, and equity and justice in the court system. Judge Taguba is a WA Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commissioner and Advisory Board member of the Judicial Institute of WA.



Judge Position No. 2

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Education: BA Communication, University of Nevada, Reno; Juris Doctorate and Certificate of Dispute Resolution, Willamette University

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Thank you for the opportunity and privilege of serving our community as a Judge for the past nine years. Over the last two terms, I have been elected by my colleagues to serve as, at times, the South Presiding Judge and Chief Presiding Judge. I have chaired the Executive Committee, Rules Committee, and currently sit on the Personnel Committee.

I am also active in the community of south King County, volunteering with several non-profit organizations. I believe that a judge has a responsibility to serve outside of the courtroom as well as in it and my family and I are deeply rooted in that mission.

Lawyers and judges that appear in court often forget that the experience can be intimidating and daunting. Complicated rules and procedure alienate those who are not familiar with them. District Court is the court that most people will have their only experience with this branch of government. I will never forget what it is like to be a non-lawyer appearing in court and will take them time to make sure that all questions are answered, and the expectations are clear. Give me your vote and I will continue to endeavor to earn it every day.



Judge Position No. 3

Tricia
Grove Johnson



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

Occupation: Judge Pro Tem and Maple Valley Prosecuting Attorney

Statement: Tricia Grove Johnson was born and raised in Southeast King County and has devoted her 30-year legal career to serving the community she calls home. Her extensive background—spanning Prosecution, Criminal Defense, Public Defense, and hundreds of hours as a Judge Pro Tem—gives her a rare, comprehensive understanding of the justice system and the people it impacts.

Tricia has worked closely with individuals in crisis and with communities that have historically faced barriers within the legal system. She believes that true justice requires a balance of Accountability, Compassion, and Opportunities. Accountability ensures safer communities. Compassion recognizes the humanity and circumstances of every person. Opportunities create pathways for individuals to rebuild, grow, and contribute positively to their community.

Her approach is rooted in the idea that a justice system must protect the public while also offering meaningful chances for change. She is committed to serving with integrity and ensuring that every person who enters the courtroom is treated with dignity and respect.

Endorsed by: Mayors of Maple Valley, Renton, Kent, Auburn, National Women's Political Caucus of Washington; and IAM 751, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 587, King County Democrats, and rated "Exceptionally Well Qualified" by five independent Bar Associations



Judge Position No. 4

Corinna
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Education: 1980 Whitman College, BA (Political Science and Chemistry), 1984 Seattle University (UPS), JD

Occupation: District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Harn brings more than 25 years of judicial experience to the King County District Court bench. She is currently the Assistant Presiding Judge and a member of the Court's Executive Committee. Judge Harn makes our community safer, one careful and thoughtful decision at a time. She is fair, compassionate, patient and motivational. She strives each and every day to follow the law and to earn the trust and respect necessary to be an effective judge. Judge Harn thanks you for your vote and promises to continue to work with integrity to provide accessible justice for all.



Judge Position No. 5

Joshua C. Harris



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Education: JD, Villanova University; BS, University of Maryland; AA, Cochise College; AAS, Defense Language Institute

Occupation: Attorney; Army Veteran; Business Owner

Statement: Joshua C. Harris is an experienced attorney, Army veteran, Puget Sound business owner, and parent committed to civility, compassion, and equality before the law.

Born and raised in Western Washington, Harris served in the Washington Army National Guard and deployed to the Middle East attached to 5th Special Forces Group. Those experiences taught him discipline, sound judgment, and accountability under pressure. Following military service, Harris founded a King County-based security company, making daily decisions affecting employees, clients, and public safety across the country.

Harris is appointed to the WSBA Board of Bar Examiners and appointed by the Governor to the Pierce County Boundary Review Board. He has completed judicial training for service as a Pro Tem Judge through the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association and the WSBA. His legal practice includes employment, business, tax, and administrative law, alongside litigation and mediation management. He has also represented indigent clients through a Federal Low Income Tax Clinic.

Harris believes judges must listen carefully, apply the law fairly, and treat every person with dignity. A courtroom should be defined by respect—not intimidation. A Kent resident, he will bring calm judgment and equal justice to Southeast King County.

Heather M. Barker



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Education: JD, Seattle University School of Law; BA with honors, Anthropology, California State University Long Beach

Occupation: King County District Court Judge Pro Tem; Practicing Attorney

Statement: Heather M. Barker has served as a Judge Pro Tem in King County District Court since 2022. She presides over both civil and criminal matters, including Mental Health and Veterans Courts. Through her judicial service, Heather has earned the trust of defense and prosecuting attorneys alike—and the endorsement of every judge in King County District Court's Southeast Division.

An attorney for twelve years, Heather has owned a civil litigation firm for over a decade. She brings courtroom experience and business leadership. Born and raised in Kent, and now raising her family in Renton, the Southeast Division is Heather's hometown. She is a mom and proud spouse of an Army Veteran. Since graduation, she has drafted free estate plans for Washington first responders. She also volunteers with the YMCA Mock Trial program.

Heather believes that fair, thoughtful justice builds stronger, safer communities. She is committed to protecting public safety from the bench by carefully balancing accountability with rehabilitation. She is rated *"Exceptionally Well Qualified"* by the King County Bar Association.

Endorsed: *King County Police Officers Guild; National Women's Political Caucus; IAM&AW 751; ATU 587; King County & 5th, 11th, 30th, 31st, 33rd, 37th, and 47th LD Democrats; 35+ local judges.*



Judge Position No. 6

Rhonda Laumann



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Education: Education: J.D. Seattle University, 1992; BAColorado Mesa University, 1989

Occupation: King County District Court Judge, Southeast division, position 6

Statement: Dedicated to the efficient administration of justice, Judge Laumann was elected to the King County District Court bench in 2018. She is currently responsible for thousands of civil cases involving our King County residents. In the past 8 years, she handled criminal, small claims, and protection order cases. District Court is the people's court, where Judge Laumann exercises the principles of integrity, patience, compassion, flexibility and open mindedness.

As a member of the civil bench, Judge Laumann communicates with a large number of self represented litigants. She is able to explain complex legal proceedings to litigants in an understandable way and clearly articulate the court rulings, based on her extensive teaching experience. Part of her duties include training pro tempore judges, as well as continuing to teach for the national non-profit, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, supporting lawyers in their goal to be the best advocate for their clients.

Judge Laumann holds this office as the highest privilege, serving the citizens of King County for a third term. Committed to creating a diverse judicial bench, Judge Laumann serves on the Court's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and chairs the Small Claims Forms subcommittee. Judge Laumann greatly appreciates your continued support!

Securing our Elections so Every Vote Counts



At King County Elections, our mission is to conduct accurate, secure and accessible elections.

Physical Security

-  Our facility is monitored by over 80 security cameras.
-  The public can watch us process the election via 15 live webcams.
-  Staff and observers must badge into and out of the ballot processing area.
-  Ballot storage and tabulation areas require both a badge and biometric access.

Cybersecurity

-  Certified cybersecurity experts are on staff at Elections and at King County IT.
-  All staff receive annual cybersecurity training.
-  Voter registration and tabulation systems are kept separate from one another for maximum security.
-  The ballot tabulation system is on a specially designed, entirely closed network, not connected to the internet.



Judge Position No. 1

Brian Todd



Education: B.A. Spanish, Arizona State University, B.A. Child and Family Studies, J.D. Law University of Wyoming

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court, former Administrative Law Judge

Statement: Judge Brian Todd is honored to serve the citizens of King County and the Southwest electoral district. He was appointed by unanimous vote of the King County Council and continues to proudly serve the citizens of King County.

Judge Todd's philosophy is to treat people fairly regardless of where they come from and regardless of their circumstances. He recognizes that his personal and life experience are different from others who come from many different backgrounds, cultures, and circumstances. This richness of our community is why Judge Todd is honored to be a part of and to serve the community.

Prior to coming to the bench, Judge Todd served the community by representing those in need with a strong voice. He helped clients with criminal charges, family law concerns, protection orders, and mediations. All of this experience has shaped Judge Todd and makes him a valuable addition to King County District Court.

Judge Todd has the support of justices on the Washington Supreme Court, judges on the Court of Appeals, Superior Court, District Court, and Municipal Courts. Judge Todd respectfully asks for your vote to continue to serve the citizens of King County and the Southwest Electoral District.



Judge Position No. 2

Andrea Samonica Jarmon



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Education: JD, University of Washington School of Law; BA (English), BA (Women Studies), University of Washington

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: I am honored to serve. Courts of limited jurisdiction are the people's court and often a person's first introduction to the system—whether there for a criminal case, small claims matter, or a name change. Every person who enters our courtroom deserves to be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect. Regardless of the outcome, each person should feel they had the opportunity to have their matter fully, carefully, and fairly considered. My commitment to rendering thoughtful decisions, guided by the law and delivered with compassion, is grounded in the fifteen years of legal experience I bring to this position—experience as a prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General, administrative law judge, and an attorney representing families and individuals in criminal and civil matters.

My own life experiences have shaped my belief that our courts must be accessible, accountable, trauma-informed, and human-centered. As your judge, I have reduced my dockets to allow for more meaningful hearings, streamlined pre-trial hearing calendars, expanded the Court's community engagement efforts, and created civic engagement programs to help introduce young people to careers in the law. I remain committed to increasing access to justice.

It would be an honor to continue to serve. I kindly ask for your vote.



Judge Position No. 3

Mitch Greene

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Education: Bachelor's in Political Science and Communication, CUNY, Juris Doctor from Seattle University, 1992

Occupation: Attorney, Judge pro tem

Statement: Mitch Greene has dedicated his career to serving the people of King County with fairness, integrity, and respect for the rule of law. A practicing attorney since 1992 and a pro tempore judge since 1997, he has presided over thousands of hearings and handled thousands of misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, and infraction cases, bringing decades of courtroom experience to the bench.

A lifelong King County resident, Mitch understands that confidence in the justice system depends on judges who are impartial, prepared, and committed to treating every person with dignity. He believes a judge's role is to apply the law consistently, protect individual rights, and ensure every person receives a fair and impartial hearing.

Known for his professionalism, sound judgment, and even temperament, Mitch balances accountability with fairness and treats everyone who appears before the court with respect. His legal experience and commitment to equal justice have earned the respect of colleagues, attorneys, and litigants alike.

As King County District Court Judge, Burien Division No. 3, Mitch Greene will continue to uphold the law with integrity, serve the community with dedication, and ensure every person who enters the courtroom is treated with fairness, respect, and impartiality. He respectfully requests your support.

★ FUTURE ★ VOTER

16 and 17 year olds can pre-register to vote and be automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.

To become a Future Voter, you must be...

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At least 16
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A U.S citizen



A Washington
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How do I sign up?

Pre-register to vote online at **VoteWA.gov**. You can also pre-register in person at a Vote Center, or by mailing a paper registration form.

What happens after I register?

You'll automatically receive a ballot in the mail when you're eligible to vote.

How do I return my ballot?

Return your ballot to your nearest official ballot drop box as soon as possible! Find a convenient drop box near you at **kce.wiki/DropBox**

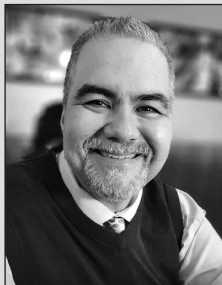
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Judge Position No. 4

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Education: Evergreen High School, Washington State University, WSBA APR Rule 6 Program

Occupation: Judge

Statement: Serving as your King County District Court Judge has been one of the greatest honors of my life. It is a privilege to serve the people of King County with fairness, integrity, and respect. With 32 years of experience in the criminal justice system, I am committed to applying the law fairly while ensuring everyone is heard.

Access to justice is paramount in my courtroom. Many people appear before the court experiencing fear, anxiety, and uncertainty. I listen carefully, explain the law clearly, and treat every person with dignity.

Justice is about more than punishment. Accountability is essential, but so are opportunities for rehabilitation and redemption. Connecting people with treatment, job training, and community resources helps reduce recidivism and strengthens public safety. We are worth more than the worst thing we have ever done.

As Washington State's first Samoan judge, my path to the bench began as a court clerk before graduating from the WSBA Rule 6 Law Clerk Program. I have served as a public defender, prosecutor, civil litigator, Assistant Attorney General in American Samoa, and now as your judge, participating in nearly 200 jury trials. I remain dedicated to serving our diverse communities with fairness, compassion, and accountability.

Harry Steinmetz

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Education: J.D., Santa Clara University, School of Law, 1989; B.A., San Diego State University, 1985.

Occupation: Administrative Law Judge, Judge Pro Tem, prosecuting, and defense attorney.

Statement: A judge needs experience, integrity, and compassion. I offer all three. For 36 years, I have served as an Administrative Law Judge, Judge Pro Tem, prosecutor, and defense attorney, drawing on experience from every side of the courtroom. I've gained a balanced understanding of our legal system and the need to apply the law fairly, impartially, and with respect for every person who appears in court.

As a twice-elected Des Moines City Councilmember, I understand how court decisions affect individuals, families, businesses, and communities.

Character matters. The conduct of a judge—both on and off the bench—either earns or loses the public's trust. Throughout my career, I have treated court staff and everyone who enters the courtroom with dignity and respect.

"Harry is extraordinarily well qualified to serve on the court" – Rebecca Robertson, Chief Judge, KCDC. I am proudly endorsed by judges of the King County District Court and Superior Courts and mayors and elected officials throughout the Southwest Division. See the complete list at www.steinmetzforjudge.com. I respectfully ask for your vote for King County District Court, Southwest Division, Position 4.



Judge Position No. 5

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Education: J.D., University of Washington School of Law; B.A., University of Washington

Occupation: Dependency attorney representing children in the child welfare system

Statement: I have spent my career serving vulnerable people—as a prosecutor protecting domestic violence victims, a public defender protecting constitutional rights, and today, an advocate for children and families. In each role, truly helping people requires looking beyond the case to understand and navigate challenges like addiction, mental illness, trauma, and family instability. That takes thoughtfulness, dedication, emotional intelligence, humility, and curiosity.

These qualities are equally important on the bench. Defendants who feel heard are more likely to accept their sentence as fair and reflect on their behavior. Judges build trust in the legal system by listening to the communities they serve. Judges who engage thoughtfully with community partners strengthen the community's ability to support recovery, accountability, and conflict resolution.

These efforts create positive feedback loops. Those who succeed in treatment can mentor others struggling with addiction. Trust makes community members more willing to turn to and engage with the court; that engagement gives judges better information; better-informed decisions build greater trust.

Listening, learning, and working with our communities will guide how I serve as your judge. I would be honored to earn your vote. Endorsed by SeaTac Mayor Mohamed Egal, Burien Councilmember Sam Mendez, the 33rd District Democrats, and more.

Renee Walls

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Education: Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Juris Doctorate

Occupation: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Bachelor of Arts

Statement: Renee Walls is the best choice for District Court Judge #5 because of her unmatched 26-year record of legal experience. As a Judge Pro Tem and Prosecuting Attorney, Renee has earned a strong reputation for integrity, fairness, and sound judgment—qualities essential for a trusted judge.

Renee's story began as a South Korean adopted immigrant, raised by her mother from the Philippines and her father, a Minnesota farmer. They instilled in Renee the values of hard work, lifelong learning, service to community, and respect for others.

For 17 years, Renee has served as a Judge Pro Tem, presiding over literally thousands of cases and delivering fair, balanced, and efficient justice. Her 26 years as a Prosecuting Attorney provide deep insight into the legal system and its impact on individuals, families, and the community.

Renee Walls is endorsed by over 35 judges, SW Democratic legislative districts, National Women's Political Caucus, and trusted community leaders. Her leadership has earned the confidence of her colleagues, who elected her President of the South King County Bar Association. As a King County District Court Judge, Renee Walls will bring to the Bench the experience, judgment, and integrity our community deserves. Thank you.



Judge Position No. 1

Bardi Martin



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

Occupation: King County District Court Judge, Attorney, 19 years

Statement: Unanimously appointed by the King County Council, Judge Bardi Martin proudly serves as your King County District Court Judge, bringing proven courtroom experience, steady judgment, and a lifelong commitment to King County.

Adopted at birth, Bardi was raised by a public-school teacher and a combat-decorated veteran in a multiracial and multiethnic family. His Puerto Rican heritage, experiences as an adoptee, and first career as a professional musician taught him to listen deeply, see people as individuals, and treat everyone with dignity.

A graduate of University of Washington and Seattle University School of Law, Bardi has spent 19 years in our courts. He began as a public defender, built a successful Seattle law practice, and served as a judge pro tempore. Today, Judge Martin presides over civil and criminal matters and Shoreline and Kenmore's Community Court, which connects individuals charged with low-level offenses to housing, mental health, and substance abuse resources, promoting accountability while reducing repeat offenses.

Judge Martin is endorsed by over 50 judges and earned the sole endorsement of the King County Democrats and *The Stranger*. As court caseloads skyrocket, experience on the bench matters more than ever. Please vote to retain Judge Bardi Martin—experience you can trust.

Nyjat Rose-Akins



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Education: B.B.A., International Business and Finance, Howard University; JD, Seattle University School of Law

Occupation: King County Court Pro Tem Judge; former Assistant City Attorney

Statement: Judicial decisions affect individual lives, families, and communities. For 16 years, I have dedicated my career to serving King County with fairness, integrity, and respect.

As an immigrant, I have personally navigated the civil legal system. As an Assistant City Attorney, I advised city leaders on homelessness and police accountability. As a Judge Pro Tem, I have presided over thousands of cases, including protection orders, domestic violence, small claims, and DUIs. As a community advocate, I have visited prisons and served on the boards of legal aid organizations.

Together, these experiences prepared me to make impartial decisions that protect public safety while ensuring fairness. I believe equal justice depends on listening, applying the law fairly, and treating people with dignity and respect. My philosophy is simple: listen first, decide last.

Rated "Exceptionally Well-Qualified" by the Cardozo Society, Joint Asian Judicial Committee, King County, Latino Bar, and Loren Miller Bar associations. Endorsed by the 32nd, 34th, 36th, 37th, and 46th Legislative District Democrats; Justices Whitener, Mungia, and Angelis; Attorney General Nick Brown; Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth; Former Mayor Bruce Harrell; Senator Rebecca Saldana; Representative Brianna Thomas; and more than 100 judges and attorneys. I would be honored to have your vote.



Judge Position No. 2

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Education: JD, Gonzaga University School of Law, 2002; B.A., Communications, Washington State University, 1995

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Dhillon served King County for more than 30 years, prior to her appointment to the King County District Court in 2021. Before law school, she gave voice to crime victims as a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate at the King County Prosecutor’s Office. As an advocate, she brought first-hand perspective from different cultures about how domestic violence is regarded in other communities. Her unique perspective greatly assisted domestic violence victim/survivors. As a lawyer, she represented indigent defendants, earning a reputation as a highly regarded public defender, then private defense attorney.

Judge Dhillon’s breadth of experience in the justice system serves her well as a judge, where she currently hears hundreds of criminal, small claim, and protection order cases in Seattle. She was also the judge for the Regional Domestic Violence Court, presiding over two years. In all cases she hears, Judge Dhillon strongly believes that everyone who comes before the court should be treated with respect, fairness, and impartiality.

Judge Dhillon served as an advisory board member for The Judicial Institute 2021-2022, which is dedicated to diversifying Washington State’s judiciary. She currently serves on the Court’s Personnel Committee. Judge Dhillon would appreciate your vote in November!



Judge Position No. 3

Rebecca Robertson



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Education: BA Political Science UW 1996 / Juris Doctorate Seattle University Law School 2000

Occupation: Judge, King County District Court

Statement: Judge Robertson has been on the bench since 2010. In 2021 she was unanimously appointed to the King County District Court by the King County Council, and was elected in 2022. Prior to taking the bench in King County, she served as a municipal court judge in Federal Way. She is currently the King County District Court’s Chief Presiding Judge.

Judge Robertson is on the statewide Board for Judicial Administration(BJA), is a past President of the District and Municipal Court Judges’ Association (DMCJA), and is the former Chair of the BJA’s Policy and Planning Committee and Co-Chair of the Trial Court Security Task Force. She also serves on the DMCJA’s Council on Independent Courts.

Judge Robertson teaches court budgeting, judicial independence, and law and procedure to other judges, lawyers, executive and legislative branch leaders, and students.

Prior to joining the judiciary, Judge Robertson was a prosecuting attorney and Judge Pro Tem in a variety of courts. She chaired the Washington State Bar Association’s Criminal Law Section and published and taught courses on Domestic Violence and DUI issues. Judge Robertson would be honored to receive your vote.



Judge Position No. 4

Yvonne Chin



Education: J.D., DePaul University, College of Law; B.A., Vassar College

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Judge Yvonne Chin is rated “Exceptionally Well Qualified” by the King County Bar Association, King County Women Lawyers, the Latina/o Bar Association, and the Loren Miller Bar Association (“the local affiliate . . . of African-American attorneys” in Washington). In 2026, the King County Council unanimously appointed her to the District Court.

Before joining the bench, Judge Chin was a dedicated civil legal aid and public interest attorney. As Legal Director of the Sexual Violence Law Center and Senior Staff Attorney at the ACLU of Washington, she represented people confronting some of life’s most difficult challenges.

Her broad legal experience spans civil, criminal, constitutional, and administrative law. She has successfully represented clients in both trial and appellate courts in Washington, Illinois, and federal court. She also served as a Judge and Magistrate Pro Tempore in Seattle Municipal Court.

Judge Chin brings years of public service experience and a deep commitment to the fair and respectful treatment of everyone who appears before her. Her independence, careful preparation, and respect for every person’s dignity help ensure our courts are fair, accessible, and grounded in the law.



Judge Position No. 5

Kristin Shotwell



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Education: B.A. Yale University; M.S.W. University of Washington; J.D. University of Hawai’i

Occupation: King County District Court Judge

Statement: Following 23 years of professional experience in the criminal justice and social services systems, Judge Shotwell was appointed to the King County District Court bench in 2021. She was then elected in 2022.

As an attorney, Judge Shotwell served as a public defender, trial attorney and attorney supervisor for civil commitments and felonies.

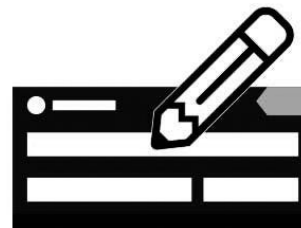
Throughout her career, Judge Shotwell has been committed to reducing criminal recidivism to improve public safety and the lives of individuals involved in the justice system.

Judge Shotwell earned a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Hawai’i Law School, where she was valedictorian; a master’s in social work from the University of Washington; and a B.A. in psychology from Yale University. She has been a state-certified Spanish language interpreter for more than 25 years.

Have you used your Democracy Vouchers?

What is the Democracy Voucher Program?

In 2026, District 5 Seattle residents receive two \$50 Democracy Vouchers they may donate to candidates running in the Seattle District 5 Special Election.



Which Candidates can I give my Democracy Vouchers to?

Candidates running for Seattle City Council Position 5 are eligible for Democracy Voucher funding. Check to make sure the candidate you like is using Democracy Vouchers. Find the list of participating candidates at seattle.gov/democracyvoucher or call (206) 727-8855.

When should I use my Democracy Vouchers?

You can use your Democracy Vouchers from the time you receive them through November 30, 2026. However, candidates can only receive a limited number of vouchers. The longer you wait to use your vouchers, the more likely your candidates will have reached their voucher limits.

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

Yes! You can request new Democracy Vouchers by completing the online form on the website, e-mailing democracyvoucher@seattle.gov, or by calling (206) 727-8855.

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

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

Contact Us!

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King County Assessor's Office Tax Transparency Tool

To see how a proposed Seattle or King County levy on the ballot will affect your property tax, or possibly your rent, go to <https://localscape.spatialest.com/#kingcountyassessor/My-Property>

Enter your residence address and click on the tab to View Proposed Taxes.

Because rent is based on multiple factors, a change in property tax may or may not affect a tenant's rent. The tool shows tenants how a property tax might be spread across units in a rental property.

Seattle/King County VIDEO VOTERS' GUIDE

Proponents and opponents of countywide and Seattle ballot measures and all King County countywide, Metropolitan King County Council, Port of Seattle, City of Seattle, and Seattle School Board candidates are invited to record a two-minute video explaining who they are and why they're running.

- ✓ **Hear directly from the candidates!**
- ✓ **Statements are up to two minutes & unedited**
- ✓ **Candidates appear in the same order as the ballot**

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The non-partisan Video Voters' Guide is a collaboration of Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, King County TV, and Seattle Channel.



Council District No. 5

Nilu Jenks



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Education: Political and Partnerships Director at FairVote Washington; mom and organizer

Occupation: Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Spanish, Wellesley College

Statement: North Seattle deserves a City Councilmember who listens, responds, and delivers on our everyday needs. Seattle is a deeply progressive city. We have the resources, the talent, and the votes to tackle major challenges, but often City Hall feels disconnected from what people are experiencing day to day.

When the Fred Meyer in Lake City closed, my kids asked why nobody fought harder to save or replace it. I didn't have a good answer. Families without cars lost access to groceries and pharmacy services overnight, and our city had no real plan. That's not acceptable. Housing costs continue to skyrocket, pushing more people into instability and homelessness while longtime residents struggle to stay in the neighborhoods they love.

We need a councilmember who shows up, listens, and focuses on practical solutions. My priorities are straightforward: build more affordable housing, improve safety on Lake City Way and Aurora, support neighborhood businesses, strengthen gun violence prevention, protect immigrant communities from federal overreach, move us toward meeting our climate goals, and make sure ranked choice voting is successfully implemented in 2027 so voters trust and understand the system.

I live in Lake City with my husband Rob and our two kids. I work at FairVote Washington, where I work every day on democracy and coalition building across our state. From serving as PTA Advocacy Chair at John Rogers Elementary to organizing across Seattle, my work has always been about connecting people and delivering results.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed by: King County Democrats, the 32nd, 36th, and 46th District Democrats, Washington Conservation Action, Working Families Party, PROTEC17, UFCW 3000, IBEW 46, Seattle City Councilmembers Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Dionne Foster, Joy Hollingsworth, and Eddie Lin, Senators Javier Valdez and Noel Frame, Representatives Darya Farivar, Julia Reed, Liz Berry, and more.

Julie Kang



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Education: UCLA (BA); California State University (MA); University of Washington (PhD)

Occupation: Seattle University, University of Washington Director & Faculty

Statement: I'm a 30-year District 5 resident, educator, union household member, first-generation immigrant, and civic leader. I chose North Seattle to raise our daughter and have spent my career teaching educators, helping immigrant-run small businesses, and strengthening community.

I'm a Democrat committed to improving the lives of working families, seniors, children, and immigrants. I'll stand up to Trump when he threatens our communities and values.

District 5 has received inconsistent attention and fewer resources despite need. We've lost businesses and essential services, including Lake City's only grocery store and pharmacy, and families face rising housing, food, childcare, and transportation costs. That is why I'm committed to setting up district offices on Aurora Ave and Lake City to increase accessibility to resources.

My first priority is affordability. I'll reduce permitting delays to build housing faster, support mixed-income and workforce housing near transit, improve walkability, and recruit affordable grocery stores.

My second priority is addressing chronic homelessness with care, treatment, housing, and accountability. I'll expand mental health and substance-use treatment, connect people to housing and services, and coordinate providers, first responders, SPD, and CARE. I support police staffing, gun violence prevention, and enforcement focused on violent crime and trafficking.

I don't just identify problems; I've spent my career organizing solutions. When immigrants, working families, and small businesses were overlooked by big banks, I founded a community bank. As I noticed groceries becoming unaffordable, I began volunteering weekly at the food bank. My counseling training informs my understanding of behavioral health and treatment. On the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission, I work to remove barriers to services. Endorsed by the 32nd LD Democrats, The Seattle Times, Tree PAC, LiUNA Local 242, local elected officials, community leaders, and 50+ neighborhood businesses. Earning your vote would be an honor.



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 1

Cat McDowall



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Education: Juris Doctor, University of Virginia School of Law; B.A., Northwestern University

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge

Statement: Serving as a Seattle Municipal Court Judge has been an honor. Every day, I strive to ensure that all who enter my courtroom are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and that every decision is guided by the law, careful preparation, and impartial judgment.

Before joining the Seattle Municipal Court in 2020, I presided as a Judge Pro Tempore in Seattle Municipal Court, King County District Court, and King County Superior Court (Juvenile Division). I also spent decades serving our legal system as a civil attorney and Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Those experiences gave me a broad understanding of our justice system and reinforced my commitment to equal justice under the law.

As a Municipal Court Judge, I have helped strengthen public confidence in our courts by improving access to justice, modernizing court operations, and supporting innovative approaches that improve public safety. I currently preside over the Domestic Violence Intervention Project, an innovative court program that combines accountability with individualized treatment to reduce repeat violence and improve outcomes for survivors, families, and our community. I also serve on the Board of Governors of the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association, co-chair its Rules Committee, and co-direct Seattle Youth Traffic Court, a restorative justice program that helps young people learn responsibility and civic engagement.

Outside the courtroom, I have been an active volunteer in Seattle schools, youth sports, and community organizations while raising four children with my husband.

I am proud to serve with independence, integrity, and compassion. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can continue upholding the rule of law, protecting equal justice, and serving the people of Seattle with fairness and respect.



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 2

Katharine Edwards



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Education: Macalester College; Lewis and Clark Law School

Occupation: Supervising Public Defender

Statement: I first walked into Seattle Municipal Court as an eighth grader, working on a school project about public defense. I did not plan on a career there. I have spent the last 16 years in that courtroom and others across King County, standing next to people on the hardest days of their lives.

I have represented people facing misdemeanors and people facing serious felonies. I have tried homicide cases, negotiated treatment alternatives, and stood beside kids in foster care. That work showed me what addiction, poverty, and lack of treatment do to a person long before a judge opens the file.

Municipal Court handles misdemeanors, the lowest criminal charge in Washington, but small cases still carry heavy consequences. A person can sit in jail on a misdemeanor while someone charged with a felony goes home the same afternoon. Judges lose the public's trust when the punishment stops matching the charge.

As a judge I will hear both sides in full and hold the prosecution and the defense to the same standard. Before I order anyone into a program, I want to see the research behind it and the data on whether it works. The people who run those programs should have a say in how they change. Accountability should fit the offense and leave the person better able to stay out of court.

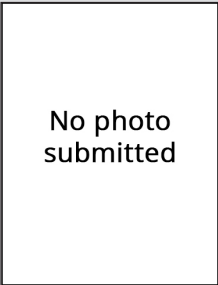
I am asking for your vote.

Endorsed by: Seattle Municipal Court Judges Anita Crawford Willis, Damon Shadid, and Pooja Vaddadi, King County Democrats, the 32nd, 34th, 36th, 37th, 43rd, and 46th LD Democrats, Former Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu, King County Superior Court Judges Rothrock, Larranaga, Hecklinger, Vargas, Keenan, and McKee, King County District Court Judges Shotwell, Dhillon, Peaquin, and Paglisotti, National Women's Political Caucus, Machinists Local 751, Ironworkers Local 86, UAW 4121, and many more.



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 3

Pooja
Vaddadi



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No statement submitted.



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 4

Anita
Crawford-Willis



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Education: J.D., Seattle University School of Law; B.A., Seattle University

Occupation: Presiding Judge, Municipal Court of Seattle

Statement: I was born and raised in Seattle’s Central District, where I learned the values of hard work, fairness, and service from my parents, who both worked on Boeing’s production line and were proud union members. Those values have guided me throughout my career in public service.

After serving for more than 30 years as a public defender, Administrative Law Judge, and Judge Pro Tem at Seattle Municipal Court, I was appointed to the Seattle Municipal Court in 2017 and was honored to be re-elected in 2018 and 2022.

As a graduate of Seattle University and Seattle University School of Law, I have remained deeply committed to my alma mater, and currently serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.

My commitment to service extends beyond the courtroom. I have been privileged to serve as Chair of the King County Boys & Girls Clubs, as an officer of the Loren Miller Bar Association, as President of the District and Municipal Court Judges Association, and as a member of the Washington Supreme Court’s Gender and Justice Commission. I have also been humbled to receive the Washington State Bar Association Outstanding Judge of the Year Award and the Loren Miller Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout my judicial career, my focus has remained constant: ensuring equal access to justice while treating every person with dignity and respect. As Presiding Judge, I am proud to help launch our Connection Court and expand our Community Resource Center. I believe accountability and compassion are complementary values, and I want every person who enters my courtroom to leave knowing they were seen, heard, and treated with respect.

My husband and I are proud to call Seattle home. We enjoy spending time with our daughter, traveling, supporting local philanthropic organizations, and cheering on the Seattle University Redhawks.



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 5

Gabe Rothstein

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Education: BA Sociology, Emory University, JD UCLA School of Law,

Occupation: Public Defender, Judge Pro tempore

Statement: For more than twenty years, Gabe Rothstein has advocated for poor and underserved communities. People who often feel unheard.

Before becoming a public defender, Gabe volunteered with the Housing Justice Project and the Unemployment Law Project, helping Seattle residents facing eviction and protecting workers' rights to unemployment benefits.

In 2005, Gabe became a public defender—a role he continues to hold with pride. Since then, he has represented thousands of people, many of whom were both survivors of abuse and individuals caught in the criminal legal system. He has tried more than seventy cases to verdict.

This work has taught Gabe that too many people leave court feeling unheard. He is running for judge to change that. Every person who enters the courtroom—victims, defendants, and those who cannot afford an attorney—deserves dignity, respect, and fairness. Seattle Municipal Court is the people's court, and everyone deserves to be listened to and heard.

Public defense is Gabe's full-time work, but he also serves as a pro-tem judge in municipal and district courts throughout Washington. He chairs the Washington State Bar Association Character and Fitness Board, which evaluates applicants seeking admission to the practice of law. On evenings and weekends, he takes calls from the Youth Access to Counsel Line, ensuring that children can speak with a lawyer before being questioned by police. He also serves on the board of the Holman Recovery Center an in-patient substance abuse treatment facility. Gabe believes in treatment, the accountability that comes with recovery, redemption, and second chances.

Endorsements: The Stranger, The Progressive Voter Guide, King County Democrats, 32nd, 34th, 37th, 43rd, and 46th District Democrats, SEIU 925 Public Defense Chapter, Stonewall Democrats, King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, Supreme Court Justices Gordon McCloud and Melody, Representative Chipalo Street, Representative Rebecca Saldana, and many other judges and community leaders.

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Education: BA Political Science, Morehouse College; JD, George Washington University Law School

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Pro Tem Judge; former City Attorney

Statement: Seattle Municipal Court needs experienced judges with sound judgment and a commitment to access, fairness, and dignity, who are not focused on politics and ideology. With your vote, I will deliver fair, pragmatic, and equitable outcomes that build trust and public safety.

For 34 years, I have served as a public servant—as a felony and misdemeanor prosecutor, municipal attorney, civil litigator, King County Ethics Board member, and Judge Pro Tem. I became a lawyer to eliminate inequities and unfairness in our justice system. I am focused on protecting the community while providing defendants with the opportunity for diversion, services, treatment, and support.

As the son of a first-generation immigrant mother and a union autoworker father in Detroit, I learned the value of hard work, integrity, and caring for others, which I have demonstrated professionally and through youth mentorship, community service, and coaching.

I am thankful and proud to be endorsed by caring, skilled, and respected jurists, based on my experience, character, and sincere commitment to justice. *Judiciary:* Washington State Supreme Court Justices Sal Mungia, Mary Yu (ret.), and Barbara Madsen (ret.), and the most present and retired King County judges than any candidate in this race, including Presiding Judge Rothrock, Assistant Presiding Judge Thorp, former Presiding Judge Shah, and Judges Galvan, Amato, Hawkins, Gipe, Chief Presiding Judge York, and retired Judges McCullough, Kondo, and McKenna. *Seattle Municipal Court:* Presiding Judge Anita Crawford-Willis, former Presiding Judge Faye Chess, and retiring Judge Willie Gregory. *Media & Community:* The Seattle Times Editorial Board and 32nd LD Democrats.

I am the only candidate in this race with the highest possible rating for Seattle Municipal Court - Exceptionally Well-Qualified from the Cardozo Society, the Latina/o Bar, and Joint Asian Bar Associations.

I would be honored to be your judge. Learn More:
<https://newsomforjudge.com/>



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 6

Shantrice Anderson

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Education: B.A., Gonzaga University; JD, Seattle University School of Law

Occupation: Civil Attorney, Pro Tem Judge/Magistrate

Statement: I believe that everyone who walks through Seattle Municipal Court's doors deserves to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. Often the first and most frequent point of contact Seattleites have with their elected officials, the Court and its Judges must be equitable, accessible, and just.

I have over a decade of diverse legal experience as a public defender in King County and Colorado, handling misdemeanors, juvenile cases, and felonies. I worked with specialty/community courts, in and out of Washington state, and saw the benefits that they can bring to individuals, families, and the broader community. I currently practice civil law and appear in state and federal courts around the state and country. In my spare time, I am also a Pro Tem Judge in Seattle Municipal Court, presiding over pretrial hearings, motions, pleas, and sentencings. These experiences all inform my commitment to justice and community service.

Being the first member of my family to graduate from college and law school has helped underscore my priorities: expand meaningful access to justice, reduce barriers for underrepresented communities, and ensure that the Court is truly reflective of this diverse and vibrant city. The Court's rulings should be firmly rooted in the law yet echo the values of its citizens. As a Judge, I will recognize the humanity of each court participant and my decisions will be based on careful listening, sound judgment, accountability, and rehabilitation.

My commitment to equity and justice is reflected in my judicial ratings: Exceptionally Well-Qualified by the Joint Asian Evaluations Committee, Latina/o, and Loren Miller Bar Associations; and Well-Qualified by Q-Law and the King County Bar Association. I am proudly endorsed by retiring Judge Faye Chess, Judge Haydee Vargas, District and County Democrats; Justice Mungia; and more.

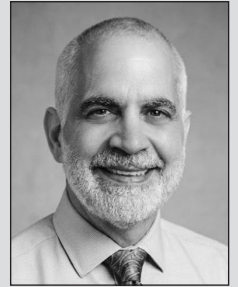
It will be an honor to serve you.



Municipal Court Judge Position No. 7

Damon Shadid

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Education: Juris Doctor

Occupation: Seattle Municipal Court Judge

Statement: Judge Damon Shadid has dedicated his time at the Seattle Municipal Court trying to find better ways of approaching criminal justice. He has a deep understanding that the criminal legal system should have two primary and complementary objectives: keep the community safe and help people obtain the services they need to exit the criminal legal system.

With these objectives in mind, Judge Shadid's colleagues on the court have tapped him to work with the Seattle City Attorney and the Department of Public Defense to form a new "Connection Court" which is being built on the foundation of Judge Shadid's work in the former Community Court. Connection Court gives participants the option of being quickly connected with services in the community to address the underlying causes of their crimes.

Judge Shadid has also been instrumental in re-building the Seattle Mental Health Court, where he presided for 4 years. He was able to work with the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Defense to improve the Mental Health Court and to encourage more individuals with mental health barriers get the vital services they need.

Finally, Judge Shadid started the "Consolidated Calendar." This court allows individuals who have case workers in the community to come to one calendar each week in order to help their clients receive services and exit from the criminal legal system.

But the work is not done. Seattle faces profound challenges stemming from a lack of vital services like housing, substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment which cause public safety issues in our community. Judge Shadid believes that the Municipal Court should play a central role in improving access to these services, and will continue to work hard every day to ensure that all people are treated with fairness and compassion.

Proposition No. 1

Annexation Into Shoreline Fire Department Regional Fire Authority

The Bothell City Council adopted Resolution No. 1784, approving annexation into the Shoreline Fire Department Regional Fire Authority and related plan amendment. To maintain current fire and emergency medical service levels and provide long-term financial and operational sustainability for such services within Bothell, should Bothell be annexed into and become a part of the Shoreline Fire Department Regional Fire Authority, effective March 1, 2027, pursuant to the plan amendment, as provided in Resolution No. 1784?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 52.26.300)

Explanatory statement

The Bothell City Council adopted Resolution 1784 requesting voter approval to annex into and become part of the Shoreline Fire Department Regional Fire Authority ("RFA"). As the region has grown and costs have increased, Bothell has considered governance/service models for fire and emergency medical services ("EMS"). As part of its study, Bothell contracted with the RFA for fire administration (Fire Chief) services.

The City Council has determined that annexing into the RFA ensures long-term sustainability of funding to maintain current fire protection and EMS service levels. Annexation will not change the delivery or the level of services to Bothell residents.

If annexation is approved, Bothell Fire Department would become part of the larger RFA, instead of operating as a standalone, smaller fire department. By combining resources and expertise and coordinating efforts, fire and EMS service can gain efficiencies, including response operations. Bothell voters will be entitled to vote on all ballot measures proposed by the RFA—including those pertaining to taxation and benefit charges. Bothell will have representation on the RFA Board. If annexation is rejected, Bothell would need to reseek voter approval, negotiate a new agreement with RFA or another agency, or reconstitute the Bothell Fire Department.

<https://bothellwa.gov/2209/Fire-Service-Study>

For questions about this measure, contact:

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City Manager
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Statement in favor

Wesley Wang, Brandon Keith, Mason Thompson

As Bothell grows, our fire and emergency medical response needs to grow with us. Proposition 1 gives our community a proven way to deliver quality emergency care when every second counts. That's why the Bothell Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 2099, has endorsed this measure.

Regional fire service is the standard model in our area for good reasons. By joining the Shoreline Regional Fire Authority, Bothell Fire will become part of a larger organization that can share resources, coordinate personnel, expand specialized capabilities, and improve operational efficiency. Instead of spending local taxpayer dollars to duplicate administrative systems and equipment across multiple independent agencies, annexation combines resources with neighboring communities—maximizing those resources where they belong: out in our neighborhoods serving our residents.

Joining the RFA also helps Bothell plan for costs ahead. Sharing the cost of future facilities and equipment across a larger regional tax base lightens the financial impact on our city, protecting Bothell residents from bearing those costs alone while improving service in our community.

With a Yes vote, we retain a significant amount of control over the direction of the fire service in Bothell. Our city will have a substantial voice in how the RFA is run with three of the nine seats on the RFA's governing board.

Vote Yes on Proposition 1 to keep strong local decision-making about fire and emergency medical service, give our firefighters and residents the resources of a larger regional department, and set Bothell up well for future service improvements.

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.

Proposition No. 1**Levy to Continue Providing Public Safety and Land Use Services in Clyde Hill**

To fund public safety and land use services, and to remain an independent city, the Clyde Hill City Council passed Resolution No. 725 proposing an increase to its regular property tax levy from approximately \$0.30 to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2027 with 3% annual increases to the annual limit factor for 2028-2036. Exemptions apply to seniors, veterans, and disabled persons who qualify under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Clyde Hill Resolution No. 725 asks voters to increase the City's portion of property taxes to pay for police, fire, emergency medical services, 911 dispatch, land use, and zoning services. Clyde Hill has the third lowest levy rate in King County, receiving less than \$0.05 of every \$1.00 paid in property taxes.

A resident-led Financial Sustainability Task Force concluded that the City cut expenses where it could and kept staffing lean compared to similar sized cities. It concluded that further reductions threaten basic services and legal requirements. Without additional revenues, Clyde Hill will not have the requisite funds to remain an independent city with local control of its police department and zoning issues, as well as the quality fire and emergency medical services residents have come to expect.

If approved, Clyde Hill's property tax levy rate would increase from \$0.29548 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2026 to a levy rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2027. This equates to about a \$225 increase in the city's portion of property taxes per \$1,000,000 of assessed valuation. In 2028-2036, the total regular property levy amount would increase by a limit factor of 3% annually. The final levy in 2036 will become the base for establishing levy rates for following years.

If this proposition is rejected, the City is projected to run out of operating funds by the end of 2030. It will be unable to sustain current service levels and may need to consider dissolution.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Heather Thomas-Murphy
City Administrator
(425) 453-7800
cityhall@clydehill.org

Statement in favor

Jay Henningsen, Carl Picciotto, Tony Williams
thecampaignforclydehill.com

We value Clyde Hill for its safety, quality of services, and small-town accountability. Rising costs and state limits on revenue growth now constrain the City’s ability to deliver the services we expect. Clyde Hill receives only about 4.5% of your total property tax bill and its city tax rate is among the lowest in the region (Clyde Hill \$0.30; Medina \$0.59; Bellevue \$0.96; Kirkland \$0.86 per \$1,000 assessed value).

Our budget gap cannot be closed by cuts alone. Proposition 1 is a modest revenue solution recommended by the resident-led task force. It increases only the City’s portion of your taxes. All revenue stays in Clyde Hill to support the essential services that make our city the special place we choose to make our home.

Ultimately, residents will decide the fate of Clyde Hill. Passing Proposition 1 means we keep our accredited police department and preserve land-use control that protects our neighborhood character and home values.

Please vote “Yes” to keep Clyde Hill safe and independent, with its future in the hands of its residents.

Statement in opposition

Daniel Brzusek

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. The committee in opposition withdrew from the process to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future, please contact the jurisdiction.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Please vote “Yes” on Prop 1 to keep Clyde Hill – Clyde Hill. It protects our home values, keeps our city tax rate relatively low, maintains our public safety, and keeps us in control of our future.

Learn more at thecampaignforclydehill.com.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

No statement submitted.

Proposition No. 1

Parks and Open Space Bonds

The Issaquah City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3142, concerning bonds for parks, trails, and recreation projects.

If approved, this proposition would authorize the City to: complete various projects, including sports fields and courts, new trails, trailhead improvements, restoration of Confluence Park's Ek House, playground improvements, a new dog park, and related capital improvements; issue no more than \$18,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 3142.

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

Explanatory statement

The City of Issaquah is proposing to issue up to \$18 million of bonds for various park, trail, and recreation projects. If approved by voters, these park bonds would replace the City's retiring park bonds and mature 20 years after they are issued.

The proposed park bond projects include: sports fields and courts at a variety of locations; new trails on Cougar and Squak mountains that connect to surrounding regional trails, trailhead improvements for West Tiger Mountain; restoration of Confluence Park's Ek House; playground improvements and a new dog park at Tibbetts Valley Park; and related capital improvements. All of these projects were identified as community priorities in the adopted 2024 Park System Plan.

The City proposes issuing the new bonds as the prior bonds mature to keep property taxes similar, meaning the estimated cost to a \$1 million homeowner would average about \$80 per year. Low-income seniors, certain veterans and others who qualify for tax exemptions from the retiring bonds would continue to be exempt.

For more information, go to issaquahwa.gov/parkbond.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Jeffrey Newell, Robin Beukers, Donovan Richards

This is a renewal—not a new tax—and an investment in the parks, trails, and gathering places that make Issaquah a great place to call home.

After years of planning and community input, residents identified clear priorities: three turf fields with sustainable cork infill at Issaquah Valley, Clark, and Grand Ridge elementary schools; a rebuilt mountain trailhead; new Cougar & Squak Mountain trail loops; a restored Ek House gathering space at Confluence Park; an all-abilities playground and dog park; and new pickleball courts. Maintenance is built in from the start.

Without this renewal, completing these community priorities could take more than 30 years. Issaquah’s natural beauty and exceptional access to parks and trails are part of what makes our community—and our homes—so desirable. Renewing this bond protects and strengthens that investment for the next generation. A community is only as strong as the places it holds in common: a shared trail, a shared field, a shared bench in the shade. Places to play, gather, explore, and belong.

Vote *Yes* to renew our investment in Issaquah. Supported by: Issaquah FC, Issaquah Little League, PTSA, Issaquah Alps Trails Club

Statement in opposition

Steve Pereira

The Issaquah Strategic Park Plan is in place. This specific proposed bond fails because it only asked what we could do, but did not ask to prioritize projects that will achieve our stated goals and outcomes. This needs to happen before selecting \$18.5M, and will show measured progress. It uses 20 years of future Parks bonding capacity, but not that it best meets our citywide 20 year goals. It is good that there are many aspirational goals, outcomes, and values in our Parks plan: Connectivity. Vibrancy. Resiliency. Balance. Peaks to Creeks Plan. We need to prioritize before spending if we want to show progress. Develop and implement benchmarking and Level of Service (LOS) measures that will inform and prioritize funding decisions and projects.

This is not an argument against specific projects. We should proceed with purpose and intentionality, or no funding amount will allow reaching our goals. Bond spending may only be used for new capital projects, though needs to connect with our broader Parks Strategic Plan (Ex: Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, Programming, etc.).

Ask only that we vote ‘Not yet’.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

This wasn’t guesswork. Years of planning and extensive resident surveying shaped this list. These projects are the priorities Issaquah residents identified—not a City wish list. “Not yet” means delaying investments our community has already prioritized, potentially for decades. Far from ignoring the will of the people, this renewal reflects it: fields, trails, playgrounds and gathering spaces residents asked for. The planning has been done. The priorities are clear. Vote *Yes* to honor that process.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Issaquah’s Strategic Park Plan is ambitious, comprehensive, and possible. It should guide inform project selection priorities, and track progress of its systematic City 20 year Parks implementation vision.

This proposal does something, but needs a citywide conversation to determine and select the most pressing needs are selected. High inflation costs necessarily need drive selection for the best Parks. Not yet.

Proposition No. 1

Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy

Kenmore City Council passed Ordinance 26-0644 regarding funding for programing and services. To fund Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services, this proposition increases Kenmore's maximum regular property tax levy rate to \$1.25/\$1,000 for collection in 2027; sets the limit factor for Kenmore's regular property tax levy increases in 2028-2032 to 6%; authorizes the 2032 levy amount as the basis to calculate subsequent levies (RCW 84.55); and exempts qualifying seniors, veterans, and others (RCW 84.36).

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

The City of Kenmore seeks voter approval to increase the City's regular property tax levy up to \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value to fund programs and services for Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services.

Under state law, without voter approval, a city may increase its regular property tax levy amount by only 1% each year, which has not kept pace with inflation and costs of providing City programs and services.

If approved, Proposition 1 would authorize the increase of the City's levy rate by approximately \$0.36 per \$1,000 assessed value, for a total regular property tax rate not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2027, and allow the levy amount to increase by up to 6% in the succeeding five years (2028-2032). The total rate may not exceed the maximum property tax levy rate allowed to cities by state law. The 2032 levy amount would be the basis to calculate subsequent levies. The increase in the City's regular property tax levy, combined with cost-cutting measures by the City, will promote financial sustainability for City operations and programs.

Proposition 1 would add approximately \$30 per month to the property tax bill for a home assessed at Kenmore's average value of \$1,000,000. Proposition 1 would exempt qualifying seniors, veterans, and others from the increase.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Tracy Banaszynski, Edouard Lassalle, Juliana Pooley
www.yeskenmore.org

Proposition 1 funds trees, greenspace, and readiness for hotter summers, wildfire smoke, and heavier storms and flooding. It provides affordable homes through ARCH, our regional housing partner, so seniors, essential workers, and our kids can live here. And it connects our neighbors to the food, utilities, and health care support they need.

It costs \$3/month per \$100,000 of assessed value — about \$29/month for Kenmore’s median home. Eligible seniors, retired persons with disabilities, and disabled veterans are exempt from the increase. State law limits regular property tax increases to 1% a year, but Kenmore’s costs have risen about 5% a year over the past five years. This levy lid lift helps us keep services despite inflation, and without creating debt. State law requires these dollars fund only the purposes on your ballot.

Hotter, smokier summers, heavier storms, rising housing costs, and neighbors in crisis don’t wait for a better budget year. And solutions get more expensive the longer we wait. It costs less to keep a family housed and fed than it does to react after they lose their home.

Cutting resiliency programs doesn’t save money. It defers the bill. Vote Yes on Proposition 1.

Statement in opposition

Laurie Sperry, John Hendrickson, Dave Postetter
www.AffordableKenmore.com

Keep Kenmore affordable and the City Council accountable. Vote No on Proposition 1. If passed, it will raise Kenmore’s property tax rate by over 51% in 2027—costing the average household over \$2,000 during the six-year levy period. Worse, this increase will become permanent and the base for further tax increases.

Many Kenmore residents already feel the strain of rising costs. Higher property taxes don’t just affect homeowners. They also lead to increased rents, higher costs for local businesses, and less affordability for everyone, especially those least able to absorb another tax increase. These effects are regressive. This is simply the wrong time for another major tax increase.

Since 2020, Kenmore’s population grew just 1.6%, while City spending increased more than 40% and staffing grew 36%. Now, having exhausted one-time COVID funds and other temporary revenues, the City Council is asking taxpayers to make up the difference.

There’s no guarantee the new taxes will be spent on “Climate and Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services.” Prop. 1 will allow the City Council to “modify spending priorities and shift funding among authorized uses.” Future Councils may redirect funds without voter approval. Demand accountability. Protect affordability. Vote No on Prop. 1.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Kenmore’s increased spending: population growth (1%), inflation (29%!), and necessary new resiliency services (10%). The state 1% property tax cap on cities means voters must approve levies such as Prop 1 just to keep up with inflation.

State law prohibits levies from being blank checks. Prop 1 funds community resiliency: heat pumps and solar to lower utility bills, backup power during storms, more tree canopy, and affordable homes for families. It helps everyone. Vote Yes.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Kenmore’s commitments to housing stability, climate resilience, and social support remain in place without Proposition 1. The City will continue funding these priorities. This vote is about fiscal accountability and balancing our shared values with affordability.

We must demand disciplined budgeting rather than permanent tax spikes. By aligning spending with existing revenues, we ensure transparency, protect lower and middle-income residents from rising taxes, and keep our community accessible and financially responsible for everyone. Vote No.

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

The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park adopted Resolution No. 26-2084 to fund Public Safety Services.

This proposition would fund Public Safety Services per the Resolution including police services, safety equipment, 911 dispatch, emergency management services, jail services, and mental health crisis response by temporarily setting the maximum total regular levy rate at \$0.88920/\$1,000 for collection in 2027, with annual increases for five years based on inflation (Seattle region CPI-U). Qualifying low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and other disabled persons are exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

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

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

Proposition 1 would cost property owners \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (\$22 per \$100,000). In 2027, for a \$963,000 median value home this would be about \$211.86 annually or \$17.66 per month. For each of the next five years (2028 – 2032), the levy lid lift could be increased by the rate of inflation, which requires an open public process and a council vote to approve.

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

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Statement in favor

Marty Ross
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Lake Forest Park faces the same difficult choices that other communities across the state face, concocted by Tim Eyman and maintained by the State Legislature. While inflation has increased annually by 2.8% and by over 5% recently, revenues have been hamstrung by a 1% annual cap on property tax increases.

As the years have ticked by, cities have struggled to fund basic operations. Some have reduced staffing. Brier cut police department funding. Edmonds explored selling off parks.

Lake Forest Park staff project that our status quo will exhaust the general fund by 2031. While the city has cut costs by closing City Hall on Fridays, preserving current services requires further action. Our city government listened to feedback when designing this levy, ensuring transparency by moving the process through the Finance Committee. The City Council recognizing this crisis, unanimously voted to send this levy to us.

In voting down levies for decades, our beloved Lake Forest Park has been borrowing against the future. We are lucky to live here, and it is time for our votes to reflect the best of our values. To preserve our commitment to safety, community policing, and our environment, please vote Yes on Proposition 1.

Statement in opposition

T.J. Fudge
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Fully funding public safety in Lake Forest Park is critical. As I told the police before last year’s vote, I’d happily vote for the tax increase if would increase the police budget. I support raising taxes to *increase* funds for public safety; unfortunately, the city has not committed to do that. Instead, they have only committed to spend the \$1M per year tax increase on public safety, with no commitment to add this additional amount to the current spending for public safety from the general fund.

The City exaggerates the budget struggles. The unrestricted general fund revenue increased by about \$4M total, \$1M per year, from 2021 to 2025, vastly more than the \$35k the city implies because property tax is not the only source of general funds. The City describes a ~\$400k structural deficit, yet has added, rather than cut, non-safety personnel. New hires cost an amount similar to the current deficit.

A ‘no’ vote does not threaten our public safety. It directs the city to restrain non-safety spending and commit to increasing funds for our police and public safety personnel.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Inflation has hit the city’s public safety budget hard. The costs of 911, jail, legal services, and policing have risen dramatically recently, and the city has drawn down one-time general funds to fill the gap. Maintaining our service levels requires additional revenue.

We vote our values when electing a council to protect what we care about. Let’s give city government and staff the tools to deliver these priorities and hold them accountable to it.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

No statement submitted.

Proposition No. 1**Additional Sales and Use Tax for Police and Public Safety**

The Milton City Council adopted Resolution 26-2005 concerning a proposition to maintain funding for police services and public safety. If approved, this proposition would increase the sales and use tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.001) to provide ongoing funding for public safety purposes permitted under RCW 82.14.450, such as providing adequate law enforcement staffing levels. This increase would become effective in 2027.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 82.14.450)

Explanatory statement

If approved by the voters, the proposition would maintain funding for police services and community safety. In order to maintain police services and community safety at levels which meet the city's and community's expectations, the city is in need of additional funds to supplement existing city general fund revenue which is applied for these purposes. If approved, this proposition would increase the sales and use tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.001) to provide ongoing funding for public safety purposes permitted under RCW 82.14.450, such as providing adequate law enforcement staffing levels. This increase would become effective in 2027. Pursuant to RCW 82.14.450(7), the City of Milton will be required to share 15% of tax proceeds received by the city pursuant to this action with the county.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

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Safety is more important now than ever. Approving a one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) sales tax - *just one-tenth of a penny on every dollar* - will allow the Milton Police Department to maintain its current budget and high-quality services.

Costs for staffing, training, insurance, technology, equipment, investigations, jail services, prosecution, and municipal court operations continue to rise, while demand for public safety has increased dramatically. This small, locally generated investment ensures we retain highly trained officers equipped with modern tools for today's challenges, delivering the responsive law enforcement our community expects.

By approving this measure, you help preserve financial stability, ease pressure on the General Fund, and protect funding for streets, parks, and essential infrastructure. Your Yes vote invests in peace of mind, supports community safety, meets growing criminal justice needs, and safeguards Milton's quality of life now and in the future.

Protect what matters most. Vote Yes.

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.

Proposition No. 1**Fire Prevention and Criminal Justice Sales and Use Tax**

The City Council of the City of SeaTac passed Ordinance No. 26-1017 concerning funding for public safety and other City services. If approved, this proposition would increase the City's sales and use tax rate by 1/10th of 1% (0.1%) to provide funding for public safety services, including but not limited to, fire protection, fire prevention and emergency medical response; law enforcement support and staffing and retention; criminal justice purposes; public safety operations, maintenance and capital; and other public safety operations and services authorized under RCW 82.14.450. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 82.14.450)

Explanatory statement

The City of SeaTac provides public safety and related services directly and through contracts with the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and King County Sheriff's Office. These services support residents and thousands of people who travel to SeaTac daily to access local hotels, restaurants, businesses, employment opportunities, and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, located entirely within the City.

This influx produces a daily visitor population more than six times the City's residential population. Serving residents and travelers results in a disproportionately high number of complex fire and emergency medical incidents and increases demands on public safety services. Inflation and hazardous workplace conditions have increased the cost of these services. City revenues have not kept pace, and additional resources are needed to continue providing critical fire, medical and public safety services.

Proposition 1 would authorize a 0.1% sales and use tax on taxable retail sales and uses within SeaTac. The tax would apply to taxable purchases by residents and travelers. Only transactions taxable under Washington law would be taxed; most groceries are exempt. State law also exempts motor vehicle sales and the first 36 months of vehicle leases from this tax. Revenue from the tax would be shared 85% to the City and 15% to King County. At least one-third of the revenue would be used solely for fire protection purposes, criminal justice purposes, or both, as required by RCW 82.14.450. This tax would add \$0.10 to a taxable \$100 purchase.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

James Lovell, Damiana Merryweather

The City of SeaTac is a unique community. Every day, thousands of workers, travelers, visitors, and airport users come into our city, creating demands on public safety services including police, fire, and emergency medical response. These services protect everyone who lives, works, visits, and does business in SeaTac.

Proposition 1 provides a fair way to fund essential services. Rather than placing the burden solely on SeaTac residents, this modest 0.1% Public Safety sales tax asks everyone who makes taxable purchases in our community to contribute—including visitors, travelers, workers who use and benefit from services.

Our city provides public safety services to a community that is far larger each day than the number of people who live here. It is only fair that the people who come to SeaTac and rely on our public safety system also contribute to keeping those services strong.

By acting now, the City of SeaTac has the opportunity to keep and maintain local control over how locally generated revenue is used. If King County were to impose its own public safety sales tax first, SeaTac would receive a smaller share of that revenue and have less control over its use. Vote Yes on Proposition 1

Statement in opposition

Susan Constable

The people of SeaTac are awake and watching—*again*. In 2014, the City Council and staff imposed a utility tax on electricity, cable, internet, phone, and more. In 2015, voters replaced that council, the utility tax was repealed, and the City Manager fired. The new council even rejected the automatic property-tax increase. That began ten years of fiscal accountability, new sidewalks, surplus funds, and increased police staffing to keep SeaTac safe.

Since then, most of the City Council has been replaced by people with a different agenda. The surplus is gone, spending out of control, and now they want to raise taxes *again*—this time on our local businesses. A thriving business community has helped make SeaTac one of the most affordable cities in King County. Don't kill the goose that lays the golden eggs and price ourselves out of our own community. What's next—another utility tax or property-tax increase? The council and staff are flirting with their own jobs—*again*

Please don't be fooled. The B&O tax is a red flag for what could be coming if we don't change course. We've done it before, we can do it *again*.

Vote No on this tax increase!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Proposition 1 this is *not* a tax on SeaTac residents or local businesses. It *is* the best tool we have to recover revenue from the thousands of travelers who visit SeaTac every year. In a time of unprecedented increase in public safety costs, it is the best way to ensure that residents and visitors alike continue to have reliable public safety and emergency services.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

A Public Safety Sales Tax is even higher than a B&O tax. Those, and new utility taxes, were all planned for at the same council meeting. This council and staff have a spending problem—SeaTac residents are already taxed to death. The Airport is a red herring. *The largest* transactions at the airport—airline tickets—are exempt from sales tax. These new taxes are regressive and hurt residents.

For all our sakes, Vote No!

Proposition No. 1**Seattle Transit Measure**

The City of Seattle adopted Ordinance No. 127474 concerning funding for transit service and related transportation needs in Seattle.

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 would dedicate funding to transit services benefiting Seattle residents, including more frequent service; affordable fare programs for qualifying individuals; reliability, access, and climate projects; enhanced service on RapidRide and routes serving regional centers and high equity priority areas; facilitation of Sound Transit expansion; and others as provided in Ordinance 127474. It authorizes a 0.3% sales and use tax for up to ten years to replace the current voter-approved 0.15% sales tax expiring March 31, 2027.

Should this Proposition be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 76.



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

Requirement passage: Simple Majority (RCW 36.73.065(1))

Explanatory statement

In 2020, Ordinance 126250 enacted a 0.15 percent, six-year sales and use tax for transportation purposes. The tax was enacted under authority granted to the City by Seattle voters in approving Ordinance 126115. The tax expires March 31, 2027.

To replace this funding, Proposition 1 proposes granting the City authority to enact a sales and use tax for transit purposes by a future ordinance, with a maximum rate of 0.3 percent and a maximum length of ten years. The new tax cannot take effect earlier than April 1, 2027.

Tax revenue would be only for purposes described in Ordinance 127474, including (among others): King County Metro services with over 65 percent of stops within Seattle; implementing King County Regional Transit Safety Task Force recommendations; service hours on current and future RapidRide lines serving Seattle, connections to regional centers, and routes serving high equity priority areas; programs supporting transit access for qualifying seniors, individuals with disabilities, residents of low-income housing, youth and young adults, students, and others; planning for and deployment of increased electric transit in certain pollution-impacted communities; transit infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements; and staffing of programs to facilitate Sound Transit 3 projects.

The Seattle Transit Advisory Board will serve as the public oversight committee charged with advising on spending of Proposition 1 revenues. Annual and midterm City reports, as well as reports requested in partnership with King County Metro, will evaluate the effectiveness of money spent and services provided.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Kirk Hovenkotter, Kathryn Ricchiuto, Nick Sattelle
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Seattle needs great transit. Without it, riders with disabilities, older adults, youth, and working families are stuck waiting for the bus and miss opportunities. Transit should be a seamless part of peoples' lives, not a burden to plan around.

In 2020, we voted to improve bus service across Seattle. That measure has delivered: buses run more often, and 10,000 of our neighbors receive free transit passes. But this funding runs out in 2027 unless we renew it.

For just \$29 more per year per household, Proposition 1 will ensure buses come more often, later at night, and on weekends. It will double the free passes for low income Seattleites. With buses we can count on, more families can skip the expense of gas or a second car. And we can all enjoy less traffic and cleaner air. Vote "Yes" to keep Seattle's buses coming.

Endorsed by Mayor Katie Wilson, King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, Seattle City Councilmembers Hollingsworth, Saka, Foster, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, and Saka, King County Councilmembers Barón, Dembowski, Lewis and Mosqueda, MLK Labor, ATU 587, King County Democrats, Seattle Streets Alliance, 350 Seattle, Transit Riders Union, Transportation Choices Coalition, The Urbanist, and more.

Statement in opposition

Ari Hoffman

Seattle politicians say they care about affordability, then ask residents to approve another regressive sales tax. Proposition 1 would double the Seattle Transit Measure sales tax from 0.15% to 0.30%, putting our sales tax at 10.7%, *among the highest rates of any major city in America*. Before demanding more from taxpayers, government should demonstrate accountability for the money it already receives.

The measure includes funding connected to Sound Transit, even as the agency struggles to deliver projects voters were promised. Ballard and West Seattle residents have paid Sound Transit taxes for years while planned light-rail expansions face enormous financial challenges and uncertainty. Meanwhile, transit agencies are leaving fare revenue uncollected. *At least one-third of riders on Sound Transit boarded without paying during the World Cup*. Taxpayers should not continually be asked to pay more while agencies fail to collect fares from riders.

Seattle families already face high housing, food, utility, and transportation costs. Sales taxes disproportionately burden working families and people with lower incomes because they consume a larger share of household earnings. Reliable transit matters. So does accountability. City Hall should prioritize existing resources, demand responsible management, and improve fare collection before raising taxes.

Vote No on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

This measure funds bus service from King County Metro. Voting no cuts bus service working people rely on. Without it, late night and shift workers lose out. This measure helps us afford to live in our expensive city.

The measure costs a low income household \$17 a year. Owning a car costs \$11,577 a year. Proposition 1 provides free ORCA cards to 22,000 of the lowest income riders. Vote yes on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The proponents call Proposition 1 "just \$29 more," but that minimizes the real issue: Seattle's sales tax would climb to 10.7%, hitting working families and low-income residents hardest. Doubling this regressive tax is not affordability.

Reliable transit deserves responsible management. Before demanding more, City Hall and transit agencies should prioritize existing revenue, collect unpaid fares, and prove taxpayers are getting results. Seattleites already pay heavily for promised transit projects. Vote no until accountability comes first.

Proposition No. 1

Formation of the Shoreline Metropolitan Park District

The Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 562 concerning the creation of a metropolitan park district in Shoreline.

This proposition would create the Shoreline Metropolitan Park District to finance and refinance the acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance, programming, renovation, and expansion of a pool facility and future recreational facilities. The District, with the same boundaries as Shoreline, governed by a Board composed of City Councilmembers, would exercise powers in state law, provide ongoing funding, levy regular property taxes not to exceed \$0.75/\$1,000 assessed valuation (anticipated initial rate \$0.55/\$1,000, or as necessary to generate approximately \$8.8 million annually).

Should the Shoreline Metropolitan Park District be formed?

For the formation of a Shoreline Metropolitan Park District to be governed by Shoreline City Councilmembers.

Against the formation of a Shoreline Metropolitan Park District.

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



You will be voting
For or Against
Proposition No. 1

Requirement passage: Simple majority (RCW 35.61.040)

Explanatory statement

If approved by voters, this proposition creates the Shoreline Metropolitan Park District (MPD) to finance and refinance the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new indoor pool facility and potential future recreational facilities. The MPD would have the same boundaries as the City of Shoreline (City). The MPD would be a new taxing jurisdiction (RCW 35.61) governed by a board composed of City Councilmembers. City staff would operate and maintain the pool pursuant to an agreement with the MPD.

The approximately 48,000 square foot facility would be built on City-owned property at 17828 Midvale Ave N. The preliminary accessible design includes an 8-lane lap pool with diving well; recreation pool with a lazy river for walking and floating; warmer hydrotherapy pool; sauna; universal changerooms; party rooms; parking; and outdoor spaces connecting to the Interurban Trail.

Creating the MPD would allow for construction of future recreational facilities should additional funding be available. The pool facility design leaves space for a potential recreation facility addition.

The anticipated initial property tax levy rate is \$0.55/\$1,000 assessed valuation, or as necessary to generate approximately \$8.8 million annually. The maximum allowable rate is \$0.75/\$1,000. Revenue would pay for pool facility construction, operation, and maintenance. Revenue could only be used for the pool facility and future recreational facilities, not other City needs.

Tax collection would start in 2028. A homeowner with a median value home (\$831,000 in 2026) would pay approximately \$421 per year, an average of \$35 per month, in additional property taxes.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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Statement in favor

Krishnakant Nammi, Susie McDowell, Buddy Smith
letshorelineswim.org

It's Time Shoreline! Let's invest in our future. Imagine kids learning water safety, teenagers competing in swim meets, adults enjoying lap swims, and seniors staying healthy through supportive water exercise. Take a float through the lazy river while neighbors take fitness classes and build community. A well-planned aquatics facility through Proposition 1 will provide a safe, accessible home base for high school swim teams and a welcoming gathering place for residents of all ages.

Studies show that formal swimming lessons reduce drowning risk in young children by 88% while aquatic exercise improves strength, mobility, and fall prevention in older adults. A local pool prepares our youth to safely explore Washington's waters and helps keep aging residents active.

Shoreline residents shouldn't have to leave town or pay higher non-resident fees for pool access. Creating a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) establishes stable, dedicated local funding to build, operate, and maintain an affordable, year-round facility right here at home.

Equitably funded through property taxes, this measure invests directly in health, safety, and community well-being. Make a difference today. Vote yes on Proposition 1 for a healthy vision of Shoreline's future. The future is now!

Statement in opposition

Sandra Cribbs, Jeff Hays, Joesph Smith
www.shorelineprop1.com

A Permanent Tax Hike for a \$100 Million Luxury Pool? Shoreline voters need to consider this proposal carefully. We cannot afford to get this wrong.

This measure creates a new Metropolitan Park District with the power to permanently raise local/ city property taxes by at least 33% — all to fund a \$100 million pool facility to start. But this is not a temporary bond. It's a permanent tax, and it hands the newly created Metropolitan Park District sweeping authority to fund future projects without ever coming back to voters for approval.

Every resident pays the price. Property owners foot the bill directly, and landlords will no doubt pass the cost straight through to renters in the form of higher rent.

Shoreline wants you to pay \$100 million for just a luxury pool facility – no recreation center, no fitness center, no senior center, no commercial kitchen. It's way too much money for too little that will benefit too few. The city has more pressing priorities that should be addressed with any future tax increase. Don't create a new tax district that gives the city a blank check. Proposition 1 will make Shoreline less affordable for all forever. Vote no.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The Con statement is fundamentally inaccurate. The MPD wouldn't have sweeping tax authority; it is limited between 55 and 75 cents per \$1,000 assessed. Their claim that the MPD will increase property taxes by 33% is false. It would increase approximately 5.5% to 7.5%.

Rather than a luxury expense, the measure simply replaces the pool we enjoyed from 1971 to 2020. Fearmongering + incorrect arithmetic = a bad argument. Vote yes.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

This is no time to add \$100M in debt for a pool facility and saddle taxpayers with a 33% local tax increase. These are extremely uncertain economic times with high interest rates and rising inflation.

Numerous other tax increases are already approved or expected in the next 2-3 years. Recent property tax increases have far outpaced inflation. There's a limit to what taxpayers can afford. Prioritization of limited tax dollars is crucial. Vote no.

Proposition No. 1

School Construction and Replacement Bonds

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 has approved Resolution No. 1426, 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 replace Cascade Middle School and Alpac Elementary, 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 \$491,000,000 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 \$491,000,000 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, reduce class sizes and the use of portable classrooms, improve safety and security, modernize technology and student learning environments, improve energy efficiency, and improve and expand playfields and athletic facilities for student and community use.

If voters approve this proposition, the District expects to receive approximately \$36,248,500 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. The District's website at www.auburn.wednet.edu/2026election has the anticipated tax impact associated with this bond. 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.

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Statement in favor

Cari Manry, Terri Herren

Vote Yes to build a brand-new middle school and replace the aging, outdated Cascade Middle School and Alpac Elementary. Today, over 1,100 of our middle schoolers are crowded into 45 temporary portables, while Alpac faces constant, costly repairs. This bond directly solves overcrowding district-wide in the middle schools.

Our community and students deserve modern facilities now—not years down the road. Clean, safe, and modern schools ignite student pride, boost teacher commitment, and uplift entire neighborhoods. Our kids deserve spaces designed for success.

This is a fiscally responsible investment. Auburn School District has a proven track record of delivering projects on time and under budget while keeping taxes low. At an estimated cost of just \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value—about \$50.41 a month for a \$550,000 home—we can secure three modern schools to serve generations.

A majority voted Yes in the last election, but we need a 60% supermajority to secure critical state matching funds. Our students cannot wait.

Statement in opposition

Eric Petersen

The Auburn School District is demanding a massive \$491 million bond package to build three local schools, averaging a staggering \$163 million per individual facility. Meanwhile, the neighboring Tacoma School District is successfully building eight separate schools for an average total cost of \$66 million each.

The new Lowell and Whittier are modern, state-of-the-art elementary schools for under \$50 million each. However, Auburn demands a whopping \$118 million to demolish, design & build Alpac Elementary. This massive cost discrepancy begs an obvious question: where exactly is the other \$68 million going for this school alone?

Furthermore, the district’s advertised \$1.10 property tax rate completely fails to cover repaying the \$491 million principal plus the \$350+ million in interest debt. Repaying this massive accumulated interest forces true initial rates up to \$1.93 per \$1,000, exposing a huge gap between the advertised numbers and the harsh financial reality.

Working families and honest local people are barely getting by in today’s tough economic environment. The school district must bring local taxpayers a reasonable, fiscally responsible request instead of pushing over-inflated, expensive dreams that place an unfair, heavy financial burden on our entire community. Vote No

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Misleading comparisons ignore differences in school size, site conditions, and long-term construction standards. Auburn is building schools designed to last a century and has a proven record of completing projects on time and on budget. Replacing aging schools and overcrowded portables now is a smarter long-term investment than continuing costly repairs. Vote Yes to provide safe, modern schools for generations of Auburn students.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

If you own property assessed at \$600,000, your current property tax bill for schools alone is \$4,800. If you add this bond at the true cost of \$1.93 per \$1,000, your school tax portion will jump to \$5,958 per year.

Tacoma’s approved \$650 million bond replaces or renovates 11 aging schools; Auburn wants \$491 million for just 3. Don’t be bullied, make them resubmit this with real cost, not bloated numbers. Vote no.

Proposition No. 1**Bonds to Replace and Rebuild Deteriorating Schools and Improve Safety**

The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 11-26, concerning neighborhood school improvements and safety upgrades. This proposition would authorize the District to: replace or rebuild four deteriorating schools (Cascade, Chinook, Sylvester, CHOICE Academy), including new career/technical learning spaces, secure entrances, security camera upgrades; make critical districtwide core building system upgrades, including heating, roofing, electrical, plumbing; implement districtwide health, security, fire system and earthquake safety upgrades; issue \$595,400,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 11-26. 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% majority and minimum turnout of 40% of voters casting ballots in last general election (Washington Constitution, art. VII, sec. 2(b))

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 authorizes school construction bonds to replace and rebuild deteriorating schools and make districtwide safety and accessibility improvements and upgrades. Proposition 1 will improve student, staff and community safety, security and accessibility, enhance student learning environments, improve and expand educational opportunities, and provide necessary student educational facilities (including career/technical learning spaces).

The bonds will allow Highline Public Schools to: (1) address critical needs districtwide, including core building system upgrades and site improvements (plumbing, hot water systems, HVAC, electrical, roofing, security, fire systems and earthquake safety upgrades); (2) construct a new school to replace Sylvester Middle School; (3) construct a new school to replace Cascade Middle School; (4) partially rebuild and modernize Chinook Middle School (replacing the oldest, most outdated buildings, facilities and infrastructure with new construction; renovating and updating existing usable buildings; and replacing portables with permanent classrooms); (5) rebuild and modernize the former Southern Heights Elementary School site as a new facility for CHOICE Academy; and (6) develop design plans for construction, redevelopment or replacement of Valley View Early Learning Center and Hilltop Elementary School. More information is available at highlineschools.org/bondandlevy.

The \$595,400,000 of general obligation bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes sufficient to pay bond debt service over a maximum term of 21 years. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, contact 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

Tina Orwall, Dan Satterberg, Sili Savusa
www.yesforHighline.org

Highline students deserve schools that are safe, healthy, and equipped for today's learning. Vote yes on Prop. 1 to rebuild aging schools, address critical repairs, and make schools ADA accessible and more secure from safety threats.

This bond will provide all middle school students in our community with secure, modern classrooms. It would replace Cascade and Sylvester middle schools, rebuild Chinook Middle School, and rebuild Southern Heights for CHOICE Academy. It ensures an equal middle school educational environment for students in every Highline neighborhood.

Voting Yes protects our community's investments in public facilities. As roofs, heating, plumbing, and electrical systems age, repairs become more costly, and facilities failures disrupt student learning. The bond is a practical investment that ensures safe, reliable facilities for students and our community for decades to come.

Local bonds are the only way to fund school construction and repairs. The state doesn't provide this funding. Highline has a decades-long track record of completing projects on time and on budget. Quality schools strengthen neighborhoods and make communities safer. Please join parents, educators, neighbors and community leaders in voting yes on Prop. 1 so all Highline students can learn in safe, modern schools.

Statement in opposition

Mike Bishoff, Kirsten Cooper, Katie Paulson
BetterPlanforHighline.com

Vote No for Now on Highline's record-breaking \$595.4 million bond proposal. If passed, taxpayers will have approved more than \$1.4 billion in construction debt in just ten years. Meanwhile, Highline spends more than \$25,000 per student annually, \$3,000 more than the state average. Yet 67% of students test below grade level in reading, and 76% fail math and science grade level standards.

Even at newly rebuilt schools, state data shows worsening attendance and declining academic performance. New buildings may look impressive, but bricks and mortar cannot fix failing academics.

The district wants to rebuild three middle schools at once. Why not begin with two and return later for the third? A smaller bond would improve schools while keeping costs more manageable. With the cost of living climbing rapidly, families cannot afford this unnecessary burden.

Students deserve safe schools and strong academics. Taxpayers deserve responsible spending, transparency, and accountability. Highline has ignored community concerns and failed to earn our trust. Why should we trust the district with a bond this large? Send Highline back to the drawing board. Demand a smaller, smarter bond that puts students first and gives taxpayers a fair deal. Vote No for Now.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Students attending Highline's newly built schools have higher attendance and engagement. All students deserve safe, modern schools. We can't afford to put off replacing aging, outdated schools while construction costs escalate, costing taxpayers much more later. Prop. 1 was shaped by a community-led advisory committee, recommending a practical plan focused on critical needs and responsible stewardship of tax dollars. Highline has earned our trust by delivering new schools on time, on budget. Please vote Yes!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Safe & equitable schools shouldn't require a \$595.4M price tag. Real equity means safe facilities & academic progress, but even at new facilities, academics are falling. Massive construction debt isn't a practical or acceptable substitute for classroom learning.

Asking taxpayers for \$161.3M for Chinook's partial remodel - delayed until 2031- is not reasonable when full rebuilds at Sylvester (\$180.3M) & Cascade (\$172.1M) cost roughly the same. Demand smarter, more responsible planning: Vote No for Now!

Proposition No. 2

Educational
Technology and Capital
Improvements Levy

The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 12-26, concerning educational technology and capital improvements to maintain student learning. This proposition would fund districtwide technology, programs and staff and other capital improvements not funded by the State, including cybersecurity protections, reliable internet, technology operations and infrastructure, and student/staff technology access, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2027	\$0.36	\$12,000,000
2028	\$0.35	\$12,000,000
2029	\$0.34	\$12,000,000
2030	\$0.32	\$12,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 12-26.
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

Proposition 2 authorizes a capital levy for educational technology and capital improvements to maintain student learning and improve student and staff safety and security. Proposition 2 will address the existing condition of educational technology equipment, infrastructure and systems and aging and educationally outdated school facilities.

The capital levy will fund: (1) cybersecurity protections and systems that protect student and staff data; (2) reliable internet, wireless networks and technology infrastructure that support teaching and learning; (3) student and staff devices, classroom technology and instructional software; (4) educator and staff training and support to implement technology improvements; and (5) other technology improvements and upgrades districtwide. The capital levy will also fund districtwide capital improvements to support the construction, modernization and remodeling of schools and facilities. More information is available at highlineschools.org/bondandlevy.

The proposed four-year levy would authorize collection of \$12,000,000 in each of the years 2027 through 2030. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$0.36 in 2027, \$0.35 in 2028, \$0.34 in 2029, and \$0.32 in 2030. Exact levy rates will be determined based on actual assessed value at the time of levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, contact 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, Karen Keiser, Pat Thompson
www.yesforHighline.org

Highline students and teachers rely on technology. Voting yes on Prop. 2 restores expired funding approved by voters for the secure systems, reliable internet, and classroom tools that prepare students for success.

This levy funds cybersecurity to protect sensitive student information. It pays for instructional software, internet access, teacher training for responsible technology use, technical support, and devices for students and staff. It funds the system that enables schools to reach parents in an emergency and for day-to-day communication. Technology costs are rising. The levy fills the gap between the funding provided by the state and the actual costs of meeting the technology needs of students and schools.

Modern, reliable technology is an essential investment in student learning. Students must learn safe, responsible use of the technology they encounter now and in the future. Reliable technology means students spend more time learning, and teachers spend more time teaching and less time waiting for systems to work.

The technology levy is a practical investment in the tools Highline students need today and the skills they will need to be successful in the future. Please join parents, educators, neighbors and community leaders in voting Yes for Highline by November 3.

Statement in opposition

Mike Bishoff, Katie Paulson, Lauren Schmidt
BetterPlanforHighline.com

As Highline parents, we deeply support our public schools and want high-quality learning environments for every student. We also know that real student success comes from dedicated teachers, not screen time. *We are voting No on this levy because our children and teachers deserve proven, human-led instruction over endless tech contracts.*

Highline’s 1:1 device policy gives every child an internet-connected device starting in Kindergarten. While major urban districts and private schools are scaling back devices and auditing tech contracts, Highline is asking us to auto-renew. We need to pause and reassess how tech is being used in our classrooms.

Voters have approved multiple tech levies since 2018, yet academic outcomes have gone down. Relying on expensive and unproven programs like i-Ready instead of comprehensive, evidence-based instruction simply isn’t working. Furthermore, this levy is a blank check; with Policy 6101 just changed in June, it will give administrators upfront authority to sign million-dollar tech contracts without a public meeting or school board vote.

A No vote isn’t abandoning our schools; it’s demanding smarter, low-tech learning and real district accountability before writing a \$48 million check. Our students and our teachers deserve better. Vote No for Now.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

This levy funds technology for student safety, parent communication, and cybersecurity - not more screentime. Teachers use technology in human-led modern classroom instruction. Students need to learn safe, responsible use of technology to be prepared for future careers. Fact check: Policy 6101 still requires school board approval of million-dollar tech contracts. Voters overwhelmingly approved Highline’s one/only tech levy in 2020. Vote yes: restore expired funding and give our students the same advantages as other communities.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Prop 2 falsely assumes more tech equals more learning and software saves teacher time. Supporting schools shouldn’t mean funding unproven technology or forcing early device reliance on young children.

Safe, working schools need transparent plans, not blank checks. Vote No to demand district accountability: audit all tech contracts, remove 1:1 devices in early grades, establish clear districtwide screen policies, and restore direct school board oversight over academics and spending. Highline students deserve better.

Proposition No. 1

Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Kent School District No. 415 adopted Resolution No. 1718 concerning a proposition to support educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, this proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support educational programs and operations not funded by the State’s statutory program of basic education.

Collection Year	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2028	\$1.95	\$104,700,000
2029	\$1.93	\$111,100,000
2030	\$1.88	\$115,700,000
2031	\$1.84	\$121,400,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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



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

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

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow Kent School District to replace an expiring voter-approved levy for school programs and operations by levying \$104,700,000 for collection in 2028, \$111,100,000 for collection in 2029, \$115,700,000 for collection in 2030, and \$121,400,000 for collection in 2031. The proposed levy would replace an existing levy that voters previously approved and expires in 2027. The expiring levy currently funds approximately 15% of the District’s general operating expenses. If approved, the proposed replacement levy would pay for day-to-day school operations to meet student needs not funded by the State, including but not limited to college and career readiness staff and programs, physical, social, and emotional learning staff and programs (including mental health counselors and staff), materials, supplies, and operational costs (including utilities and insurance), transportation, safety and security staff, athletic and extra-curricular programs, electives, and classroom support programs.

Based on projected assessed valuation information, the District estimates a tax rate of \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2028; \$1.93 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2029; \$1.88 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2030; and \$1.84 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 2031. 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:

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

Statement in favor

Dana Ralph, Bill Boyce, Jeff Wagner
citizensforkentschools.com

Our schools are one of the most important investments our community makes—and this renewal levy will help keep that investment strong. It provides critical local funding that keeps schools safe, supports student learning, provides extracurricular opportunities, and helps ensure every child has access to the resources they need to succeed.

Voting Yes means continuing local funding that directly supports students, teachers, and programs not fully paid for by the state. This includes academic support, athletics, arts, mental health resources, music, safety, and transportation. This investment touches thousands of students and helps recruit and retain the outstanding teachers and staff who prepare these students for college, careers, and life.

Let’s renew our commitment to strong schools by voting Yes! Strong schools support local businesses, strengthen property values, and prepare the next generation of workers and leaders. This proposal continues a long tradition of local investment in our schools while maintaining one of the lowest school levy rates among neighboring districts.

This levy is not a new tax. It is a continued investment in educational opportunities today and in the strength of our community tomorrow. Please join us in voting Yes for our students, our schools, and our shared future.

Statement in opposition

Joseph Riley

We all want strong schools and well-supported students, but writing a bigger check will not fix poor financial management. The district is asking for *significantly more money* while class sizes grow, enrollment declines, and families are left wondering where the money is actually going. We cannot continue to fund failing leadership while our students bear the burden of larger classes and reduced support.

District leadership has consistently turned a deaf ear to the community, and this levy comes with no binding promises to safeguard a single program or staffing group. Make no mistake: this tax hike will not bring back the vital resources cut this year, and it will not stop them from cutting more next year. We cannot keep writing blank checks to an administration that refuses to listen, consistently provides less than surrounding districts, and prioritizes themselves over students.

Furthermore, this levy is running a year ahead of schedule, with no effect on funding until 2028. *Voting “No” now costs our classrooms nothing in 2027.* Stand up for true accountability, new leadership, and better outcomes for our children. Vote no today, and let the district earn your trust with a community-aligned plan before trying again next year.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The opposition’s claims don’t match the facts. Kent School District has passed seven consecutive independent financial accountability audits and maintained a high credit rating—measurable signs of responsible financial management, not financial disarray.

This renewal levy isn’t a blank check. It provides funding for local schools, with accountability for every dollar. Our students deserve decisions based on facts and transparency, not misleading claims that undermine confidence in our schools and the people who serve them.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Supporters claim this levy will fund things like student supports, athletics, and the arts. The last levy promised those same things through 2027, but the district cut them this year.

Don’t accept empty promises. While taxes are rising, test scores and graduation rates are dropping, staffing is being cut, and class sizes are growing. *Vote “No” today.* Make the district earn your trust with a community-aligned plan and new leadership before trying again next year.

Proposition No. 1**Bonds to Improve
Fire and Emergency
Response Facilities**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 20 adopted Resolution No. 2026-002, concerning emergency response facilities to protect public health, life and property. This proposition would authorize the District to: improve emergency response support facilities and infrastructure on two sites owned by the District; renovate and modernize the existing fire station; acquire firefighting and emergency response apparatus; issue no more than \$16,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2026-002. 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% majority and minimum turnout of 40% of voters casting ballots in last general election (Washington Constitution, art. VII, sec. 2(b))

Explanatory statement

King County Fire Protection District No. 20 provides fire suppression and rescue services, emergency medical services, and fire prevention and community education to protect life and property from the adverse effects of fires, medical emergencies or exposure to dangerous conditions.

The Board of Fire Commissioners has determined the inadequate size and aging and outdated facilities of the District, and the need to improve site security and resilience, operational readiness and efficiency, and community, firefighter and emergency responder safety, require the District to improve emergency response support facilities and infrastructure on two sites owned by the District. The improvements include renovating and modernizing the existing fire station, and acquiring firefighting and emergency response apparatus.

If approved, this proposition would authorize no more than \$16,000,000 of general obligation bonds that would mature within a maximum of 20 years and be repaid from annual excess property taxes. The estimated tax rate is approximately \$0.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, contact the King County Department of Assessments, 206-296-3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Eric Hicks
Fire Chief
(206) 772-1430
ehicks@kcfd20.org

Statement in favor

Terry Miller, Alesia D. Cannaday, Margie Lindberg

As a neighborhood committee we support this bond because it is an investment in the safety and preparedness of our community. We deserve reliable emergency services, safe facilities for our firefighters, and the resources needed to meet future challenges.

Our firefighters respond to thousands of emergency calls from a station that was built more than 40 years ago and is not seismic approved. While the dedication of our firefighters has never changed, some of the facilities and apparatus they rely on every day have reached the end of their useful life and need replacing.

This bond will modernize Fire Station 20, replace an aging reserve engine, and improve the district's emergency operations campus by constructing nearby secure storage for emergency equipment and reserve apparatus. These projects/buildings will help protect emergency vehicles, supplies, improve firefighter safety, and ensure the district is prepared to respond to all emergencies and disasters.

The proposed bond is focused on long-term capital improvements that cannot be funded through the district's regular operating budget. By making these investments now, we can preserve and improve the facilities and equipment that support emergency response for years to come. Vote *Yes* on the KCFD No. 20 Community Safety Bond.

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.

Proposition No. 1**Levy for Retention and Improvement of Vashon Cemetery Services**

To support operational expenses, modernize and maintain burial records, acquire essential equipment, advance the development of green burial practices, and facilitate the acquisition of additional property, the Board of King County Cemetery District No. 1 adopted Resolution No. 295 proposing a permanent increase in its regular property tax levy from approximately \$.03 (\$.02816) to \$.05 per \$1000 of assessed valuation beginning in 2027.

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

This measure concerns the continued stewardship and preservation of the Vashon Cemetery. The cemetery serves as the final resting place for generations of island residents and is a significant historical and community resource. Funds generated by this measure would support routine maintenance, preservation of cemetery records, repair and upkeep of facilities, and protection of the site's historical character to help ensure that the cemetery remains safe, accessible, and well maintained, while preserving its role as a place of remembrance and reflection for current and future generations. The measure does not change ownership or governance of the cemetery. An increase of two cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation results in an annual property tax increase, per \$100,000 of assessed property tax value, of two dollars per year. If approved, the property tax levy increase would result in a total levy of five dollars (\$5.00) per \$100,000 of assessed value.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Catherine Sullivan
Commissioner
98070cemeterycommissioner@gmail.com

Statement in favor

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

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Statement in opposition

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Full text of Ordinance No. 127474

An ordinance relating to a sales and use tax; providing for the submission to qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on November 3, 2026, a proposition to collect a sales and use tax to fund transit and related transportation programs in Seattle; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Recitals:

Chapter 36.73 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) provides for the establishment of transportation benefit districts by cities and counties and authorizes those districts to levy and impose various taxes and fees to generate revenues to support transportation improvements that benefit the district and that are consistent with state, regional, or local transportation plans and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels.

City of Seattle (City) Ordinance 123397 created the Seattle Transportation Benefit District for preserving and maintaining transportation infrastructure, improving public safety, implementing elements of the Seattle Transportation Strategic Plan and other planning documents, investing in bicycle, pedestrian, freight mobility and transit enhancements, and providing people with choices to meet their mobility needs.

In Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) Resolution 12, the Governing Board of the STBD submitted a ballot measure (STBD Proposition 1) to the qualified electors of the STBD to authorize up to a 0.1 percent sales and use tax and an annual vehicle license fee of up to an additional \$60 per registered vehicle with a \$20 rebate for low-income individuals, for the purposes of funding additional city-wide transit service in Seattle for a six-year term expiring on December 31, 2020.

On November 4, 2014, STBD Proposition 1 was approved by a majority of qualified electors of the STBD, and on December 1, 2014, in STBD Resolution 14, the Governing Board of the STBD imposed the revenue measures authorized by the voters through the approval of STBD Proposition 1.

On July 8, 2016, by Ordinance 125070, the City assumed the rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations of the STBD as authorized under RCW 36.74.030.

In July 2020, by Ordinance 126115, having assumed the powers of the STBD, the City submitted a ballot measure (City of Seattle Proposition 1) to the City's voters to authorize up to a 0.15 percent sales and use tax for the purposes of funding additional citywide transit service in Seattle for a six-year term expiring on March 31, 2027.

On November 3, 2020, City of Seattle Proposition 1 was approved by 80 percent of qualified Seattle electors and imposed the revenue measures authorized by voters via Ordinance 126250 on December 11, 2020.

To distinguish it from the vehicle license fees enacted by the City Council under chapter 36.73 RCW's Transportation Benefit District authority, used to fund non-transit transportation investments, Proposition 1 is now known as the Seattle Transit Measure.

The State Department of Revenue requires one calendar quarter of notice before a new sales tax may be collected. As a result, to begin collecting a new sales tax on April 1, 2027, one day after the current measure expires on March 31, 2027, a new measure must be approved by voters in the November 3, 2026 General Election, and that authority enacted by the City Council by December 31, 2026.

The City, having assumed the powers of the STBD, currently has the authority to seek voter approval for a replacement measure of up to a 0.3 percent sales and use tax for transportation improvements under RCW 82.14.0455.

Since the passage of City of Seattle Proposition 1 in 2020, the Seattle Transit Measure has funded seven percent of bus service on eligible Seattle routes operated by King County Metro (those with 65 percent of stops within Seattle), expanding bus service by over 3,200 weekly trips, making bus service more reliable, prioritizing historically underserved populations, and increasing access to transit service in the evenings, on weekends and overnight on over 30 bus routes across the city.

The 2020 Seattle Transit measure funded transit equity and access initiatives, providing 52,000 subsidized ORCA cards to youth, seniors, low-income families receiving free preschool tuition, Seattle college students, essential workers, job seekers, and Seattle Housing Authority residents.

The 2020 Seattle Transit measure funded enhanced transit infrastructure through a diverse range of capital investments. STM funds have supported projects aimed at improving transit travel time, reliability, safety, and accessibility. Notable transit projects using STM funding include RapidRide J Line, NE 130th & NE 125th Mobility and Safety Project, the Rainier Ave S Bus Lane Project, 35 Transit Spot Improvements, among many others. These investments reflect SDOT's commitment to creating a safer, more efficient, and accessible transit system for Seattle residents through STM revenues.

On December 18, 2024, King County Metro driver Shawn Yim (Operator # 21882) was murdered while on duty and the City Council has since sought to find additional ways to improve transit safety and security for transit riders and operators in Seattle and enhance protection of our neighborhoods to help ensure that Seattle is a welcoming, safe community for all.

The City recognizes that improving transit safety and security for all is a shared responsibility borne by all jurisdictions, not just a responsibility for public transit agencies such as King County Metro or Sound Transit to address, meaning that local jurisdictions including the City play a critical role in investing in transit safety and security improvements within their jurisdictional boundaries.

The City, following the recommendations of the King County Regional Transit Safety Task Force, is committed to working toward a coordinated regional incident response system. This system will align agencies, jurisdictions, and care providers under a single framework with shared protocols that clearly define roles, responsibilities, and escalation standards for all types of incidents occurring within the regional transit system.

The City Council is further committed to working collaboratively with the county and the state to keep our buses and other forms of transit safe, as this is not just a concern for Seattle, but for everyone who uses public transit in the Puget Sound region, and support the City's prompt and faithful implementation locally, alongside other governments and public transit agencies, of all recommendations made by the King County Regional Transit Safety Task Force.

The 2020 Seattle Transit Measure began funding Sound Transit 3 (ST3) staffing to support delivery of Sound Transit 3 projects in Seattle in 2025, including the West Seattle Link Extension, the Ballard Link Extension, and the Graham St infill station. This investment supports a team of transportation planners, engineers, permit

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reviewers and project managers that coordinate closely with Sound Transit to streamline the permitting process and get to construction more quickly.

The City intends to work with King County Metro to prioritize the use of electric transit, including electric buses in Duwamish Valley and South Seattle communities that have been identified as overburdened and highly impacted by air pollution because they meet the statewide screening criteria based on the Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map ranking and the EJScreen demographic index.

The City wishes to continue maintaining access to opportunity and to expand the more frequent, reliable, all-day, every-day transit network made possible by City of Seattle Proposition 1.

Because of the importance of the regional public transit network in promoting equitable transit access in communities throughout King County, the City supports future efforts to enact a countywide transit funding measure. The City intends to continue its close collaboration with King County, and the King County Transportation District, or its successor, on a future transit measure that could be approved by countywide voters, thereby allowing the City to potentially adjust or phase-out this funding measure while ensuring that transit availability meets the needs of all Seattle transit riders.

Regressive sales and use taxes, such as the tax that is required to fund the Seattle Transit Measure, are more burdensome to individuals and families with lower incomes, and it is the goal of the City to decrease this burden by shifting transit costs to progressive revenue sources wherever possible.

The City will continue its work to identify and pursue new local progressive revenue options, and options that encourage more transit use, such as congestion pricing and a commercial parking tax. The City will continue to work with King County and other local partners to identify, advocate for, and pursue all possible progressive revenue options, with the intent that any future revenue from such sources be used to replace Proposition revenues as defined in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Similarly, the City intends to collaborate with King County and other regional partners to advocate for State authorization of new progressive revenue sources available to transportation benefit districts, so Washington cities and counties can adequately and reliably support equitable transit access without disproportionately burdening low-income households.

In the meantime, the City will continue to work with King County Metro to provide expanded transit service to Seattle residents through renewal of service purchase agreements it entered with the City following passage of the original STBD Proposition 1 in 2014 and renewed in modified form following voter approval of the current Seattle Transit Measure in 2020. Therefore,

Be it ordained by The City of Seattle as follows:

Section 1. The City submits to the qualified electors of the City of Seattle a proposition to authorize up to a 0.3 percent sales and use tax that will be effective no earlier than April 1, 2027 and continuing for up to a ten-year term, ending March 31, 2037. This sales and use tax would replace the 0.15 percent sales and use tax authorized by Seattle voters in 2020 for a six-year term expiring March 31, 2027. If approved by voters, the revenues will be used as described below in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 2. Use of revenues. The funds raised by this proposition

(Proposition revenues) will be used solely for the transit and transportation purposes as described in this ordinance and associated administrative costs. Proposition revenues will first be used to pay election costs and any required administrative costs to the state Department of Revenue.

Remaining Proposition revenues will be used to fund:

A.

1. Service hours and associated administrative, maintenance, and asset management costs that support King County Metro-operated services with more than 65 percent of stops within Seattle, consistent with the Seattle Transportation Plan and King County Metro Transit's Service Guidelines and long-range plan (Metro CONNECTS), along with the fund reserves necessary under current and future agreements with King County Metro. Bus service hour investments shall be made using a system-wide, data-driven, equity-centered growth-focused prioritization approach that considers the needs of historically underserved populations, including individuals with disabilities and communities with limited access to accessible transportation options, which shall be revised periodically with input from the Transit Advisory Board. Night service shall be considered an essential component of all day transit access and prioritized within this investment framework.

2. Support for local implementation of King County Regional Transit Safety Task Force recommendations from a City of Seattle perspective, including but not limited to funding for additional behavioral health specialists, Metro Transit Police (MTP) Officers, Transit Security Officers, Metro Safety Ambassadors, contracted security personnel, fare enforcement officers, or other Metro safety supports or personnel resources above baseline levels already provided by Metro, that will enhance the transit safety and security experience for riders and operators, supporting an environment where they are free from harm.

B. Night service that supports the participation of teens in the City programming occurring in the evenings and shall be considered an essential component of all day transit access and prioritized within this investment framework.

C. King County Metro transit service hours on current and future RapidRide lines serving Seattle, identified in the Seattle Transit Master Plan and King County Metro's long-range plan (Metro CONNECTS).

D. King County Metro transit service hours that directly connect existing and planned Regional Centers, identified in the City of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan, with downtown Seattle and light rail stations.

E. King County Metro transit service hours on routes serving the City's highest equity priority areas, as informed by ridership and census data.

F. The implementation, management, and administration of programs to support transit access by qualifying seniors, individuals with disabilities, residents of Seattle Housing Authority and other low-income housing within Seattle, youth and young adults, including students participating in the Seattle Promise program, other similar programs at Seattle colleges and universities, students attending Seattle-based Washington state-accredited educational institutions, Washington state-registered apprenticeship programs, or Washington state-accredited training providers, and low-income families, or participants in other City-run income-verified support

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programs. This category may receive up to \$12 million in annual appropriations.

G. Planning for, and the deployment of, increased use of electric transit, including electric buses in Duwamish Valley and South Seattle communities that have been identified as overburdened and highly impacted by air pollution, guided by documented prioritization metrics that could include the statewide screening criteria within the Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map, the EJScreen demographic index, or other evaluative tools.

H. Infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements to maximize the efficiency, safety, accessibility, and availability of transit operations within Seattle, including enhancements to transit reliability and associated project-related transportation demand management activities. Eligible investments include, but are not limited to, transit speed and reliability improvements, accessible pedestrian connections, Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility improvements, accessible transit stop infrastructure, wayfinding improvements, safety enhancements, and projects that improve access to transit for individuals with mobility, sensory (like those who are blind, low-vision, or deaf), cognitive, or developmental disabilities. This category may receive up to \$5 million in annual appropriations, excluding capital carryforward appropriations available under state law and appropriations made pursuant to Section 4 of this ordinance.

I. City of Seattle staffing of programs intended to facilitate planning, engineering, permitting, and project delivery of Sound Transit 3 projects including the West Seattle Link Extension, the Ballard Link Extension, and the Graham St infill station as approved by regional voters in 2016. This category may receive up to \$8 million of annual appropriations, excluding capital carryforward appropriations allowable under state law.

Section 3. In addition to the restrictions on the use of revenues in Section 2 of this ordinance, the annual appropriations for subsections 2.A, 2.B, 2.C, 2.D, and 2.E of this ordinance shall equal at least 75 percent of the annual Proposition revenues, in keeping with the intent of the measure, to increase the frequency and reliability of transit service.

Section 4. Unspent transit service funds. By December 31 of each year beginning in 2028, the Seattle Department of Transportation shall report to the Council the anticipated amount of unspent funds that had been designated for the purchase of transit service in that year. The first report on unspent transit service funds is requested to include analysis of the unspent funds from the beginning of the measure and as projected through the end of 2028. The Council intends to appropriate the unspent funds for uses in subsection 2.H of this ordinance that support safe access to transit for pedestrians and increased or enhanced accessibility for transit riders in the public right-of-way.

Section 5. If the King County Transportation Benefit District enacts a countywide transit funding measure, or if the Washington State Legislature authorizes new progressive revenue sources available to transportation benefit districts, or if the City authorizes new local progressive revenue sources, such as congestion pricing or commercial parking tax, or if the City authorizes the expansion of any existing progressive revenue source, and if any such funding source can replace Proposition revenues, the City reserves the right to pass an ordinance that reduces the sales and use tax rate enacted pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance and/or modifies the restrictions in Section 3 of this ordinance.

Section 6.

A. No supplanting of existing funding for transit service. Before funding any transit service, the City anticipates that there will be an interlocal agreement with King County Metro to provide that the Proposition revenues will not supplant other funding for any routes partially or completely operating within Seattle that King County Metro would otherwise provide in accordance with the Seattle Transportation Plan, and King County Metro's Transit Service Guidelines and long-range plan (Metro CONNECTS).

B. No supplanting of existing funding for safety and security services. Before funding any safety and security service associated with transit purchased through this measure, the City anticipates that there will be an interlocal agreement with King County Metro to provide that the Proposition revenues will not supplant other funding for existing safety and security services offered within Seattle that King County Metro would otherwise provide.

Section 7. Annual reporting and oversight. The City of Seattle shall issue an annual report to the public that provides an overview of transit service levels in Seattle and describes how the Seattle Transit Measure has invested in transit service, transportation access, other transit improvements, and Sound Transit expansion efforts in that year and the impacts these investments have had on the travelling public, including progress toward Frequent Transit Network and City mobility goals.

Additionally, the Seattle Department of Transportation, in partnership with King County Metro, shall provide a separate annual report, beginning March 31, 2028, to the City Council related to the following aspects of the Seattle Transit Measure's investments in transit service:

A. Fare recovery effectiveness, including the percentage of people paying fares, the farebox recovery ratio, including the farebox recovery ratios of a national group of at least 20 comparator or "peer" transit agencies and King County Metro's ranking within that group or the percentage of King County Metro operating costs that was funded directly by passenger fares, total fare revenues collected, the actions taken by King County Metro to support the goal that all adult transit passengers have paid fares or possess a valid transit pass, and any service, operational, or policy changes that affected revenue performance;

B. On-time performance across service hours and routes served, including the percentage of trips arriving within Metro's defined on-time window and early/late distributions, describing how far ahead of schedule ("early") or behind schedule ("late") buses arrive, disaggregated by route including, beginning in year two of the report's preparation, a comparison of on-time performance to the previous three year's metrics in this subject area; and

C. Reliability, or the number of missed or canceled trips and the degree to which King County Metro transit service was delivered consistently and predictably including, beginning in year two of the report's preparation, a comparison of reliability to the previous three years' metrics in this subject area.

The community-led Seattle Transit Advisory Board will continue to serve as the public oversight committee charged with advising on spending of Proposition revenues. Appointments to the Transit Advisory Board, the scope of its duties, and reporting requirements shall continue to be consistent with Resolution 31572, as adopted by Council in 2015, following passage of the 2014 Transportation Benefit District measure.

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Section 8. One-time reporting. The Seattle Department of Transportation, in partnership with King County Metro, shall provide a report on the performance outcomes for bus routes that travel within one-quarter mile of public middle schools, public high schools, and community centers. The report should inform potential additional service delivery to these routes to accommodate the timely attendance at school or scheduled events at these locations of school students, school staff, and youth, prioritizing these individuals' safety both while waiting for buses and while in transit. For each such route, the report should analyze the service levels throughout the day and how the service provided aligns with the commitments of the Frequent Transit Network, the efficiency of the route and ability of drivers to keep to an on-time schedule, and the reliability of these routes. The report should also reflect, for each such route, any regular occurrences of overcrowding (a bus's lack of capacity to admit all who wish to board at a given stop, or the need to skip a stop or stops due to lack of capacity), particularly (1) during peak daily travel times or "rush hour" and (2) in the sections of the route that contain stops within one-quarter mile of public middle schools, public high schools, and community centers. The report should also make recommendations for prioritized potential future transit service changes that are most likely to alleviate overcrowding that impacts students, school staff, and youth. The report should be provided to the City Council by September 31, 2028.

Section 9. One-time reporting. The Seattle Department of Transportation, in partnership with King County Metro, is requested to provide a report that includes analysis and recommendations for an implementation plan to extend Transit Access Program (TAP) benefits to additional low-income populations, including, but not limited to, those participating in City-run, income-verified programs such as the Utility Discount Program, Seattle Preschool Program, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program. Additional analysis regarding expanding the TAP to Seattle households receiving support to access low-income housing services is also requested. The report should include cost and funding scenarios, enrollment and eligibility pathways, demographic and equity impacts, administrative feasibility, and risks, barriers, and mitigation strategies. The report should be provided to the City Council by March 31, 2028.

Section 10. One-time reporting. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), in partnership with King County Metro, is requested to provide a report evaluating the current implementation of policies governing bus stop spacing within Seattle, along with identification of opportunities to improve route speed and service quality. The report should:

- A. Assess current policy application – Provide an analysis of how Metro's stop spacing guidelines – an average of 1/2 mile (RapidRide routes) and 1/4 mile (all other services) – are currently applied throughout the transit network within Seattle.
- B. Identify variances & opportunities for optimization – Map and analyze locations where existing stop spacing does not follow the applicable guideline. Evaluate opportunities to expand stop spacing on routes where stop density exceeds policy targets. Assess the operational feasibility of increasing spacing on existing routes (e.g., route-level impacts on travel time, reliability, fleet planning).
- C. Evaluate constraints and accessibility impacts – Analyze accessibility considerations, including impacts on riders with mobility challenges and access to essential services; economic impacts, such as: effects on local businesses, community access, and transit-

dependent populations; and public safety considerations, including pedestrian conditions, lighting, crossings, and stop location safety.

- D. Provide recommendations – Identify policy or implementation changes that could improve service delivery via consistency with guidelines while maintaining equitable access.

The report should be provided to the City Council by March 31, 2028.

Section 11. One-time reporting. The Seattle Department of Transportation, in partnership with King County Metro, is requested to provide a report on the outcomes to date, and opportunities for improvement or expansion, of King County Metro's Waterfront Shuttle pilot program, which provides seasonal transit service largely at stops west of the Third Avenue bus corridor. The report should include the qualitative input of neighborhood councils and other local business and advocacy organizations. The report should analyze the feasibility of making permanent and year-round transit service along this route or a similar route. The report should take into account cost and operational considerations for King County Metro, and economic, public safety, and public order considerations, as well as considerations around year-round proximity to public transit, that pertain in the area currently served seasonally by the Waterfront Shuttle. The report should be provided to the City Council by June 30, 2027.

Section 12. One-time reporting. The Seattle Department of Transportation, in partnership with King County Metro, is requested to provide a report on the current policies guiding the size of the buses in its fleet, the current use of small buses 40 feet in length or smaller, like shuttles, and opportunities to expand their use. Exploration of how smaller buses and shuttles may create opportunities to more efficiently serve riders during low- and off-peak hours and for potential cost savings generated from reduced fuel consumption and maintenance. The report should explore the possibility of serving routes on narrow streets and steeper terrain where smaller buses may allow for improved maneuverability and safety. Lastly, the report should address the impact that purchasing smaller buses and shuttles may have on King County Metro's ability to purchase electric or hybrid models that emit less carbon dioxide and make less noise than larger buses or shuttles. The report should be provided to the City Council by March 31, 2028.

Section 13. Midterm evaluation of programs. The Seattle Department of Transportation shall submit to the City Council and the Seattle Transit Advisory Board a written midterm evaluation report of this proposition's revenues, expenditures, and program outcomes. The evaluations shall be transmitted no later than June 30, 2032. The midterm evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Financial reporting: A summary of Proposition revenues and expenditures by program category, including service hours purchased, transit access programs, capital investments, and Sound Transit 3 (ST3) staffing support.
- B. Transit service outcomes: An assessment of service frequency, reliability, coverage, ridership changes, and progress toward the Frequent Transit Network and Seattle Transportation Plan transit goals. The assessment should strive to identify the change in service characteristics and performance by route or corridor investment that can be attributed to proposition funded service. The report should assess the overall impact of this proposition's service expenditures on the Seattle transit network's performance.
- C. Transit service equity outcomes: Identification and evaluation of investments and transit service improvements within equity

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priority areas, including ridership trends and assessment of service allocation.

D. Transit access programs: Utilization and performance of subsidized ORCA access programs.

E. Capital and infrastructure outcomes: Identification and progress on proposition funded capital projects, including delivery milestones and measured improvements to transit reliability, safety, and accessibility.

F. ST3 coordination outcomes: Performance of City funded ST3 planning, permitting, and project delivery staffing, including efficiencies achieved and milestone progress for Seattle based ST3 projects.

G. Administrative and cost efficiency measures: Evaluation of administrative expenditures, cost per service hour purchased, and assessment of reserve requirements.

H. Recommendations: Policy recommendations regarding whether to maintain or reduce the rate of any sales tax adopted under the authority of Section 1 of this ordinance, and whether adjustments to program spending priorities are warranted.

Section 14. Election – Ballot title. The City Council directs the City Clerk to file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting the Director of Elections to call and conduct a special election in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance.

The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the City Attorney in accordance with the City Attorney's responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071 and RCW 29A.72.050. The following ballot title containing a statement of subject and concise description are submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

The City of Seattle adopted Ordinance No. XXXXXX concerning funding for transit and related transportation needs in Seattle.

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 would dedicate funding to transit services benefiting Seattle residents, including more frequent transit service; transit fare programs for qualifying low-income people, seniors, students and workers; transit reliability and access projects; enhanced transit service on RapidRide and routes serving high equity priority areas; and planning and permitting for Sound Transit expansion. It authorizes a 0.3% sales and use tax for up to ten years to replace the current voter-approved 0.15% sales tax expiring March 31, 2027.

Should this Proposition be approved?

Yes

No

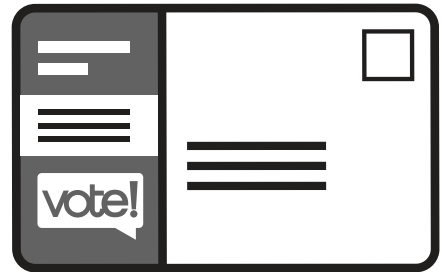
Section 15. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 16. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

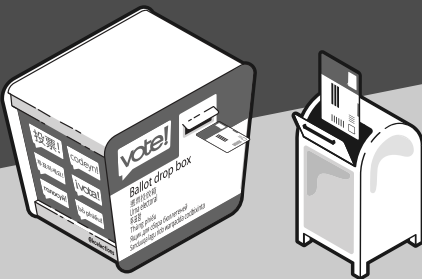
Section 17. Those portions of this ordinance providing for the submission of a ballot proposition to the voters shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, they shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070. Those portions of this ordinance that are dependent upon voter approval of said ballot proposition shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

Journey of your ballot

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You can return your ballot to an official ballot drop box, 24/7, until Election Day at 8 p.m. sharp. If returning your ballot by mail, USPS recommends mailing it at least one week before Election Day.



What happens after we receive your ballot back at Elections Headquarters?

1

Your ballot envelope is sorted.

Our mail sorting machine scans your ballot envelope and sends an image of your signature to be verified.



Your signature is verified.

2

The signature on your voter registration record is compared to the image of the signature from your ballot envelope.

If the signatures match, your ballot moves on to be opened.



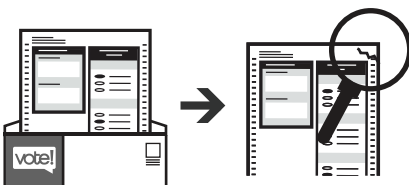
If your signature is missing or doesn't match your registration record, the ballot will be challenged. We will contact you to resolve the issue before the ballot is opened.



Your ballot is opened.

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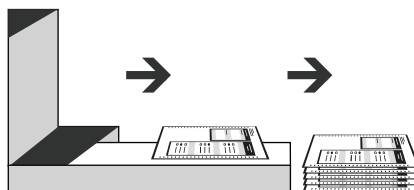
Your ballot is removed from the envelope and security sleeve by trained staff. This is where your votes are separated from your identity. The ballot is then visually inspected to make sure it is able to be scanned.



Your ballot is scanned.

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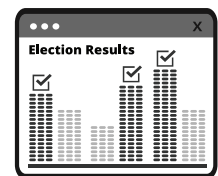
Your ballot is scanned and an image is stored on a secure and closed system until 8 p.m. on Election Night.



Your ballot is counted.

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



Track your ballot each step of the way!

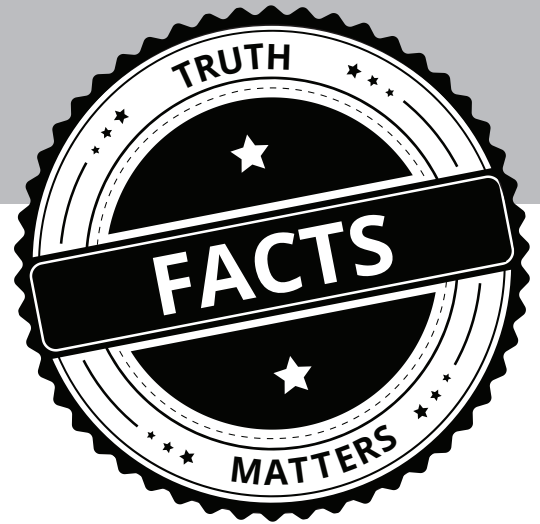
Opt in at kce.wiki/BallotAlerts to receive texts or emails as your ballot is processed and counted.



Truth Matters

Between partisan arguments, online rumors, and AI-generated fakes, figuring out what's real can be challenging.

Here are some tips for finding your way to the facts.



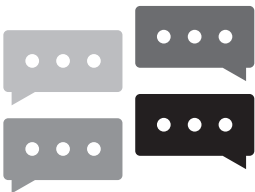
Pause, then question the source.

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 - to pause and be curious. Consider a few simple questions: Who is sharing this information? Why? When was it originally published? What else might be helpful for me to know?



Seek diverse opinions.

Seeking out information from sources with different viewpoints and backgrounds can help paint the clearest picture of the truth.



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