

August 6, 2019 Primary and Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



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You will not be voting on every item in this voters' pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races and measures to review.

Your ballot will arrive by July 22.

Voting tips

Filling out your ballot

You can use any color of pen to complete your ballot.

Signing your envelope

Don't forget to sign the back of your return envelope so your ballot can be counted!

Returning your ballot

Mailing your ballot? No stamp needed! **We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.** Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, August 6.

You can also return your ballot at one of our 67 ballot drop box locations listed on pages 8 - 9 of this pamphlet. **Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, August 6.**

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In-person

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Elections Annex

King County Administration Building
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Who can register

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; and
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington State felony conviction.

How to register

Online

You can register online at www.vote.wa.gov — you'll need a Washington State Driver License or ID. Make sure you register online by the July 29 deadline for the Primary Election.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from www.kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to our office by the July 29 deadline for the Primary Election.

In person

You can register in person through August 6, Election Day at one of the vote centers listed on page 6.

Keep your voter registration current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply update your information online or submit a new registration form by July 29 for the Primary Election or visit us in person through August 6, Election Day at one of the vote centers listed on page 6.

You can register to vote through Election Day!

You can now register to vote, update your address, or make other updates to your voter registration through 8 p.m. on August 6, Election Day.

See page 6 for a list of vote centers where you can register and vote in person.

Registering to vote through the Department of Licensing or Health Benefit Exchange just got easier!

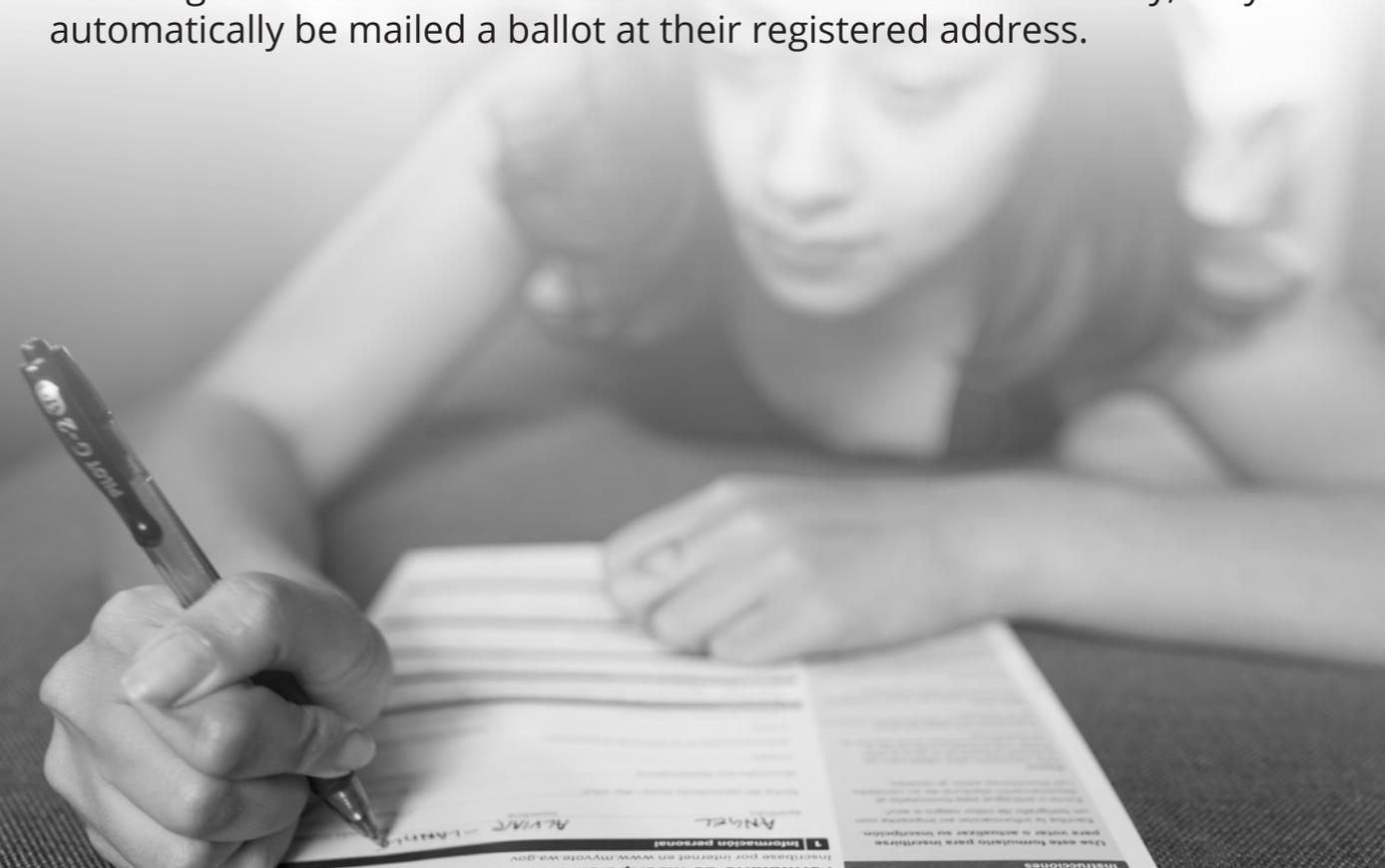
If you are getting an enhanced driver license, you will now be automatically registered to vote or have your address updated. Don't wish to register? You can opt out. If you are getting a non-enhanced license, you will still be asked if you would like to register to vote.

You can now register to vote while signing up for or renewing your health insurance through the Health Benefit Exchange.

Pre-registration for teens

16 and 17 year olds may now pre-register to vote. Registrations submitted online, by mail, or in person will be assigned a 'pending' status until they turn 18.

If the registrant turns 18 before the next scheduled Election Day, they will automatically be mailed a ballot at their registered address.



Vote centers

Vote centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices. Elections staff are available to assist as needed. Voters can also register to vote and get their ballots through Election Day.

| Locations | Hours of operation |
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| Bellevue Regional Library 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, 98004 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekdays, July 29 - August 2 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| Federal Way 320th Library 848 S 320th St, Federal Way, 98003 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, August 3 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Monday, August 5 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Tuesday, August 6 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Kenmore City Hall 18120 68th Ave NE, Kenmore, 98028 | |
| Renton: King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekdays, July 17 - 26 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Seattle: Elections Annex King County Administration Building 500 4th Ave, Room 440, Seattle, 98104 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekdays, July 29 - August 2 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Saturday, August 3 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Monday, August 5 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Tuesday, August 6 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. |

Access your ballot online

- Any registered voter can use the online ballot marking program.
- Voters with disabilities can mark their choices on the ballot online. The online ballot marking program has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot.
- If a voter's ballot is damaged or lost, the voter may mark their ballot on a computer and print it out. Return it at a ballot drop box or by mail before the 8 p.m. Election Day deadline.

Other voting options

If one of the above options doesn't work for you, please contact our office for further assistance.

Return your ballot by mail.

No Stamp Needed!

We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by August 6.



Return your ballot at a drop box.

Over 60 locations!

Ballot drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on August 6.

List of drop box locations on next page 

Open 24 hours a day beginning July 18 and close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, August 6.

Auburn

Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002
Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th Street NE, 98001
Muckleshoot Tribe - Philip Starr Building,
39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092

Bellevue

Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004
Crossroads Shopping Center (south entrance),
15600 NE 8th St, 98008
Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, 98006

Bothell

Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave 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

Covington

Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

Des Moines

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

Duvall

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

Enumclaw

Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022

Fall City

Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024

Federal Way

 Federal Way 320th Library, 848 S 320th St, 98003
Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003

Issaquah

Issaquah City Hall, 130 E Sunset Way, 98027

Kenmore

Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028

Kent

Kentridge High School, 12430 SE 208th St, 98031
Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance),
401 4th Ave N, 98032

Kirkland

Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034
Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033

Lake Forest Park

Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, 98155

Maple Valley

Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038
* Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-
Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038

Mercer Island

Mercer Island Community & Event Center,
8236 SE 24th St, 98040

Newcastle

Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056

Normandy Park

Normandy Park Towne Center, 19901 1st Ave S, 98148

North Bend

North Bend Library, 115 E 4th St, 98045

Pacific

Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047

Redmond

* Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052
* Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village,
6505 176th Ave NE, 98052

Renton

Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058
* King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
* Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

Sammamish

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075

SeaTac

Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188

Shoreline

Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St, 98155
 Shoreline Park & Ride, 18821 Aurora Ave N, 98133

Snoqualmie

Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Boulevard SE, 98065

Tukwila

* Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, 98168

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| Vashon |
| Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Highway SW, 98070 |
| Woodinville |
| Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072 |

Seattle drop boxes

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| Ballard |
| Ballard Branch Library, Corner of NW 57th St and 22nd Ave NW, 98107 |
| Beacon Hill |
| Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144 NewHolly Neighborhood Campus, 7054 32nd Ave S, 98118 |
| Broadview/Greenwood |
| Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133 |
| Bryn Mawr-Skyway |
| Skyway Library, 12601 76th Ave S, 98178 |
| Capitol Hill |
| Seattle Central College, Broadway-Edison Building (northeast corner), 1701 Broadway, 98122 |
| Central District |
| Garfield Community Center, 2323 E Cherry St, 98122 |
| Chinatown/International District |
| Uwajimaya, 619 6th Ave S, 98104 |
| Columbia City |
| Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave S, 98118 |
| Downtown |
| King County Administration Building, 500 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 |

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| Lake City |
| Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125 |
| Magnolia |
| * Magnolia Park, 1461 Magnolia Blvd W, 98199 |
| Northgate |
| North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103 |
| Queen Anne |
| * Seattle Pacific University Bookstore, 310 W Bertona St, 98119 |
| Rainier Valley |
| Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, 98118 |
| Sand Point/Laurelhurst |
|  * Magnuson Park (near The Brig), 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 Parkway, 98195 |
| West Seattle/Delridge |
|  Alaska Junction, Corner of SW Alaska St and 44th Ave SW, 98116 |
| High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126 |
| White Center |
| White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146 |

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Close at 8 p.m. on Election Day,
August 6.

| Title | Duties | Term (years) | Salary (2019) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Metropolitan King County Council (elected by voters in County Council District) | Sets policies and enacts laws, develops and adopts county budget and oversees county services. | 4 | \$155,983 |
| Port of Seattle Commissioner (elected by voters in King County) | Operates, manages, equips, and maintains the port and establishes port policy. | 4 | \$48,731 |
| City Mayor (elected by voters in the city) | Works with the city council to enact legislation. Runs the day-to-day business of the city government. | 4 | Varies by city (check with them directly) |
| City Council District/ Position (elected by voters in the city ¹) | Approves the city's budget, develops laws and policies and oversees public services. | 4 | Varies by city (check with them directly) |
| School District Director/Position (elected by voters in the school district ²) | Sets policies for schools, provides oversight for the operations of the school system and represents the interests of the community on public education issues. | 4 | No annual salary |
| Public Hospital Commissioner (elected by voters in the district) | Oversees hospital operations and delivers services to promote health. | 6 | No annual salary |

¹ Seattle City Council District seats are voted on by voters within each city council district.

² Seattle School District No. 1 director districts are only voted on by voters within each director district for the primary election. In the general election, these districts are voted at-large (districtwide) by all registered voters in Seattle School District No. 1.



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Council District No. 2

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Education: Franklin High School, Stanford University, Obama White House Intern, University of Pennsylvania (J.D.)

Occupation: Co-Founder, President, Rising Leaders Inc; Former Attorney, Perkins Coie

Statement: I'm running because King County deserves bold leadership to address the immediate problems facing our region. I'm the son of Ethiopian refugees, the first in my family to attend college, and a product of South Seattle housing projects and public schools. I'm an attorney and non-profit founder. Our region's problems can be solved but require a fresh approach.

Affordable housing and transportation decisions require a regional and equitable approach. We must ensure communities facing gentrification get relief and reliable access to transit. We must address our changing climate and understand the disproportionate environmental impact on our neighborhoods. Our justice system must be restorative and fair for people of all races and incomes. We must eliminate youth incarceration and invest in diversion and community programs to meet the needs of our youth.

We must change regressive taxation and make the money we already have go further. I support forming a public bank and pursuing revenue sources that don't burden the working class disproportionately. Lastly, to change our political system we must get big money out. I'm the only candidate in this race not accepting corporate PAC money. We can choose our future.

Endorsed: 11th, 37th, 46th and King County Young Democrats

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Education: J.D. UW 1998, Ph.D. JHU 1989, M.A. JHU 1984, B.S. NYU 1981

Occupation: Physicist

Statement: The new energy law from Olympia is flawed. It makes us carbon free by 2045. But 'science' says we have only till 2030 to save the planet. The King County Council can now step in to fix this, and I'm the only one running that knows how to get it done. Since earning my Ph.D. in atomic physics at Johns Hopkins 30 years ago, I have been fighting for a fossil free world by working on fusion and solar energy technology. Solar energy is now cheaper than hydro or natural gas. Elect me, and we'll have a Public Utility District to establish a clean energy marketplace. You could participate as a producer and investor in our collective energy future, and bypass the Wall Street blockade. Texas now builds 3 GW/yr, so could King County to give us 12 GW by 2023. Such marketable electricity will make King County rich and carbon free by 2030. King County could give you better service and lower taxes. Being rich lets us solve all our problems with 1,000,000 affordable units in 2000 Space Needle Jetson-style homes around the Sound supporting point-to-point commuting anywhere fast through mag-pneumatic tubes in your Jetson-mobile by 2045. www.concilmansan.com

Council District No. 2

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Education: BA in History, University of Washington (1971)

Occupation: King County Councilmember, Former Executive Director Central Area Motivation Program

Statement: With your support I will continue to focus on affordable housing, criminal justice reform and public transportation. *Affordable housing:* King County is committed to building 44,000 affordable units over the next five years. I recommended that the King County Affordable Housing Task Force commit to providing these safe and affordable housing units in all communities.

Criminal justice reform: I pledge to keep communities safe and to reduce racial disproportionality in our criminal justice system. With my leadership, as of 2019 we've reduced the average daily youth detention population by 75% but more work must be done. We must collaborate with local school districts to improve the educational outcomes for high-risk students.

Public transportation: It's important that we improve access to public transit while also transitioning our Metro bus fleet to 100% renewable energy. I sponsored landmark legislation to lower the price of fares for low-income transit users.

I've had the privilege of serving as your King County Councilmember. I am proudly endorsed by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell, Congressperson Pramila Jayapal, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, State Senator Rebecca Saldaña, King County Executive Dow Constantine, King County Council Chair Rod Dembowski, City Attorney Pete Holmes and the King County Labor Council.

Council District No. 8

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Education: M.P.A., University of Washington; B.A., Gonzaga University; Executive Education Program, Kennedy School, Harvard University

Occupation: King County Councilmember; previous: State Legislator, Senior Budget Analyst

Statement: As your King County Councilmember, Sound Transit Boardmember and member of the King County Board of Health – building a just, equitable and thriving King County is the mission for my work every day.

Good transit means opportunity for everyone. That's why I am leading the effort to secure a tunnel for light rail into West Seattle, delivering Rapid Ride bus service to Delridge and Burien, and ensuring Metro and Sound Transit prioritize equitable fares and fare enforcement. *Solving our homelessness crisis means solving our housing crisis,* which is why I passed legislation dedicating \$660 million in lodging taxes to affordable housing and am shaping the Council's work creating a coordinated, regional response for homeless services.

A welcoming King County means a safe King County. That's why I introduced and passed the King County Gun Safety Action Plan last year, common sense laws and programs focused on saving lives. And I developed the Immigrant and Refugee Resilience Fund and sponsored the Immigrant and Refugee Commission to support residents across the County.

I would be honored to continue this mission, from Tukwila to White Center, Burien to Vashon, West Seattle to First Hill, together with you for the next four years.

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Education: University educated in Germany, Sweden, and America: Bachelor's and Master's degrees (including economics and business.)

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Statement: With the International Space Station, we Earthlings have obtained a finger-tip hold in the beginning of our Orbital Space Age. Please think of yourselves as being passengers or crew members on our Spaceship Earth. (Our world is a spaceship, traveling through space, around our Sun, once a year, and with our Sun, we are traveling within our Milky Way Galaxy, a spinning cloud of billions and billions of solar systems.)

Let's clean and beautify touristic King County. Let's raise the living standard in King County on Spaceship Earth by using the power of the voluntary, competitive, consumer-serving, free market.

Let's abolish the job-destroying minimum wage which creates so many homeless, unemployed, problem, poor people and panhandlers and shop-lifters and muggers. Bad law has created misery and criminals!

By defending the profit incentive of the free market, we can increase jobs. More profit, more jobs. Let's create more knowledge, profit, jobs, productivity, and a living standard rising high up into the sky towards the coming orbital space habitat homes, where we can learn how to live in space before going to Mars. Also, let's reduce frustration by making it easier to park in touristic, welcoming King County.

Council District No. 8

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Occupation: Engineering Administrator, Markey Machinery; Former Community Organizer, NARAL Pro-Choice Washington

Statement: In February 2018, I attended a social event organized by a group of concerned Seattle voters. As the event began, everyone introduced themselves and their issues of concern. They spoke of close calls with violent, intoxicated individuals, inadequate police response times and the need to get our most vulnerable off the streets. Every single speaker was almost apologetic for voicing their concerns for their family, neighbors and their City.

That night I decided to help these voters in their efforts to reclaim the City of Seattle for their families and neighbors. I am most proud of my efforts that helped stop the head tax and assisting efforts to hold local government accountable.

My goal is to represent the citizens of my district with honesty, dignity and transparency. We are in desperate need of councilmembers that work for us and our needs as a community. We must realign spending priorities and stop funding failing programs in order to get the money to people that need support. Heroin injection sites should be banned, and funding provided for treatment and counseling.

I will bring your concerns and issues to the council and will fight for all of the people in my district.

Commissioner Position No. 2

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Education: University of Washington, Project Management; Harvard University, CSS, Business Administration; University of Texas, BA, English

Occupation: Consultant

Statement: The Port of Seattle is one of the most important ports in the United States and one of the most important economic engines of our local economy. Let's work together so the success of our port lifts all boats.

I would appreciate your vote.

Key strategies for the Port of Seattle: Position the Puget Sound region as a premier international logistics hub; Advance this region as a leading tourism destination and business gateway; Use the Port's influence as an institution to promote women and minority business enterprise (WMBE) growth, small business growth, and workforce development; Be the greenest, and most energy efficient port in North America; Strengthen access to global markets and supply chains for Northwest businesses; Make Washington a preferred destination for international travelers from countries with which we have direct flights; Establish an educational consortium to serve the needs of the maritime industry for workforce development, applied research, and business growth; Foster a coordinated effort among Puget Sound ports in support of Washington state's pursuit of a healthier Puget Sound; Continue to be a high performance organization focused on operational excellence, organizational alignment, and a people-centric culture.

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Education: MBA, Finance & Marketing; Bachelor's, Business Administration; Bachelor's, Economics; Graduate Degree, International Trade

Occupation: Deputy Public Affairs Administrator, City of Renton

Statement: Growing up, I dreamed of a place where I could serve the public and give back to my community. With a suitcase and a scholarship I came to the U.S., arriving in King County 27 years ago. I moved to Woodinville and devoted myself to improving our region's quality of life, working for the cities of Seattle and Renton. I will continue that tradition of service as a Port Commissioner.

I will ensure that our region stays competitive and everyone shares in our economic prosperity. A rising tide must lift all boats, so I've worked hard to train and retrain workers, as well as to ensure fair wages and working conditions.

The Port must protect our environment by powering every flight from Sea-Tac Airport with biofuel to cut carbon emissions in half. I've launched innovative environmental programs, including Seattle's Climate Protection Initiative, water conservation and recycling programs. I worked with former Vice President Al Gore to launch his movement to stop climate change, won an Emmy for promoting water conservation, and received awards from the US Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities for inclusion and equity!

I will take this experience to the Port and make it more answerable to the people of King County. I plan to reduce noise and other impacts to our airport and seaport communities. The Port must respect the taxpayers! I would be honored by your vote.

Endorsements: Puget Sound Pilots; 36th, 46th, and 48th District Democrats; Senators Manka Dhingra, Patty Kuderer, Lisa Wellman, and Mona Das; Representatives Vandana Slatter, Steve Bergquist, My Linh-Thai, and Gael Tarleton; the Mayors of Renton, Auburn, and Kent; Bellevue Councilmember John Stokes; Redmond Councilmembers Angela Birney and Tanika Padhye; Kent Councilmember Satwinder Kaur; Former Rep. Marcie Maxwell (Renton); Michael Christ, President/CEO, SECO Development.

Commissioner Position No. 2

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in History, University of Washington

Occupation: Operations Agent, Alaska Airlines; Commissioner, North Highline Fire; Director, PlantAmnesty

Statement: As a lifelong South King County resident and longtime airport operations worker, I'm running to bring a voice to Port-area residents and the local labor community, both of which the Port Commission has long lacked. I also serve as an IAMAW union shop steward and Executive Director of an environmental nonprofit. I will balance the needs of business with our obligation to protect the environment and build a more sustainable economy.

Sea-Tac Airport (the Port of Seattle's largest enterprise) has grown by 45% since 2012 when I began working in the operation. Meanwhile, infrastructure, technology, and processes are struggling to keep up, negatively impacting travelers and workers alike. We need a Commissioner with a deep understanding of operational realities to guide long-term planning, creatively mitigate the impacts of development, and address the unsustainable and unsafe working conditions faced by many frontline workers. At all Port facilities, I will boost investment in infrastructure that cuts fossil fuel pollution, relieves traffic, and improves freight mobility, and will push to research and incentivize the use of new technologies and best practices.

As a Fire Commissioner, I have helped restore financial stability and public trust to the North Highline Fire District after mismanagement by previous leadership. I have passed state legislation, balanced tight budgets, improved working conditions and operating efficiency in my district, and proven myself an effective and accountable elected leader.

I will be the progressive voice on the Port Commission, pushing the Port of Seattle to be a hub for good, safe jobs; a global leader in environmental stewardship and innovation; and a good neighbor, investing in local communities and ending human trafficking.

I am endorsed by a strong coalition of local Democratic organizations, labor unions, environmental groups, community leaders, and elected officials (visit www.barreraforport.com for a full list of endorsements).

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Education: M.Sc. International Political Economy, London School of Economics; B.A. International Studies, American University

Occupation: President, Seven Seas Export; Former Special Assistant, Obama White House

Statement: As the proud son of immigrants who came to this country through the Port of Seattle, I'm running because I want a Port that *works for the people*. The congestion going into SeaTac Airport and long lines at security aren't working for the people.

My priorities are to promote equitable economic growth, aggressively tackle climate change, bring transparency and accountability to the port, and stop human and labor trafficking. As the port expands, we must account for the concerns of neighboring residents, lower carbon emissions, and transition to sustainable sources of energy.

My experience making government work for the people includes serving President Obama as a political appointee at the US General Services Administration and working as a Legislative Assistant in both the United States Congress and Washington State Legislature. My time with President Obama has taught me that good policies require great execution. As Port Commissioner, I will use my experience to execute and ensure the tides of a growing economy provides opportunity for everyone. Today, I'm a small business owner in trade and exports working directly with the Port. At a time when our region's economy is threatened by Donald Trump's trade wars, it's more important than ever to have a strong advocate for Washington goods and exports.

As your Port Commissioner, I will combine my experience in government and business to fight for living wages, expanded paid leave, create more opportunities for women and minority-owned small businesses, and protect the rights of port workers. I'm asking for your vote so we can make the Port work for the people of King County.

Endorsed by the King County Young Democrats, the 11th, 37th, 46th District Democrats and several state legislators across the county including Senator Joe Nguyen, Senator Bob Hasegawa, Rep Sharon Tomiko Santos, and Rep Cindy Ryu.

Commissioner Position No. 2

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Nina Martinez

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Education: Studied Business and Commerce at Sam Houston State University

Occupation: Owner of Independent Technology, Industry, and Business Consulting firm

Statement: I ask for your vote so we can create the jobs of the future, reverse the damage caused by pollution, and keep the Port on budget while boosting our economy.

The Port has a responsibility to be a leader in developing policies that promote both economic and environmental sustainability. We must create partnerships to develop cleaner jet fuels and promote electrification. We must prioritize cleaning the Duwamish River to protect fish, wildlife, and human health.

The Port must remain a leader in providing living wages, which is why I will only agree to contracts with companies that agree to pay prevailing wages and honor regional standards. We must increase apprenticeship and internship programs. We must recruit women and historically underrepresented populations until our workforce reflects the diversity of our county.

We must do more to improve outreach and do a better job listening to affected cities and communities. Success stems from the result of respectful collaboration with workers, local businesses, community stakeholders, and elected officials. I am dedicated to inclusion and building community partnerships that are built on honesty and effective communication.

I am a leader. For decades, I have led the discussion on diversity, social justice, and civil rights. As the board chair of the Latino Civic Alliance, I've brought together thousands of stakeholders to enact change. Governor Inslee appointed me to the Farm Work Group to serve the laborers of Washington. As a seasoned business executive, I have over 15 years in software and tech business development working with C level executives in finance & banking, transportation, manufacturing, healthcare, and government agencies.

My endorsements include Burien Mayor Jimmy Matta, Representatives Javier Valdez and Lillian Ortiz-Self, former Representatives Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, Brady Walkinshaw, and Velma Veloria, and Shoreline city council members Betsy Robertson and Chris Roberts .

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Education: Mercer Island High School; B.A. University of Washington; J.D. Seattle University

Occupation: Attorney; past Chair WA Public Disclosure Commission; former Bellevue Mayor

Statement: I am committed to making the Port of Seattle a transparent and innovative partner, delivering the infrastructure, living wage jobs, and environmental sustainability our economy and communities need and deserve. During my twelve years as Bellevue Mayor and councilmember, I helped deliver light rail to the Eastside, the new 520 bridge with increased transit service and bike access, fought for water quality, and needed affordable housing. I work hard to bring people together around shared values to create lasting, positive change.

Responsible, Sustainable Growth: As a fifth-generation Seattle area resident, I know that while Sea-Tac and the marine terminals have been essential to regional growth, future growth must be carefully planned and delivered, and meet or exceed targets for carbon reduction and Puget Sound protection. This means continued investment in cleaner fuels, conversion of port vehicles and truck fleets, and other reforms.

Support People and Communities: The lines at the airport are too long. The airport must be a better neighbor, expand opportunities for family wage jobs, and ensure equity in contracting to create opportunities for minority, LGBTQ, and women-owned businesses. As the "front door" to our region, our port facilities must be welcoming places for all who visit, work, or come seeking a better life.

Transparent and Accountable to You: As past chair of the Washington Public Disclosure Commission I will advocate for open, transparent, and accountable Port operations. The Port will be spending billions on capital projects in the coming decade. I believe the people of King County deserve a meaningful chance to participate in planning the Port's future.

Proudly Endorsed by: Former Seattle Mayor Tim Burgess, Democratic legislators Jamie Peterson, Eric Pettigrew, Larry Springer; County Councilmembers Claudia Balducci, Pete Von Reichbauer; Mayors of Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Snoqualmie; 41st District Democrats, and more!

Commissioner Position No. 2

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Education: BS in Economics & BS in Agro/Econ, University of Maryland

Occupation: Manager of Employment and Adult Education at Neighborhood House

Statement: I'm running for Port of Seattle because I believe in the thousands of workers that have built this strong economic engine. I believe every port and contract workers can achieve a better life if we have a just system that gives working families a living wage.

I also think of our future and know we need to adapt an agile workforce model. A model that will help the Port of Seattle think differently about how contract workers are engaged and can be upskilled to reduce workforce talent gaps. We need local highly skilled small business as vendors to keep the dollars in our local economy.

As a family man and father, I want the next generation to enjoy our mountains and the Sound. We need to build strong partnerships with the goal of eliminating toxic pollutants, reducing noise levels, increasing green spaces with the protection of old growth trees.

It has been my privilege to lead a life of public service as a visionary WorkForce leader with over twenty years of progressive experience in bringing together diverse partners to deliver results. As a long-time resident of King County, I've developed enduring relationships with grassroots organizations, government, educational institutions, small business, and nonprofits. I have the skills, experience, and network to bring partners together to build a better Port.

From my early days in Welfare to Work to my time with the Community College system and now at a nonprofit – my goal has remained singular – to alleviate chronic poverty in the community that I work and live in.

As your Port Commissioner, I pledge to put working families first and build a talent pipeline and workforce housing. I humbly thank you for your vote. Endorsements: Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Pettigrew, LD 48 and 37 for more see our website.

Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: Masters of Science in Fisheries, University of Washington. B.S. in Psychology, University of Michigan.

Occupation: Principal, WAVE Consulting; Vice President, Seattle Port Commission.

Statement: Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Seattle Port Commission. Since entering office in 2016, I've worked hard to reduce the Port's climate impacts while increasing good-paying, meaningful careers in King County.

I came to the Port with 30 years experience as a conservation leader protecting the health of our marine environment and those dependent upon it. As a Commissioner, I've supported our quality of life by securing environmental safeguards while expanding the economic benefits of trade, tourism, fishing and recreation. I've helped guide major transformations at the airport and seaport, and emphasized integrity through the hiring of the new Executive Director and championing creation of the Senior Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion position.

In my next term I will continue to: Work with business and labor to protect our working waterfront and industrial lands to advance a diverse economy; Reduce climate impacts as founding Chair of the Energy & Sustainability Committee; Expand opportunities for women and minority-owned businesses while seeking environmental and economic justice for disproportionately impacted communities; Inspire youth to pursue Port-related jobs of the future by championing innovation, apprenticeships and internships; Be accessible, inclusive and responsive to community interests.

We can all share in the natural wealth, economic opportunity and beauty of the Puget Sound region with Port policies rooted in ecological integrity and social equity. *I respectfully ask for your vote.*

I'm proudly endorsed by: Congressman Adam Smith, Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, King County Executive Dow Constantine, Mayor Jenny Durkan, MLK County Labor Council, Washington Conservation Voters, Port of Seattle Firefighters, Speaker Frank Chopp, Senators David Frockt, Reuven Carlyle, Mona Das and Bob Hasegawa, Representatives Gael Tarleton and Sharon Tomiko Santos, my fellow Port Commissioners, Puget Sound Pilots, Teamsters Local 117, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, Sierra Club, and 6 Democratic Legislative Districts.

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Education: Bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Studies, Eastern Washington University

Occupation: Theatre Supervisor & Technician

Statement: The Port of Seattle is the backbone of King County, a powerhouse of commerce and industry throughout the Puget Sound.

Promoting expansion while sustaining and improving the relationship we have with the environment is a central concern we will all face moving forward as a region. The Port of Seattle in cooperation with other government and commercial leaders can help King County maintain and exceed its status on the national and global stage. In order for us to achieve such success we will have to be mindful of the impact our actions going forward will have on those living here in the Puget Sound.

To these necessities and concerns, I as a commissioner for the Port of Seattle will bring an openness for communication, ambitious team spirit, and a reasoning mindful awareness of the impact our decisions have on King County and its neighbors.

Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: BA (economic/philosophy), MPA, JD University of Montana. Master of Laws Taxation, University of Washington

Occupation: Attorney

Statement: I am running for the Port Commission seat because we can do better. Flying in and out of SeaTac airport often is a painful experience due to traffic, difficult parking, long TSA lines, flight delays and sometimes having to take a bus to a remotely located plane. This detracts from the customer experience. As a frequent flyer, I have seen most other airports do much better. A few examples include: Portland parking identifies specific available spots, most airports have better traffic flow, and shorter TSA lines and (DCA) has obvious water bottle refill stations to reduce waste plastic. Let's use these ideas to improve our airport.

We must stress cyber security and address impacts caused by trade wars. Likewise the seaport should explore "smart city" technology for: greater efficiencies, environmental protection and safety, while protecting jobs. We should promote electric trucks. We must provide greater transparency and prevent large cost overruns and questionable tax increases. I ask for your vote to use my experience, leadership skills to promote consumer interests and make the port operations better.

Garth serves as Senior Attorney and Compliance Officer for CT Corporation. Previously he worked at Preston Gates and Ellis LLP. Earlier he served as Chief Legal Counsel to the Montana Secretary of State and Ethics Study Committee member. The Counsel of State Governments named him Toll Fellow, which recognizes outstanding leadership and service.

He is a member of the ABA Business Law and Science and Technology sections. He serves as the SciTech Section Budget Officer. He chairs the LLC Committee which benefits small businesses. The American Bar Foundation named him a Life Fellow.

He creates pottery at Pottery NW where he served on its board of directors. He grows oysters. He climbs, hikes, bikes, paddleboards and is a Mountaineers Peak Society member.

Council Position No. 4

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Education: Bachelor's Degree – Biology & Chemistry / Secondary Education Teaching Certificate – Science

Occupation: Current-Transportation Security / Past-Business Owner-Medical Massage Therapist (20+yrs)

Statement: Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councilmember. Burien's been my home and place of business for more than 20 years. My leadership experience includes; Burien City Council, Burien Business and Economic Development Partnership, Burien Cleansweep, King County Library System, Sustainable Burien.

Shootings, gangs, drugs – *Burien's in trouble!* - I'm one of the few councilmembers championing for more Police Officers and a safer community!

Please vote for Lucy Krakowiak – backed by local supporters - not beholden to other government offices/unions/entities/special interests from outside Burien. We need to work together and move forward for Burien. We need a more robust police force, thriving business community, diversification of revenue sources, public services Burien deserves, protection of our neighborhoods and environment. I'll continue to work with councilmembers and residents to create a safer Burien, insuring a thriving community we can enjoy. Thanks for your vote!

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Education: Aviation High; South Seattle Community College; Washington State University; Columbia University; London School of Economics

Occupation: Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Statement: Growing up in Burien was my American dream. I worked at local Burien businesses, putting myself through community college, WSU, and the London School of Economics. During this time, I've carried the people and experiences of Burien with me. I'm excited to give back to the community I love.

Burien is a place where anyone – hourly wage workers, small business owners, and white-collar professionals – can make their own dream. As the product of a proud union household, I will strive to make Burien accessible for working families. I will prioritize public safety, especially the homelessness epidemic, and work with regional partners on "quiet skies" initiatives.

It's time to end the division and elect leaders who focus on what matters: ensuring Burienites from all walks of life are safe and have access to opportunity. I ask for your vote. *Proudly endorsed by Rep. Kathy Haigh and neighbors across Burien.*

Charles Schaefer

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Education: University of Washington. Highline schools for preschool through 12th grade.

Occupation: Accountant / small business owner

Statement: My community involvement began in high school, serving on the Burien teen council. For the past several years I have regularly attended and offered testimony at city council meetings. I volunteer Fridays at Transform Burien and also volunteered last winter at our severe weather shelter.

I am seeking this position in order to help city government better meet the needs of all Burien residents. Through my volunteer work, I know that homelessness and housing are complicated issues and I am committed to offering compassionate solutions. I will also address public safety: I want everyone to be able to enjoy what Burien has to offer without fear of crime or needles. Finally, I will work to make the city a welcoming environment for small business because I believe that economic growth is key to our success as a city. Your vote for me could help make this our best Burien yet.

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Education: BA Oceanography, University of Washington

Occupation: 12 years podcasting, activist, homemaker

Statement: Burien is growing! Almost 20,000 people have become citizens in the past nine years. Our city now has big challenges. We need big solutions.

I will reach out to public and private organizations, businesses, and agencies to provide necessary resources to our homeless and build more affordable housing. I will work to support Burien's small business community that makes Burien a unique and welcoming city. And I will work with our council to develop a Climate Plan, so we can address our environmental issues here and now.

As your city councilmember, I will work hard to solve these challenges *with* all councilmembers and the community. Because *many* voices help create *better* solutions. I will be your voice on the city council to renew our economically and culturally vibrant city. I humbly ask for your vote.

Council Position No. 6

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Education: BA, Economics, UW; BS Nursing, Seattle University; JD, Loyola University

Occupation: Executive Director, Washington Center For Nursing

Statement: Burien has always been a great place to raise families and I want to keep it that way. As a nurse, I'll work for a healthy, inclusive and safe Burien starting with reducing homelessness and increasing affordable housing. I'll work to keep Burien affordable by increasing housing near transit, developing mixed use projects downtown and adequately funding human services. I'll work to reduce homelessness by working with regional partners, business and non-profits to prioritize long-term housing, ensure fair housing laws and improve mental health and drug treatment. I'll fight for living wage jobs, reduce barriers for small business, prioritize public safety, recruit new businesses and improve opportunities for women and people of color. Endorsed: MLK Labor Council, 33rd District Democrats, Mayor Jimmy Matta, Nancy Tosta, Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, and more. I would love to be your next advocate on the Burien City Council.

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Education: Cleveland High School c/o 89

Occupation: Technical Recruiter

Statement: My name is Robert L Richmond III, I am running for Burien City Council Position #6. I would like to turn Burien into a Power Utility and use those profits to do our part in battling the homeless issue we have.

W2E, or gasification, is basically the process of turning *All* waste (except nuclear) into energy such as jet fuel, natural gas and electricity. We will work with other cities to import their waste, again all kinds and convert it to a power source. We will sell power (i.e. natural gas and electricity) to SeaTac, Normandy Park and Des Moines and jet fuel to the Airport. The profits from this *effort* will be in the ten's of millions of dollars. Please see www.bp.com/waste to fuel. Each machine will power a community with a population of approximately fifty thousand. With a yes vote we will have great achievements ahead!

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Education: Highline College, Advanced Classical Music Training, Community Police Academy

Occupation: Market Research, Music Teacher, Non Profit Treasurer, Author, Advisory Boards

Statement: Burien needs to get back on track! With the right leadership, Burien has the potential to be a safe, dynamic city. I'm the candidate with the experience and knowledge to provide that leadership.

My goals include: Increased, focused anti-gang policing; Policing for actual reduced crime for residents-increased Neighborhood Block-Watches; Open, transparent, fiscally responsible government -I listen to residents and businesses; No new flight paths through Burien-Support of Quiet Skies; Protection, support of small businesses; High quality economic development; Protection of the character of single-family neighborhoods by Comprehensive Planning; Successful Housing First models to address homelessness, no tent or shack camps. I volunteer with Transform Burien and understand homelessness issues; Supportive health and welfare protections for residents No heroin injections sites- (SIS); Increased youth recreational, mentorship and educational opportunities; like Youth Police Explorers

My husband and I raised our children here. I'm passionate about Burien. I would appreciate your vote.

Council Position No. 2

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Education: Everett Community College, Business Management; Lifelong Learning and Continuing Education Course Credits
Occupation: Retired Senior Manager, Port of Seattle, managing 100 union employees
Statement: My work in various leadership positions throughout my career, developing teams, managing large budgets, and utilizing my strategic management and leadership skills to successfully bring teams together to complete projects assist me in my current Council position.
 As your current City Council member, I seek re-election to continue the work I have done strengthening the City's economic base, supporting our Aviation Advisory Committee's efforts with the City and Port to mitigate airport impacts, improving services for our youth and seniors, and continue our City's successful financial status. I serve on several committees that address public safety, emergency management, housing and homelessness, and sustaining arts in the City. I am a firm believer that educating our residents on how our local government works opens up dialog and understanding.
 I humbly ask again for your vote so that I can continue putting my skills to work for our great City! Thank you!

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Education: Pierce College, Associates in Business; K-12 Puyallup School District
Occupation: Customer Success Team-Stewart Title
Statement: Des Moines is growing economically, we have seen large scale commercial as well as residential development happening! It is a great opportunity for our city to bring in new business and continue our growth. I have been in the Real Estate business for 13 years including working many aspects from developing, building and selling throughout those years.
 I understand, been involved and know the importance of budgets and sound fiscal planning that will ensure we have a safe, fun, community to live in, where people want to raise their children.
 I have lived in Des Moines for 3 years and have always admired the sense of community it possesses. Our businesses and community is the backbone of our city. As your council member I would listen diligently and thoughtfully to the voices of the people, not only as your council member but as your neighbor. Let's revitalize Des Moines together!

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Education: BA Music Wayne State University, MS Computer Science University of Michigan
Occupation: Musician, Web Developer
Statement: I want to help restore and improve the city we all love.
 We need to focus on *small businesses* throughout the *entire* city. Despite all the development, the downtown *still* hasn't changed much and much of the rest of the small business community feels ignored.
 Increasingly, many people throughout our town do not feel as safe as they once did. We need much improved partnerships with surrounding communities to address this *now*. I am thrilled to see all our new families. Welcome! So we need to do far more for Parks and Recreation. Our traditionally strong support for Senior Citizens also needs upgrading. As a lifetime sailor I will be the first councilor in a generation working hard for the Marina community and Poverty Bay. Finally, we can do a *lot* better in reducing the increases in air traffic. I will continue to work tirelessly on this critical health issue.

Council Position No. 6

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Education: Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT) A.C.E.; Eckerd College, BA Management/ International Business; Shorecrest; Kellogg; Brookside

Occupation: Strategy and Innovation Consultant

Statement: *Being Successful Together*

As a member of your City Council, I have brought meaningful reform to city government and collaboratively tackled the tough issues that we face in our City.

Preserving the Character of LFP

I have worked extensively with our citizens to improve our city code to ensure the natural environment and small town character of LFP is preserved in the face of town center redevelopment and ST3. *Championing the Environment* With the strong support of the community, I authored and guided passage of one of Washington's most comprehensive plastics ordinances. I also helped facilitate the acquisition of Five Acre Woods and Big Tree property. *Ensuring the Safety of our Citizens* I have consistently advocated for reduced speed limits, safer pedestrian crossings and new sidewalks to help mitigate the rising tide of traffic. I hope you will join me as we work towards a more innovative and inclusive government.

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Education: Bachelor's Degree, UW Seattle, Geography/GIS

Occupation: Mapping Unit Supervisor, King County Department of Assessments

Statement: I am running for Lake Forest Park City Council because I am concerned about the Lake Forest Park Town Center redevelopment project.

Lake Forest Park is within King County's Urban Growth Area, so increased density is necessary to meet Washington State Growth Management Act targets. However, it is possible for the inevitable growth to happen in a way that is in scale with the surrounding neighborhood, and respectful of those who live nearby in the community.

I have been a public servant for over 20 years, and I take my responsibilities to the public seriously. As a representative of the Lake Forest Park community, I would welcome your input, suggestions, and concerns. I will listen to you in a respectful manner. If I don't have an answer, I will find the person who does and respond to you in a timely manner. You will not be ignored.

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Education: Ph.D., University of Washington, Geological Sciences

Occupation: Physics Instructor, North Seattle College

Statement: One of the things I love about Lake Forest Park is that you can see it just by looking at Google Maps: We're the green spot at the north end of Lake Washington.

As a small business owner, I am keenly aware of the effect of taxes and regulations, and want to keep the hand of Lake Forest Park municipal government light. As a union activist, I have experience negotiating and finding consensus in difficult situations. And, as a teacher, I know the importance of clear communication and accountability, and I will strive to bring those traits to my role in the community.

If you want to see Lake Forest Park stay green, if you're concerned about the pro-growth direction the city has taken in the past few years, if you simply want to this city to take a more active role in county-wide and regional initiatives, please support me.

Council Position No. 3

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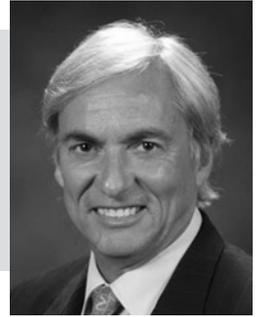


Education: No information submitted.
Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: As a long-time resident of Normandy Park I believe it is imperative that the City Council represent the community members and not self interests. The council needs to bring people together, not divide them. The City Council must be representative of the people who live here and support the volunteers that in turn are vital to the growth and morale of the community.

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Education: LEEDS Accredited Profesional, University of Washington 1973-75

Occupation: Small business owner, Real Estate Broker, Construction Professional

Statement: Normandy Park is in trouble. Within the past three and half years ,we've lost five seasoned police officers through resignation or "retirement ". Two Councilmembers, two planning Commissioners, and three Arts Commissioners have quit in protest as well. Citizens are angry and frustrated . We have a crisis of confidence in our city. We need experienced, transparent leadership now.

I have the experience you deserve. I've served as your Mayor for five years, City Councilmember for over 15 years. I know our community and care deeply for it. I'm an effective leader and consensus builder. I've served as President /Boardmember of the Normandy Park Community Club "Cove" for 12 years, revitalizing it and putting it in solid financial position. I believe I can do the same for our wonderful city. I look forward to serving you !

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Occupation: No information submitted.

Statement: Normandy Park deserves a leader that understands the needs of the city, listens to new ideas, and makes sound choices based on facts. We deserve a leader that serves the community with practical action, working tirelessly to improve our local businesses by fostering sustainable economics. A leader that understands how to set the city on a successful path that serves generations of Parkers. I am that leader. Resilient. Candid. Dependable.

Normandy Park is my home, and the people of this city are family. My efforts reflect a vision to preserve the unique hidden gem we are today while aiming to enhance the natural beauty, peace, and safety of our community. In the last four years, as part of the City Council, I have set the stage for greater things to come. Together, we can continue making Normandy Park the best city it can be. I humbly ask for your vote!

Council Position No. 5

Craig Daly

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**Education:** High School Graduate, Some College**Occupation:** Administrative/Office Assistant, Customer Service Professional

Statement: To my fellow citizens, my name is Craig Daly. I am a 30+ year resident of the city of Normandy Park. My interest in city government began in 2009 with a great introduction from my police department. From then, I have attended every city council meeting, seen (and been through) many council members and have experienced many years of useful information. Information I am looking to continue to bring to you, the citizens of Normandy Park. Though I may not have the experience some council members may, I base my campaign and my candidacy on values of clarity and full transparency. These values I will uphold and ask the questions of our council that you would. I thank you for this opportunity and look to serve you, the citizens.

Thank you,
Craig Daly.

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**Education:** BA Criminal Justice and BA Political Science, Washington State University. AS Nursing, RN, Highline College**Occupation:** Registered Nurse, Legal Nurse Consultant

Statement: It's been an honor serving Normandy Park for almost four years as a Council Member. As a mother of two young girls, when I look at them and their friends, my passion for our city is re-energized. I understand the importance and seriousness of each vote I make. Before any vote, I read local message boards for citizen thoughts and concerns, listen closely to public comments at meetings, ask questions and study the material. I measure all of my decisions based on the facts, input from the citizens and research. The future of the city is my priority, every vote I make is for my family, your family, our city and region. I'm on multiple School District, Regional and Council Committees working hard in our community for our City's interests. I ask for your vote so we may continue the positive advancement and preservation of our city.

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**Education:** Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, University of Washington; Certificate in Program Management**Occupation:** Retired Buyer & Project Manager for The Boeing Company

Statement: Normandy Park deserves elected officials who listen to residents' comments and who care more about serving the community than altering it for their own agenda. I promise to listen to your concerns and factor them into my decisions. I will work within our current city structure for the community's interests.

As a former procurement and project manager, working with budget & time constraints, I learned successful outcomes depend upon listening to all sides, finding common ground and working together to achieve desired goals. I pledge to listen to you and to be transparent in council discussions.

Significant issues face our city: the levy/taxes; crime/safety; airport noise/pollution; zoning; roads/sidewalks; and building maintenance. Now is not the time to change our form of government. Now is the time to utilize our experienced City Manager & staff, support our police force and work together as citizens of our city. Please vote for me.

Mayor

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

Statement: Over the last several years, our city has grown tremendously. A booming economy and rapid influx of new residents has presented us with both opportunities and challenges as we look toward building the Renton of the future.

As your next mayor, I will continue to be your champion on everything from public safety to transportation and traffic to affordable housing. I will also continue to ensure that our city's budget is meeting our needs and is spending our tax dollars wisely.

I represent a new source of energy and enthusiasm for the City of Renton. Now is the time to build on our city's momentum and tackle the problems that threaten to hold us back. Now is the time for fresh leadership at City Hall and for smart solutions that move our city forward so Renton can continue to be a place that so many are proud to call home.

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Education: Rainier Beach High School; Highline College.
Occupation: Business owner, Former State Representative, Renton School Board, Governor's Advisor

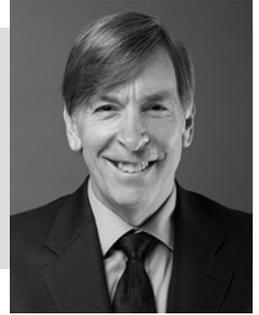
Statement: Challenges and opportunities facing Renton are issues that challenge the region. Collaborating with regional governments, non-profits, businesses and local residents, we'll get results on affordable housing, public safety, homelessness, environment, traffic.

I will ensure first responders have resources needed, ensure tax dollars are accounted for, champion business and good jobs, value our parks and trails, and improve transportation choices.

I'll put my decades of leadership in Renton's neighborhoods, businesses, schools and community organizations to work. My experience with public policies and budgets, plus relationships built locally, regionally and statewide will benefit Renton. Endorsed: Renton Firefighters. 11th, 37th, 41st, 5th District Democrats, Young Democrats, Laborers Local 242, King County Realtors, Jay Insee, Bob Ferguson, Dow Constantine. Senators Bob Hasegawa, Lisa Wellman, Mona Das. State Representatives Steve Bergquist, Zack Hudgins, Tina Orwall, Tana Senn, My-Linh Thai, Bill Ramos. Renton School Board Directors Pam Teal and Lynn Desmarais. Thank you for your vote.

Randy Corman

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Education: Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering, UC Davis; Boeing Management Training; on-going Municipal Leadership Education
Occupation: Renton City Councilmember (1994-Present), Boeing Engineer/Manager (1984-2017)

Statement: Randy Corman has proven to be a dedicated leader and champion for the Renton community for 25 years as a Renton City Councilmember. He's an optimistic public servant who intensely studies issues, finds common ground, implements affordable solutions, and leads the city forward. He brings 33 years engineering and management experience from an award-winning career at Boeing.

Randy has served five years as Council President, chaired all council committees, and represented Renton in state and regional forums. He's been instrumental in bringing the Landing, Piazza, Farmers Market, Southport, I-405/167 improvements, Seahawks Headquarters, Aquatic Center, Benson Hill Community Center, expanded local arts (including rooftop dragon), salmon habitat restoration, new parks and trails, and future water taxi.

"As Mayor, I'll bring enthusiasm, open-mindedness, collaboration, and desire to hear from the whole community. I have plans to increase public safety, housing affordability, business vitality, and transit options while reducing tax rates and traffic."

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Education: Renton High School Graduate, Shoreline Community College
Occupation: Renton City Councilmember; Owner of local restaurant, Melrose Grill

Statement: Armondo was elected to the City Council in 2013 and has served as Council President. A fourth-generation member of this community, he graduated from Renton High School and is the son of a retired Renton Police Officer. Armondo has owned a business in downtown Renton since 1985. For 30 years, he's been active in the community and remains involved along with his wife and two young children.

As Mayor, Armondo will continue prioritizing public safety and crime reduction, building an inclusive city with opportunities for all, promoting investment and job growth, and improving the quality of life for our families.

Community Service: Renton Fire Authority Board, Communities In Schools of Renton, Renton Foundation Board, Renton Rotary. **Endorsements:** Renton Police Officers' Guild; City Councilmembers Ryan McIrvine and Carol Ann Witschi; Rick Marshall, Renton Fire Authority Chief; Gary Kolwes, former Superintendent, Renton Public Schools; Mary Clymer, Renton Arts Commission; and many more.

Council Position No. 3

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Education: Berkeley, CA High School Graduate; Contra Costa Community College

Occupation: Thirty years of accounting, financial analysis, systems and process improvement.

Statement: Renton needs a Councilmember who will bring bold ideas and thoughtful solutions to the table. My business career and community volunteerism centered on individual and organizational financial stability and operational success. I am running for City Council to apply my knowledge and team approach so Renton remains a great place to live, work, play, and learn.

Priorities: *Live* – Affordable housing options in safe neighborhoods. Taking climate action at the municipal level. Partnering regionally on homelessness. Celebrating diversity and community. A vibrant downtown. *Work* – Economic opportunities for jobs creation. Addressing traffic and transit challenges. *Play* – Protecting the budget for accessible parks, trails and recreation centers.

Learn – Supporting strong partnerships with schools and learners of all ages.

Thank you for your vote! *Endorsements include: Renton Councilmembers McIrvine, Prince and Witschi, the 5th, 11th, 37th and 41st District Democrats, WA Public Lands Commissioner Franz and more on my website.*

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Education: High School Graduate 1997

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Allegiant Airlines Ground service agent

Statement: Personal : Married to my husband of 7 years, Jeremy. 10 year resident of Renton; Small business owner and part time airline employee.

Qualifications / Experience : 2 term elected Democratic PCO; State legislature candidate 2006; Volunteer John Kerry for president; Volunteer Hillary Clinton for president; Active in our community and advocate for the homeless.

I stand for Better Jobs, a living wage, rent control and affordable housing; Finding a real solution to our homelessness and increasing crime and drug epidemic; Term limits of our elected officials, politicians should not make a career living off the tax payers; I believe in true economic growth and prosperity that touches all the members of our community; Together we can be the change we want to see and together we can make a difference. I will get the job done and set an agenda that can be accomplished within my term.

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Education: BA, Master Divinity, Doctorate: Transformational Leadership, Candidate for Doctorate in Prophetic Leadership

Occupation: Retired Government Employee; Personal Coach & Consultant, Volunteer

Statement: The citizens of Renton deserve a leader that is proactive, who care about and advocate on their behalf. I am that leader who will be the voice in the community and boots on the ground for change working to eradicate barriers so that the citizens can enjoy the best life possible. I have been a resident of Renton for over 35 years.

I have made a difference in the community by serving through volunteerism, actively working with civic and public officials, human services, social organizations and faith communities to bring about positive change. Our future is rooted in relationships and community.

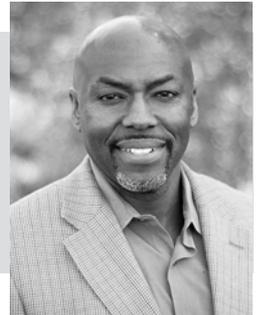
As a city council member, I will work to continue the positive impact for all in Renton. My top priorities are: Affordable Housing, Homelessness; Diversity and Inclusion, Job Development, Sustainability and Equitability, and Public Safety. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you for voting for me!

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

Occupation: Business Owner, Top Tier Training and Development (Sandler Training)

Statement: I believe it is time to bring a very genuine, pragmatic, and common-sense approach to societal challenges and opportunities. Having served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Renton Chamber of Commerce for the past three years, I'm optimistic about Renton's future. However, it is important that we be very proactive regarding the various challenges that are on the horizon.

My priority is to ensure that as Renton grows, we foster the right kind of growth that positively impacts the city and the individuals and families that live here. Good growth must include adequate levels of affordable housing, create an environment that attracts quality businesses and high paying jobs, focus on inclusion and opportunities for all Renton citizens, and maintain safety for all -- especially protecting seniors and other vulnerable populations.

I ask for your vote to be a voice that helps shape the future of Renton.

Council Position No. 1

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Education: B.S, Speech/Hearing Sciences, B.A, Early Childhood Education, Masters, Education Policy & Leadership, University of Washington
Occupation: Dual Language Learners Early Learning Coach, Senior Meal Program Coordinator

Statement: As your Councilmember, I'll ensure the needs of SeaTac constituents will be first. With your vote, I will continue to advocate for safety and high-quality, comprehensive age-friendly services for children, youth and senior citizens. I will seek solutions to improve our city's infrastructure, improve our transportation systems and address challenges around accessibility.

As the daughter of Ethiopian refugees, I have experienced the struggles that many residents face. SeaTac deserves a strong economy that celebrates diversity, natural resources and small businesses. Affordable housing, transportation access and community safety are issues that need to be addressed with compassion and respect. I am committed to serve and amplify the voices of *all* our residents so that policies benefit our community now and for generations to come.

Endorsements: King County Young Democrats, 33rd LD Democrats, Senator Joe Nguyen, King County Councilmember Gossett and many others. I would be honored to have your vote.

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Education: Doctorate, Education Leadership: Seattle University. Masters Business Administration: Boston University. Bachelors, Psychology: Seattle Pacific University

Occupation: Retired Police Commander, International Senior Police Advisor, Documentary Film Producer

Statement: With more than 30 years in public service, I am uniquely qualified to address the public safety concerns of SeaTac. As Public Safety Committee Chair, I presented initiatives to Congress addressing Human Trafficking, Opioid Abuse, and Gun Violence! *Public Safety is my Top Priority*, and I will continue to work with our First Responders to maintain/improve our Police, Fire, and Medical services.

Our airport proximity creates economic benefits but also creates significant health and environmental impacts. I am a strong proponent of the quiet skies movement, ultrafine particulate studies, and alternate airport siting initiatives. I am currently producing a feature documentary addressing the impacts of airport operations on our neighborhoods.

To Improve our quality of life, I will continue to support an aggressive sidewalk program, safe routes to school, and programs for our seniors and young people at our parks, Senior Center, and YMCA. I would be honored to serve!

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Education: Washington State University Master Gardener Extension Program; Shoreline Community College, Law and Merchandising
Occupation: Seattle Public Utilities, Utility Account Representative, 11 years

Statement: When I'm on the City Council, you can be assured that SeaTac will remain fiscally responsible by keeping taxes down and preventing waste and abuse. My common-sense approach will ensure the City controls expenses through responsible and transparent budgeting. I will strive to enhance the value of city services to all of us, promoting fairness, diversity, and prosperity among families, unions, businesses, and city government.

My experience working for Seattle Public Utilities and involvement with SeaTac citizen advisory committees is exactly what we need to maintain SeaTac's recent stellar record – moving from deficit to surplus within 1 year. I know the challenges and potential of local government. My goal is to ensure that the SeaTac City Council continues to work for you, to make your life better and attract more local businesses. My husband and I have lived in SeaTac since 2017 and care deeply about this community.

Have you used your Democracy Vouchers?

What is the Democracy Voucher Program?

All City of Seattle registered voters and those who applied received four \$25 Democracy Vouchers they can donate to participating candidates running for Seattle City Council.

Where can I find the list of participating candidates?

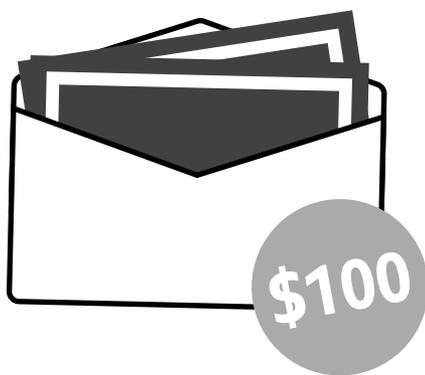
Go to seattle.gov/democracyvoucher to learn which candidates can receive your Democracy Vouchers or call 206-727-8855 to request a printed list by mail.

I lost my vouchers. Can I request new Democracy 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.

When should I use my Democracy Vouchers?

Democracy Vouchers are valid until November 2019. However, candidates may only receive a limited number of Democracy Vouchers. The longer you wait to use your Democracy Vouchers, the more likely the candidate may have reached their limit.



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I am a dedicated husband, father, and homeowner who has lived in Seattle for over ten years. I have been repeatedly disillusioned by the ineffectiveness of the Seattle City Council. It is one of partisan politics, inattentive to the people of Seattle. I am driven and qualified to change this.

As an actively involved community member, I have volunteered as a trustee of the Fulcrum Foundation, president of the Holy Rosary School Commission, and as a basketball coach at our local YMCA. For over a decade, I worked for the Seattle Police Department, spending nearly six years in the Policy Unit during the consent decree. I have also taught as an adjunct professor at Argosy University.

Homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness are city wide epidemics. I can bring intelligent discussion, common sense, and trust back to city council deliberations on these matters. I will lead the way in keeping our city affordable without further raising taxes, bringing accountability to the management of city resources.

The Seattle I am fighting for prioritizes dignified, safe living conditions. I am dedicated to maintaining unity between SPD and the community, improving transit, and removing double standards in our legal system. I want to make our police officers feel valued and empowered to do their job. I will address the SPD staffing shortage by creating a culture where officers want to work in Seattle.

My top priorities are homelessness, public safety, and restoring accountability in city spending. Solving homelessness requires space and services for all the unhoused. This means creating a regional network of immediately-available emergency housing with specialized social services, followed by enforcing the law when campers refuse to either accept services or move along; campers will not be allowed to live in illegal conditions. I will also push for treatment services, not injection sites.

I want intentional development practices, so that public infrastructure grows in accordance with population and schools can accommodate. MHA must be revisited so up-zoned areas necessarily include affordable housing for the city. Included in this growth must be adequate parking in each new development.

I feel driven to identify meaningful solutions to the epidemics in our city. It's time for a new direction on the city council, one that puts the needs of residents first. I am committed to being responsible to residents and the leader our city needs to move forward.

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Lisa Herbold demands accountability.

When City Hall wanted \$1.4 million to bail out the bankrupt PRONTO bike-share company, Lisa said, "NO." When powerful downtown business interests demanded a Center City Streetcar, already \$143 million (100% in 4 years, before breaking ground) over budget, Lisa said "NO, let's invest that money in real transportation projects." Government will never have enough money for everything. We must pick the most important things and do them well.

Bold steps to address our housing and homelessness crisis.

Lisa led the Council to pass \$29 million for affordable housing, which, if done through the end of our Housing Levy, will dramatically increase our housing stock. We've also changed the law to require developers to increase truly affordable housing by 6,000 units. She's worked with the West Seattle Helpline to help families and seniors pay their utility bills, stay in their homes, and prevent homelessness before it starts.

Lisa works hard for District 1.

No issue is too big or small for Lisa. She's secured funding for more hours for Colman Pool, to increase bus service to Alki, Admiral, and Highland Park, restore police Community Service Officers, add 112 new police positions, and keep open the Concord Elementary Learning Center. She's worked with the Port to limit noise and fuel emissions, passed new laws so SPD can better enforce against vehicle exhaust noise at Alki, passed legislation to fix-up derelict buildings in Delridge and South Park, and required enhanced oversight on big construction projects. She's working with Sound Transit so light rail doesn't tear apart the West Seattle Junction.

Lisa believes we all must have an opportunity to succeed.

Lisa has increased opportunity in Seattle. From better tenant laws, to Secure Scheduling for workers at large retail and food service establishments, to green jobs and a career pathway to ensure everyone has a place to live and work.

She's gone to the mat for small businesses: in Luna Park and Fauntleroy to save parking, in the University District fighting business displacement, in the Central District to fund mitigation for businesses impacted by transportation projects.

Lisa's the only candidate in the race endorsed by MLK Labor Council and KC Young Democrats, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, KC Councilmember Joe McDermott, State Senator Joe Nguyen, and Councilmember Lorena González.

She's lived in District 1 for 19 years. Her daughter lives here; her grandchildren attend Sanislo Elementary and Chief Sealth High.

Council District No. 1

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Seattle can do better! Four years ago we were talking about skyrocketing costs of living, a lack of affordable housing, more and more people living on our streets, traffic problems, and cost overruns in civic projects. I have seen no improvement in these and many other issues; while many have gotten worse. It's time to make a change in our City's leadership. Even four of the seven council members currently serving our city have decided to step down because even they can see the need for change.

Our City Council needs to listen to ALL of the people of our city, and not just a vocal minority. We need to know where our tax-payer money is going and what we are getting for the hard-earned money we are paying. We need to be working with the people and the businesses in our community and not against them

It's time to end the divisive politics, restore common sense and moderation to our government and focus on effectively, efficiently and equitably delivering services to the people of our City.

I will implement a transitional program for those of our community caught in the criminal justice system's revolving door of untreated mental health disorders, unaddressed substance abuse issues, a lack of permanent housing and recurring criminal behavior. We can't continue to release people from jail back into homelessness and expect our City to become safer and cleaner for everybody. We must reform our criminal justice system, not dismantle it.

I'm proud to be supported by dozens of the small businesses that form the heart and soul of our community. They know that I will listen, that I am an everyday part of our community, and that I care deeply about making Seattle a better, safer and more productive city, for everyone.

I've been a business owner, a teacher, a pro tem Judge and I've been a public defender and trial lawyer for 15 years. I'm the Vice President of the Morgan Community Association and I'm on the Board of Allied Arts and the Seattle Green Spaces Coalition. I've raised money for the West Seattle Helpline, the YMCA and Westside Baby. I'm a renter, a father of a first grader at Arbor Heights Elementary and a youth coach at West Seattle Bowl. I will bring back moderation and common sense to our council. I ask you for your support and your vote.

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JUSTICE EQUALS PEACE.

MY NAME IS OMARI TAHIR-GARRETT, AND I AM RUNNING FOR SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL #2 IN ORDER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.

JUSTICE EQUALS PEACE. THE CULTURAL ECONOMIC CRISIS IN NATIVE AMERICAN AND AFRICATOWN COMMUNITIES IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF ONGOING COLONIAL STRATEGIES WELL DEFINED AND EXPOSED IN THE KERNER REPORT ON CIVIL DISORDER AS "WHITE INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM".

MY PLATFORM'S MAIN ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- 1) RAISE THE AWARENESS THAT SEATTLE IS ON DUWAMISH NATIVE AMERICAN LAND AND COLONIALISM IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE.
- 2) JULIUS MALEMA (ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS) PRESIDENT SOUTH AFRICA! OMARI TAHIR-GARRETT PRESIDENT USA
- 3) REPAIRATIONS (REPARATIONS) MUST BE PAID TO "AFRICATOWN" TO REPAIR / CORRECT THE CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DAMAGE DONE TO THE "AFRICAN REFUGEES" FROM EUROPEAN COLONIAL SETTLER "JUDEO-CHRISTIAN" TERRORISM / SLAVE TRADE (FROM AFRICANS TO BLACKS TO COONS TO NIG.... TO COLOREDS, TO NEGROES, TO AFRO-AMERICANS TO AFRICAN AMERICANS BACK TO AFRICANS BORN IN AMERICA.
- 4) END ETHNIC CLEANSING / "GENTRIFICATION" OF BLACKS OUT OF SEATTLE'S HISTORIC "CENTRAL AREA" TO THE "SUBURBS".
- 5) REMOVE PICTURE OF THE "NORTH AMERICAN HITLER" GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE GENOCIDAL MASS MURDERER OF NATIVE AMERICAN "INDIANS" (NOT BORN IN INDIA) AND "OWNER" OF 319 NON-MUSLIM BLACK AFRICAN CHRISTIAN "SLAVES".
- 6) STOP THE SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TEACHING BLACK CHILDREN AND ALL CHILDREN THAT GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THOMAS JEFFERSON WERE CHAMPIONS OF "FREEDOM, JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND DEMOCRACY" WHEN THEY WERE IN FACT BRUTAL "TERRORISTS" THAT ENSLAVED UNFORTUNATE KIDNAPPED / TERRORIZED "CHRISTIANIZED" AFRICAN MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN. RESTRUCTURE SEATTLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM AROUND ENTRY LEVEL CAREER / REAL PERFORMANCE BASED EDUCATION.
- 7) END HOMELESSNESS BY CITY PROVIDING LAND MATERIALS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE / COUNSELING FOR HOMELESS TO BUILD THEIR OWN MORTGAGE FREE HOUSING.
- 8) LIMIT SEATTLE ARMED GOVERNMENT AGENTS ("POLICE") TO 5 YEARS IN WHICH THEY MUST COMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE AND TEACH FOR 5 YEARS BEFORE RETURNING TO SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTE "STING OPERATIONS" TO CATCH CRIMINALS HIDING BEHIND GOVERNMENT ISSUES BADGES AND GUNS.
- 9) SEATTLE SHOULD FORM ITS OWN BANK FOR FINANCING CITY PROJECTS AND FOR FINANCING HOMELESS OWNED HOUSING FOR "HOMELESS / POOR". (HAVE YOU SEEN A HOMELESS UNEMPLOYED BIRD?)
- 10) SINCE RACE IS ARBITRARILY AND UNSCIENTIFICALLY BASED ON "SKIN COLOR", REDEFINE "RACE" BASED ON HAIR COLOR WHICH IS A LOT EASIER TO CHANGE, ESPECIALLY FOR "WHITE MINDED" INTEGRATED NEGROES LIKE "WHITE SUPREMACY" COURT JUSTICE "UNCLE" CLARENCE THOMAS.

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In 2018, I worked to protect the Jewish cemeteries from criminal activity, petitioning the city for help to protect the cemeteries and the most vulnerable, and launched a media awareness campaign that brought national light to the issue. My involvement led me to my work on gathering signatures to repeal the Head Tax, and eventually to becoming a candidate for Seattle City Council, District 2.

Like so many of you, I am deeply concerned with the direction of our city. Every day we see more people living on the streets. We see more people suffering from addiction. Housing becomes less affordable. Our taxes continue to go up while the quality of life in our city continues to go down. It is time for a new approach.

As a father of three, my kids' safety is my top priority. That's why I will fight for more funding for our police department so that we can hire more officers to keep our neighborhoods safe, and to protect everyone equally. Police officers need more training and resources.

As a small business owner, I believe the city should make it easier to open small businesses and create jobs. Job creation requires affordable housing, and constructions codes need be re-examined to increase the supply. Job creation also requires functional transportation and mass transit solutions.

The city of Seattle is in need of common sense, data-driven, logical policies with measurable outcomes. One of my first actions as your representative will be to call for an independent audit of all city funds in order to reallocate funding from non-performing agencies to data-driven solutions. I believe that we need to invest in dignity. The dignity of a bed to sleep in. The dignity of a job that pays enough. The dignity of schools that uplift our students. The dignity of medical treatment that addresses addiction and mental health.

As your District 2 representative on the Seattle City Council, I will be present in your neighborhood, hold weekly meetings in-district, and invite public comment on all council business. Thank you for your vote.

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Council District No. 2

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As a Seattle native, born and raised on Beacon Hill, I've experienced firsthand the rapid changes in our district. Seattle's growth has disproportionately and adversely impacted the residents of District 2. I'm running for Seattle City Council to ensure the voices of this district are heard and that the City better addresses the needs and concerns of our residents.

Protecting Our Community. For nearly 30 years, I've worked on public safety and quality of life issues impacting District 2 neighborhoods. As a Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Seattle Police Department, YouthCare Boardmember, past chair of the Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates and a current regional director of the Washington State Crime Prevention Association, I have a history of protecting the health of our community and effecting positive change. From implementing youth gun violence prevention programs to initiating Crime Prevention strategies that resulted in decreased street robberies, I have the experience necessary to solve our city's biggest challenges and a strong track record of results in this district.

Affordability and Housing. We must create affordable housing that adds to, rather than replaces, the current stock of naturally affordable units. I will enact legislation ensuring that affordable housing funds earned in District 2 are spent in District 2. I support the Multifamily Tax Exemption and homeownership assistance that keep families in their homes and will work to ensure families are not evicted due to rising housing costs. I will introduce legislation that supports our small businesses through funding for commercial space development and tax credits to reduce small commercial space lease rates.

Leaving No One Behind. Though our local economy is booming, many of our neighbors are being left behind. In a region as prosperous as ours, no one should live unsheltered. Seattle has an annual budget of more than \$90 million to address homelessness, but these funds aren't being used efficiently. We must not only to mitigate the impact of homelessness, but also interrupt the cycle of homelessness before it begins. I will invest in diversion programs like rental assistance, building additional housing units, increasing low-to-moderate barrier shelter capacity and effective case management to end the cycle of homelessness.

I'm proudly endorsed by: King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, State Representatives Gael Tarleton and Sharon Tomiko Santos, and School Boardmember Betty Patu; Professional and Technical Employees Local 17; and, numerous community leaders such as Juan Cotto, and Camille Monzon-Richards.

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I am the candidate with the experience to offer bold new approaches to our community's most urgent challenges — homelessness & lack of affordable housing; limited career paths for our youth; and increasing negative impacts from climate change.

I have worked at the City of Seattle for over a decade and am proud to have been the energy behind the creation of the first-ever environmental justice program at Seattle City Light. I have worked directly with communities to advocate for equity and justice. I intend to build on that experience as a City Councilmember to foster transparency, equity and cultural accessibility across the City government.

This starts with facing head on one of our City's most visible challenges, our homelessness crisis.

Over the past several months I, along with my husband and two young children have volunteered at Camp Second Chance. For our family this has been a transformative experience to better know our neighbors facing the challenges of life on the street. It requires us to remember that our homeless population are real people facing challenges and desperately in need of a second chance. We need to provide more support for those programs that work and continue to build on those successes. But we also need to do more to protect our existing affordable housing units and meet the City commitments to build 6000 new low income and affordable housing units. We will work with regional partners, private businesses and non-profits to consider policies and funding while working to stop pressures of gentrification and displacement so all residents can thrive in place.

I have been blessed to have the means to own a home in Seattle and understand firsthand the challenges and security that comes with homeownership. We must provide stronger protections for renters so they don't end up homeless. We can not displace people as quickly as we build affordable housing.

Lastly, we know that we face a climate crisis. I believe it is time to call for a Seattle Green New Deal. This framework can serve as a catalyst to fast-track the work underway in the City's Climate Action Plan, creating green job opportunities and career pathways for our youth to become the next generation of environmental and clean energy workers.

I'd be honored to have your vote.

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I have lived through too many of the crises that the people of Seattle are now facing and intimately understand why we need a representative who has lived the same experiences of those they are hoping to represent at City Hall. Seattle needs a responsive, representative leader that will actually get things done at City Hall. As Seattle continues to buckle under the pressure of so many different crises it is more important than ever that we seek practical solutions, not just platitudes in solving these challenges.

From the Chinatown-International District to Rainier Beach, people are continuously at risk of losing their communities. As a renter, I've experienced first-hand astronomical rent increases that have made staying here harder and harder. Friends I've known for decades have been pushed farther and farther away from the place they once called home. One of the most important things we can do is to keep people in the homes they currently live in, and provide more relief to their increasing costs.

Our unsheltered crisis needs smart solutions that prioritize keeping people in their homes and mental health services. We need to be better stewards of our resources as well as prioritize finding new progressive revenue streams so we can build more public housing right here in District 2 and have places to immediately house those who need it.

I decided to take up cycling and began to see the City in ways I'd never seen it before. My eyes were opened to the dangers of our South Seattle streets especially Rainier Avenue. South Seattle residents have experienced far too many casualties on our district's main arterial, and they happen here more than any other part of the city, another product of systemic neglect of our neighborhoods. Transportation access is an equity issue we need to prioritize.

Representative leadership means electing people who have lived through the experiences of those they serve. I want to go to City Hall to be a responsive voice to the community and implement smart policies that help those who need it most. My perseverance and lived experiences will help make our community a better place for everyone.

I would be honored to earn your vote so that we can make District 2 work for all of us.

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Seattle is at a crossroads this election. Will we allow corporate interests to dictate local government policy? Or will we shift power to the people and allow for democratization of wealth and power?

I'm a community organizer for Rainier Beach Action Coalition working to stop displacement. I'm also a mom with 2 kids in Seattle Public Schools. I've spent my career building healthy neighborhoods with greater food security, better housing, and stronger protections for working people, so families don't have to struggle the way my family did.

I lead by joining with those most impacted to advance the goals of equity and shared prosperity.

Priorities I'll fight for:

Investing in low-income schools: Provide wrap-around services like health care, homework help, after-school childcare, and parent engagement programs; expand the Seattle preschool program; support low- and moderate-income students transitioning to college or union apprentice programs.

Acknowledging the limitations of prison as a solution: Instead, advance community solutions like fair sentencing, diversion, alternative sentencing, victim-service programs; and eliminate cash bail. Let's take the bold step of transitioning to practices that support victims, heal communities, and allow for real rehabilitation.

Creating inexpensive places where we can live without fear of displacement: Let's use city-owned surplus land to build social housing that is affordable for low income earners; housing first strategies to address chronic homelessness; invest in community priorities like building more childcare facilities, senior housing, accessible streets and sidewalks and a high-capacity, reliable, green public transit system.

Ending our reliance on fossil fuels to meet our Climate Action Plan goals: That means investing in alternative modes of transportation and green building practices - we can't call it an investment if it's destroying the planet.

We must reverse our regressive tax structure in order to invest in the infrastructure we all need to thrive. I'll work to find the right mix of progressive revenue — like taxing the unearned income of wealthy investors or making our taxes on businesses more progressive. We can't fund our growing city on the backs of low-income individuals. For Seattle to thrive we must ensure that wealthy corporations pay their fair share.

I ask for your vote so we can build power for the people of District 2.

Endorsements: Representative Pramila Jayapal; State Senator Rebecca Saldaña; City Council Member Teresa Mosqueda; Washington Latino Caucus; King County Young Democrats; 37th District Democrats; Sierra Club; UFCW 21; SEIU 1199NW; SEIU 775.

Council District No. 2

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Henry Dennison joined the Socialist Workers Party in 1978. He is a rail worker and member of the SMART-TD union. He has been part of union, anti-war, anti-racist and immigrant rights mobilizations. As a long-time union coal miner he fought to defend health, safety and union rights.

The SWP presents a broad program to advance the interests of the working class:

Organize and strengthen unions. Support strikes like those of teachers last year, that set an example for all working people. Support Uber and Lyft drivers' fight to organize.

Demand a massive, federally-funded public works program to put millions to work at union wages to build needed infrastructure and housing.

Support amnesty for all undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. Organize and unionize immigrant workers, a life and death question for unions.

Support farm workers' fights to organize unions and for safe conditions in the fields. Guarantee the costs of production to working farmers. Nationalize the land to guarantee farmers and ranchers use of the land without eviction and to stop real estate speculators' land-grabs.

Defend access to birth control and women's right to choose abortion. Women's control of their bodies is a precondition for control over their lives and to win full equality.

Hands off Venezuela! Hands off Cuba! Oppose Washington's wars! Withdraw all US forces from the Mideast, Afghanistan and South Korea now. End the Korean War. Dismantle the US nuclear arsenal.

Oppose Jew-hatred in all forms. Recognize the state of Israel and a contiguous, sovereign Palestinian state.

Defend democratic rights under attack from both Democrat and Republican politicians. Defend voting rights, free speech and civil discourse.

Abolish the death penalty, a weapon of repression used disproportionately against African Americans. End solitary confinement. For prisoners' right to literature of their choice.

No cuts in Social Security, Medicare, or benefits for disabled workers. Government-guaranteed health care and retirement for all.

Workers control in the plants, mines, railroads and all workplaces to enforce safety and to help prevent pollution.

End the US embargo against Cuba! End attacks on Cuban sovereignty. Defend Cuba's socialist revolution!

A movement of millions can be built in this country to fight for these and other demands, along a course to replace the dictatorship of capital with workers' political power — that can begin to organize society based on the needs and rights of working people. Join us. Read the Militant newspaper at www.themilitant.com

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"You deserve a Councilmember who will represent you, listen to your community, and ensure that all residents share in Seattle's prosperity. I offer practical, progressive, and proven solutions. My wife, Jerina, and I own a small business, and we work with our employees to cultivate a culture of inclusivity and social responsibility. Throughout my career I have tackled tough problems and delivered results. I will bring that sensible, solutions-oriented perspective to City Council."

Logan will fight to end Seattle's housing shortage.

Seattle needs equitable housing through more housing options. Seattle created 100,000 new jobs downtown, but only added 45,000 housing units citywide. We can't build enough homes because the city still follows outdated, racist, and segregationist zoning policies. We must end this injustice. Logan will re-legalize duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes. This low cost housing was once part of every neighborhood. It adds *appropriate density*, not expensive highrises and will require *no public spending*.

Logan will lead our homelessness response with empathy.

Seattle needs a responsible homelessness approach. We need 5,200 units of supportive housing, more shelters, and social and sanitation services that actually meet our unhoused neighbors' needs. Aggressive sweeps without services don't work.

Logan will fight for 100% walkable neighborhoods.

Seattle needs walkable neighborhoods. Every family deserves to safely walk to necessities like groceries, schools, or affordable childcare. Logan will end the zoning restrictions on these amenities, because walkable neighborhoods are healthy, safe, and vibrant neighborhoods.

Logan will fight for safe streets and prioritize transit.

Seattle needs less traffic congestion and carbon pollution. We must design our streets to serve people. All road users—even drivers—benefit when more people choose to walk, bike, scooter, or bus. Let's get fossil fuels out of our lives.

Logan will work to ensure Seattle is safe for everyone.

Seattle needs safe communities. No one should fear gun violence or police violence. We need strong accountability to restore community trust, and to pay our officers enough to live in our city. Officers protect us best when they are part of the community they serve.

Logan is supported by Seattle.

"My campaign was first to qualify for democracy vouchers, and I received both the most and the most in-district democracy vouchers. I am proudly union-endorsed by Laborers Local 242. I am not funded by out-of-state or corporate interests, I represent you and our neighbors."

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I'm running for Seattle City Council because our current representation isn't working for all of us. We need leadership focused on solutions, not on dividing us. We deserve leaders dedicated to preventing displacement with shallow rent subsidies, investing in transit and infrastructure improvements by completing bike lanes and sidewalks, ending gun violence by investing in community-based violence prevention programs, and tackling housing affordability. And I'm running for the 4,280 students experiencing homelessness because their housing status and how they get around affects their education.

Experience delivering results:

As a program manager for All Home King County, I've worked to eliminate youth homelessness and to invest in proven solutions, like diversion. As former President of the Capitol Hill Community Council and Board Commissioner for Seattle's Housing Authority, I've fought for and passed laws for our neighborhoods, renters' rights, and affordable housing. I'll bring this experience to the Seattle City Council. As your Councilmember, I'll work to make our city more welcoming, affordable, and livable for all of our neighbors; especially those who've been pushed out and marginalized by the lack of affordable housing and rising housing costs.

Creating a safe and affordable city:

As your current Seattle School Board Director, I'm honored to work every day on behalf of our students, teachers, and families. Students must have safe and stable access to housing. If they're hungry or worried about where they're sleeping, they can't learn. We know that the problems that students and families face span well outside of the classroom.

We know that the majority of our neighbors experiencing homelessness are from here, which means we're failing our residents long before they're living outside. Our low-income and fixed-income residents are getting priced out of Seattle. Gun violence has become a common threat for young black and brown folks. Small businesses struggle to survive. It's time for representation who will listen and act urgently to address these issues. I'll continue advocating strongly not only for students and families but for all of us by prioritizing action over talk on issues around workers' rights, LGBTQ rights, the climate crisis, public safety, homelessness, housing affordability, transportation, and our city's basic functions.

Endorsements:

Proudly endorsed by Seattle City Councilmembers Lorena Gonzalez and Teresa Mosqueda; Seattle Port Commissioner Ryan Calkins; Seattle School Board Directors Leslie Harris, Rick Burke, Jill Geary, Scott Pinkham, Eden Mack, and Betty Patu; King County Young Democrats, and many others.

Council District No. 3

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I am prepared to address the issues facing our city. I would like your vote because we need to **take on housing access and affordability as the root cause** of the stresses faced by Seattle residents, address our drug epidemic, and ensure **equitable development** designed to meet the needs of underserved communities.

I graduated from the University of Washington (BAs in Sociology and Business Administration) and earned an MBA from the University of Puget Sound. I've owned a small IT firm for 30+ years, bought my first home in the Central District, and have tirelessly worked for decades to improve our community. I've served as President of the South Seattle Crime Prevention Council, Mount Baker Community Club, and Cleveland High School PTSA. I have lived in District 3 for over 40 years.

As a member of the Seattle Public Schools Closure Committee, I fought to protect schools from closure in areas where population growth was expected, and to ensure equity for low-income and minority students. I disagreed with the District's plan, which resulted in disproportionate harm to those students.

As your Councilmember, I will ensure the residents and small businesses of our district come first.

We must take decisive action to increase the supply of truly affordable housing. We must enact a 15% foreign buyers' tax on real estate purchases, similarly to Vancouver, B.C., which Oxford University academics found resulted in immediate improvements in housing affordability. We should require mandatory affordable units in all new developments and preserve our existing stock of affordable housing. We can reduce property taxes and rents by reducing City budget bloat. **Adding housing supply without decisive measures to address affordability is not working.**

I will develop programs to facilitate home ownership, create a community-owned and operated grocery store in the Central District, and advance economic development that provides living-wage jobs. We must **end gentrification to preserve the diversity of our neighborhoods** and prevent the middle class from sliding further down the economic ladder. We must open residential treatment programs to address our drug crisis.

As your Councilmember, I will be accessible to you in our District and respect your time. I will change our procedures to increase participation and accessibility for Seattle residents, including developing options for remote testimony and holding Council meetings in the evenings to allow more people to participate.

I can deliver reasonable, progressive, practical change. We can do better...together.

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It's Time For A Fresh Start in City Hall. We need a new council member who welcomes input, shows up and listens, and gets results for all of us. I've always believed that when we take time to listen, celebrate the diversity of people and ideas, and focus on outcomes and not ideology, we can make real, positive change.

I'm proud of my experience building and managing Seattle's largest single festival day, PrideFest, my active leadership in LGBTQ community and culture, and day-to-day work with our diverse, vibrant Capitol Hill businesses. On the City Council my door will always be open, and I'll always put your needs first.

Expand All Types of Housing: Recent zoning changes promise much-needed affordable housing, but we need to do more. We also need options like duplexes, triplexes, and small multi-family buildings with single floor living for ADA accessibility and for seniors to age in place.

Build New Supportive Housing: We spend millions to assist the chronically homeless, but in high cost, temporary shelter. We need a focus on proven solutions like permanent supportive housing, and regional approaches to mental health and addiction that will result in better outcomes.

Real Help for Renters: Many renters are one financial emergency or rent increase away from eviction. Renters should have three month notice on any increases, and increases should be no more than 10% a year. We must provide financial assistance to bridge emergencies and robust legal support so renters can level the playing field with landlords in Seattle's expensive and volatile housing market.

Expand Opportunity for New Small Business Owners: Because of systemic hurdles, people of color, LGBTQ people, and women often have a harder time starting businesses, and lack advocacy in City Hall. I'll build on my existing work to connect these neighbors to city services and the capital to start and maintain a successful business.

Innovating to Combat Climate Change: Let's expand our adoption of carbon reduction policies, from transportation electrification to flexible scheduling, and work with City Light so that Seattle becomes a leader on solar and wind energy. Let's work with builders, architects and advanced material developers to provide opportunities and incentives for green building and remodels.

I was raised by educators in a union household, and I'm the fourth generation of my family to call District 3 home. We have real work to do! Let's get it done!

Council District No. 3

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I've used my two terms in City Hall to help build powerful movements of working people to win historic victories in the face of fierce corporate opposition.

I'm proud to have helped lead the way in making Seattle the first major city to win the \$15 minimum wage, through a coalition with labor unions, community organizations, and grassroots activists. Since then, I've worked alongside movements to win tens of millions of dollars for affordable housing and services, and landmark renters' rights laws, such as the move-in fee payment plan, so renters no longer need thousands of dollars just to move in. We replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day, gained crucial funding for LGBTQ services, protected the Showbox, and won the first-ever city funds for legal support to help renters facing eviction.

Seattle is rapidly becoming unaffordable for working people, small businesses, and people of color. **The for-profit housing market has failed us.** Our city has led in the number of construction cranes four years running, yet the housing and homelessness crisis remains among the worst in the nation, including 4,200 homeless students in Seattle's schools.

That's why we're building a movement for citywide **rent control**, free of corporate loopholes. We also need a **massive expansion of social housing for working people**, to build tens of thousands of publicly-owned affordable homes, paid for by taxing big business. We need a Green New Deal for working people, to make Seattle 100% renewable by 2030, and create thousands of union jobs.

What's at stake this year is who runs Seattle - big business or working people. Last year, Jeff Bezos bullied our city to defeat the Amazon Tax, which would have funded housing and services.

Now Amazon is trying to buy this election, and has put \$200,000 into a Chamber of Commerce warchest of three quarters of a million dollars. Their mission: Anybody but Kshama Sawant. Why? Because they know I am unshakably accountable to working people.

Seattle's political establishment has failed to address the deep crisis of affordable housing and homelessness. That's why we need you to join our grassroots movement.

As a socialist, feminist, and union member, I'm proud to be endorsed by National Women's Political Caucus, and workers in public schools, healthcare, universities, hotels, the postal service, including SEIU 1199NW, UNITE HERE 8, UAW 4121, Laborers 1239, WFSE 1488, WFSE 3488, WFSE 304, APWU Seattle, Operating Engineers 609.

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I am the daughter of Vietnamese refugees who relied on subsidized housing and public education. My upbringing and work as a public defense attorney have taught me the importance of compassion and accountability. I am running for Seattle City Council because we need to ensure that the policies we pass in City Hall will work to improve our city. Peoples' lives, livelihoods, and future generations rely on the City Council working together. As a candidate, I am not taking any corporate funding because I'm representing people.

Homelessness Crisis: It is not a crime to be poor. I have in depth experience to address our homelessness crisis. Almost daily, I work people who are homeless, struggling with mental illness, and/or fighting addiction. We need to coordinate housing efforts between existing non-profits and discontinue failing programs.

Knowing that we need long-term solutions, I will work toward a five-year plan that increasingly invests in supportive permanent housing and job training programs and decreasingly relies on temporary emergency shelters.

Community Safety: Our homelessness crisis has added to the anxiety level in Seattle making our community feel less safe. We need to ensure that mental health and chemical dependency treatment is accessible to reduce relapse and/or repeat offenses.

A More Affordable Seattle: Seattle needs to continue investing in affordable housing development, but affordability is more than just housing costs. We need to develop affordable transportation and childcare options for working families of all incomes. I support City-provided wrap-around services at schools that are struggling, including social services to support the 4,000 homeless children attending Seattle Public Schools.

Financial Accountability: Every family has a budget, so does the City. We need to be smarter about how we spend the money we have and access county and state funding for regional issues.

We need to elect council members who not only share our values, but will also collaborate with other council members to make policies that improve our city for all residents at all income levels and from every walk of life. As a person who has overcome childhood poverty with the help of social services, I will ensure that our programs are effective and financially accountable to all tax payers. Together, we can make Seattle a city for all of us.

I am honored to be endorsed by the King County Young Democrats and community members like Frank Irigon and Cheryl Berenson.

Council District No. 4

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ENDORSEMENTS

Sierra Club. Cary Moon. WA State High School Democrats. Seattle DSA. 43rd LD WA State Rep. Brady Walkinshaw (2013-2017). Seattle City Councilman Jim Street (1983-1995). Our Progressive Future.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Field Organizer for Pramila Jayapal's 2018 Campaign. Editor; *Real Change News*. Outreach Coordinator; Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs. Filmmaker and Journalist; *City Arts Magazine* and SEIU 775NW. Author.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Student Body President, Shoreline Community College (2002-2003). Labor Organizer, Campaign Workers Guild (2018-present). Seattle DSA Local Council (2018). 4Culture Individual Arts Award recipient. Mayor's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs Individual Artist grant recipient.

STATEMENT

The people of Seattle and District 4 need bold leadership on big questions like affordable housing, housing the homeless, and local action on climate change. I hope to provide that leadership as your next Seattle City Councilmember from District 4.

If my time as a director of outreach for the Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs' effort to transform King Street Station taught me anything, its that listening and collaboration need to be at the heart of our politics. If elected, I would establish a constituent services office in District 4 and hold regular town halls to hear from the working families, students, renters, neighborhood groups, and vulnerable populations in my District.

Seattle is my home of 26 years. I believe our city's prosperity should benefit us all. By listening to our neighbors and building coalitions, we can forge a fair city, where renters aren't priced out by rising costs of living, and homeowners aren't stressed out by rising property taxes.

We can have a caring city, where the homeless get connected to supportive housing and mental health services, and young people don't have to choose between textbooks and food. We can have an inclusive city, where there is enough housing for those here, and for those on the way.

A vote for Shaun Scott is a vote for this vision.

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I have the expertise, experience and dedication as a public servant to ensure that in District 4 and across Seattle adoption of smart, creative policies ensure that families and retirees can afford to live here; children get a great public education; everyone, regardless of zip code, feels safe in their communities; and there are fair-wage jobs and successful small businesses in every neighborhood.

Throughout my life in Seattle, including 20 years as a homeowner in Ravenna, I have been a volunteer and community activist/advocate. For 33 years I have served on numerous boards, volunteered in local schools and am currently the co-chair of University Heights (community center).

I started my career as an urban / architectural designer, property analyst and project manager primarily for multi-family housing. After volunteering in efforts to preserve and build more affordable housing in Seattle, I was recruited to King County as an affordable housing planner. I continued working for the Executive (5 years) and Council (21 years) on a range of issues, many as a facilitator of regional policy and agreements around issues of housing, human services, and utilities. I now work on transit policy and design guidance for light rail stations and a new TOD community in Redmond. My proudest achievement was working with then CM Bob Ferguson to research, propose and pass (2005) and renew (2012) the KC Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy.

My interest and passion have always been about improving Seattle, King County and the region so that it is a better place for all.

My priorities for District 4 are:

- **Improve Housing Affordability and Quality** using my expertise on land use, zoning, housing, high quality design and economics;
- **Improve Transportation/Transit** including roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, first/last mile options;
- **Act on Reducing Homelessness through Effective spending on Human Services and Public Safety** using my knowledge of best practices for addiction recovery, mental illness treatment and LEAD, and specialty courts; and
- **Ensure Education needs are Council priorities** for our capital needs for schools in D4

I am a fiscal conservative interested in minimizing tax and ratepayer costs (having analyzed utility and capital project budgets for years) but also a believer in investments 'upstream' for public health, equity, and reducing 'downstream', costly fixes.

I would be honored to serve District 4. (More information available on the campaign website.)

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Our greatest challenges as a city and region - housing and childcare affordability, climate change, public health and safety, and rising inequality- must be met with evidence-based policies that deliver results for our families and neighborhoods. As a UW PhD Parkinson's scientist, labor organizer and coalition builder, I believe we need collaborative leadership guided by data to overcome Seattle's most pressing obstacles. I am running for Seattle City Council to bring solution-driven, progressive leadership to City Hall.

Leadership on Homelessness: Research shows compassionate best practices such as low barrier supportive housing, homelessness prevention strategies including rental assistance, harm reduction programs like Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, and overdose prevention services are crucial to ending homelessness. I will refocus our spending on these best practices.

Housing for All: We can build equitable family neighborhoods, improve affordability, and promote cultural and economic diversity with thoughtful zoning changes to allow duplexes and triplexes across the city and by targeting development of affordable units near transit. We must also expand public housing and nonprofit housing to both lower and stabilize prices for students, families, seniors, and workers. As a renter, like nearly half of Seattle residents, I'll fight for stronger tenants rights and against unfair rent increases.

Climate Resilience: Smoke-filled summers, threats to our resident orcas, and rising rates of childhood asthma make this global emergency an urgent local crisis. I'm building coalitions with climate scientists, unions, policy experts, and at-risk communities to steward our transformation to a city of climate resilience: Green Apprenticeships in clean energy jobs, free and expanded transit funded through congestion pricing, and new construction with efficiency and sustainability standards.

Education and Opportunity: Affordable, high quality childcare sets our children up for bright futures. I'm a proud product of public education- preschool to community college to UW- and I'll continue building on Seattle's early learning investments. This means increasing affordability and access, living wages for all education professionals, and career growth opportunities. I will work to close Seattle's unacceptable gender wage gap and value the contributions of all workers.

No Corporate Money: Our grassroots campaign is refusing donations from corporations and big money interests. As your councilmember, I'll be accountable to you, your families, and the communities of NE Seattle.

Proven Leadership Endorsed by: MLK Labor Council, SEIU 1199NW and 775, UFCW21, UAW4121, King County Young Democrats, Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, Port Commissioner Ryan Calkins, hundreds of D4 neighbors!

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I am running for City Council to bring your voice to City Hall and accountability to city government. **Accountability** means listening, transparency, and results. **I have the proven experience to deliver.**

Many have lost faith in City Council because of backroom deals, policies making our city less affordable, and a lack of focus on safety, livability, and other basics. With accountability, we can restore people's faith in city government, enable people to afford to stay in the city we love, and get results on priorities:

- **Reducing Homelessness:** We should fund only data-driven, best practices proven to reduce homelessness. I will coordinate with King County on mental health and drug dependency solutions to craft a comprehensive plan and achieve real progress on this regional crisis. Compassion requires results.
- **Increasing Safety:** Our police officers and firefighters need support from city leaders to tackle the challenges arising from our growing population. City Council should hold the criminal justice system accountable to prevent prolific offenders from being continually released into communities without proper help and supervision.
- **Improving Transportation:** All people — including seniors and families with children — need good transportation to work, shop, play, and thrive in our city. But our city's traffic and roads are a mess. City Council must wisely invest our limited resources on reliable roads, transit, and sidewalks to safely move the most people.

My combination of public service experience and financial expertise from the private sector are needed to achieve results.

- After earning a master's degree in government, **I worked at the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Clinton Administration to reduce homelessness.** My career includes 15 years managing financial analysts to preserve affordable housing.
- When I served Seattle as a Legislative Aide to former City Council President Tim Burgess, I crafted legislation creating the nationally acclaimed Seattle Preschool Program, which voters overwhelmingly approved. I led efforts to fully fund Nurse Family Partnership to empower low-income moms and their babies. I know how to get things done.

My wife and I have been raising our children near Candy Cane Lane and I published the neighborhood newsletter "4 to Explore."

As a progressive Democrat focused on results, **I'm endorsed by** former King County Executive Ron Sims, Tim Burgess, Nick Licata, Ruth Kagi, Daniel J. Evans, State Representative Gerry Pollet, Port Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, 46th LD Democrats, and by neighborhood businesses.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

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I am knocking on 8,000 doors in every corner of our district. What I hear is this: If you are older like me you want to age in place. If you are younger like my two children you worry about being priced out.

You tell me Seattle's response to homelessness, rising unaffordability, and climate action has been massively underwhelming. These are complex problems we must work on together.

I've been a community builder with Seattle government and nonprofits for 30 years. I've been a planner for City of Seattle Parks and staffed the Neighborhood Planning Commission. I'm the founding director of Seattle Neighborhood Greenways.

Every city grows and changes. I'm committed to seeing change improve our quality of life, reduce our environmental impact, and reflect our wishes. **The Stranger** wrote: "Tuttle is action-oriented ... she knows the ins-and-outs of the system and, most importantly, how to get stuff—like the 40 parks and community centers she was project manager on—built."

Here's what I plan to do:

Increase Affordable Housing: Seattle has fallen behind building affordable housing. We need stronger partnerships with regional governments, businesses, and nonprofits to build affordable family workforce housing for teachers, retail employees, first responders, elderly, and nurses as well as housing for people experiencing homelessness.

Keep People in Their Homes: We can't expect to reduce homelessness if we displace people faster than we build housing. We must keep families sheltered and intact, review rent policies, predict foreclosures, and rapidly rehouse vulnerable people.

Lead on Climate Change: Our region's wildfires are an urgent reminder that we all must do our part. Seattle can lead by working with other cities to measure and reduce our carbon footprint.

Ensure Fiscal Accountability: I believe the most important responsibility of an elected official is to ensure your tax money is spent wisely, with transparency and accountability.

Provide Safe Streets: You should be safe in your neighborhoods whether walking to your senior center, biking to school, or playing in a local park. Little things like clean public bathrooms, garbage cans, accessible sidewalks, and well-lit crosswalks can go a long way towards making neighborhoods thrive. I'm excited to apply my expertise in land use and transportation as your next City Councilmember.

Endorsed: King County 46th District Democrats, former Seattle City Councilmembers Richard Conlin and Tom Rasmussen, community leaders Jerry Large, Ed Lazowska, Alan Durning, Heather Trim, Inga Manskopf, and many more.

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Hi, I'm Frank Krueger - a small business owner, engineer, and renter in Wallingford. I am running to bring my experience and skills to **solve the hard problems** Seattle faces, to **ensure everyone's voice is fairly heard**, and to **embrace the opportunities** that we have.

I was born in upstate New York to a blue-collar family and learned the value of hard work. I work in the automotive and marine industries to make vehicles more efficient and safe. I write STEM apps that make engineering tools accessible to people around the world. I started my own business to help immigrants who were being exploited - working on behalf of the brightest and kindest people I have ever known to empower them to work legally in the US and eventually become citizens. Now, I want to work for you.

Here are some of the things I'd like to start with:

Help People into Housing

I believe in a housing-first solution to homelessness and want to see **shelters become more accessible** to those seeking help. I will fund **individual case work** to address addiction, mental health, and other barriers to stability, so that no one finds themselves back on the street. I want **better hygiene facilities** and safe disposal locations to keep temporary encampments clean and healthy. I will streamline the city's response to unsafe situations and ensure that everyone is protected, no matter their living conditions.

Clean Transportation

With our renewable hydropower, Seattle is in a unique position to be a model green city. Let's **embrace electric transportation** to meet our carbon goals. Let's ensure that all electric transportation devices have access to our complete pedestrian and cycle network. **Protected bike lanes** will have long-term positive impacts for everyone and I look forward to completing them as a part of Move Seattle without further hesitation.

Keep Seattle Beautiful

I will hold myself accountable to our **neighborhood plans** and look forward to updating them with you to preserve the character of our neighborhoods. A **tree offset fund** should be established to plant new or uprooted trees in parts of the city lacking canopy. I want to improve **public access around Lake Union**, so we can all enjoy its splendor.

Seattle has the ability to embrace growth without losing its integrity. I know my experience and work ethic will serve Seattle well as I give you a voice on the city council.

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I'm running for City Council to help ensure all generations, including the youngest and future generations of Seattleites have a say in the policy decisions that will shape their future.

As a product of Seattle Public Schools, I'm in tune with the challenges that our education system faces. At a time when active shooter drills happen on a regular basis, and parents are wondering if when they drop their kids off at school, it will be the last time they see them, its time to elect leaders that understand and can tackle these issues head on. When elected, I'll make the safety of our kids and teachers in Seattle public schools a top priority.

Zoning, Transportation & Environmental Protection: As one of the fastest growing regions in the nation, our zoning laws need to be adapted to accommodate the vast number of people flocking to Seattle. I support changing our zoning codes to allow for taller buildings, and more multi-family homes in areas closest to major transportation hubs, thus encouraging their use. It is imperative that we incentivize people in Seattle to utilize public transportation. Getting single occupancy vehicles off the road and onto public transit, ride shares, bikes or on foot, will not only reduce traffic but be good for our environment as we look to tackle climate change.

Supporting Police & Firefighters: If we're serious about supporting our first responders and law enforcement officers, it's time we pay them a salary that ensures they can afford to live in the communities they serve. I'll push to expand benefits to our police & firefighters, while making sure a system is in place to hold them accountable for their actions.

Homelessness & Substance Abuse: I support housing-first options to address our homeless crisis, with additional housing benefits for those who find and maintain jobs. For those dealing with substance abuse I support more funding to help these individuals get the treatment they need to get clean.

What comes next could be ugly for Seattle's future or it could be full of hope and opportunity. I'm running because I believe in the hope and promise Seattle offers and if you believe the same, hopefully you'll take the leap to have hope in me and the promise of what this great city can be. All I ask from the people of District 4 is to share that hope with me.

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Occupation: Senior Program Coordinator - MentorU, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound

Education: Double Master's Degree in Sustainable International Development and Coexistence & Conflict, Brandeis University and Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, Seattle University

Hi District 4, my name is Sasha Anderson, and I am running to represent you on city council because I love our city, and we desperately need a representative who is laser-focused on steering our council to strategically, and effectively, work together.

The pressing issues of climate change, affordable housing, and education are my priorities and my platform is built on unity. Whether that be unifying the council, business leaders, or constituents, I will work to the bone to create change. I know the council has the revenue and the power to create real change for the city and it is my mission to enact it. Through effective collaboration and consensus building, so much more can get done. I am well versed in negotiation and meditation after training with leaders in the field at Harvard and MIT as a member of the Program on Negotiation. My superpower is helping people find common ground and work together, and we are in dire need of someone like this on our city council. Someone who can build relationships and help enact positive social policy. This is the type of leadership I bring to my work everyday and will take with me to city hall.

I firmly believe it is not only my education and professional experience that make me the best person for this job, it's also the fact that I am a working-class resident of our district who is in a loving same-sex relationship. Growing up in a working-class family taught me how to make something beautiful out of what you're given. As the only lesbian woman running for D4, I am also in a unique position to bring the voice of a vital group of people to the table who currently have no representation on the council, yet make up a significant portion of our residents.

After knocking on 4,000 doors, working full-time, campaigning, participating in countless endorsement meetings, and organizing community events, I should be tired. I'm not. Instead, I am more energized than ever to build up our community. We can only do this if we work together, and I hope you'll join me.

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With so many thoughtful, experienced candidates in this race, it may be hard to choose. I'm a Jewish dad with four young kids; the union engineer at Boeing with a background in early childhood education; the transportation work and process improvement expert. I've coached my son's baseball team, served on my synagogue's board, and fought for safety, equity, and mass transit in my city, as a UW student and as president of Maple Leaf Community Council.

After nearly two decades living in District 4, I am prepared and excited to serve you during this time of unprecedented change.

Seattle has grown by 167,000 people in the last 20 years. Climate change darkens our door. Our parents and grandparents believed our lives would be better than theirs. How many of us feel that way about our children and grandchildren?

True leaders connect our community values to a vision for the future. As an engineer and neighborhood advocate, my life's work has been solving problems by identifying root causes, and bringing *everyone* to the table. We can make hard choices to invest in our future, without tearing down the whole system. We can respect our heritage, without turning back the clock.

In the next four years, we *must*...

- Make it easy to get around without cars
- Build more homes while balancing urban forestry and architectural beauty
- Ensure public safety and provide appropriate shelter for ALL our neighbors

This takes not just solid policy and strong collaboration among city leadership. Lasting change takes bravery. Bravery takes trust.

Back when I was Teacher Joshua in Room 203, a little guy, Sam, arrived who had never left his parents. He was terrified of school. He had his special blanket, but that was not enough. He trembled; he cried. I couldn't tell him everything would be fine — for him, that wasn't true. But I could sit, and hold him, and let him know that he was safe. It took time, and patience, but after several weeks he knew without a doubt that he could trust me, and school was a fun place.

This experience has served me time and again when building relationships — with colleagues; with new neighbors; with the kids I coach. Trust has to be earned.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to guide Seattle — with care, steadiness, and experience — into a safer, stronger future.

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I believe in the future of our city. We need a new kind of leader in Seattle, someone ready to take action on the big problems we face *right now*, and committed to creating a more livable, affordable, sustainable city.

As a business leader, autism advocate, and single mom, I get things done. When I learned special education students like my son were being restrained and isolated because they were disabled, I advocated in Olympia to change the law. When my industry faced legislation that threatened thousands of jobs, I fought for fair regulations that balanced the needs of small businesses and the community. After being harassed within an organization I trusted, I convinced the board to create a Code of Conduct and complaint procedure to fight discrimination. When faced with complex problems, I work tirelessly for solutions, no matter what it takes.

I've dedicated my career to changing things for the better. I'm an organizational change expert, an advocate who has fought for education and disability rights, and a single mom who champions the needs of families. I'm excited to put my experience to work for Seattle and work collaboratively to implement balanced, common-sense solutions.

Reduce Homelessness

- Increase 24/7 shelter beds where individuals can bring partners, pets, and belongings
- Use resources wisely to expand diversion programs, rapid rehousing, and create more low-barrier, temporary and transitional housing with wrap-around services
- Ensure access to shelter and treatment for all who want it so we can re-establish expectations for clean, safe public spaces

Increase Affordability with Thoughtful Density

- Require developers to include affordable housing onsite in every new development
- Allow low-impact density like ADUs and duplexes without increasing height restrictions
- Balance neighborhood and housing needs to create walkable, livable communities

Combat Climate Change

- Expand bus lines, increase service hours, and improve bus-to-light rail connections
- Increase the income limits of the reduced-cost ORCA pass to include the middle class
- Transition all public transportation and city vehicles to electric energy

Support Students and Schools

- Expand afterschool and summer programming to support working families
- Increase nurses and counselors to meet students' physical and mental health care needs
- Work with representatives in Olympia to fight for fully funded public schools

District 4 deserves an action-oriented and effective leader who listens and understands the needs of families, small businesses, and everyday Seattleites.

Let's elect a leader who will get things done. I humbly ask for your vote.

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Seattle's North End has been my home for more than 30 years and is where I raised my daughters. I have dedicated my career to fighting for fairness and economic opportunity. In my 33-year legal career, I have worked as: a public defender, advisor for two governors (Locke and Lowry), King County Superior Court Judge, and as legal counsel at a law firm.

I ran for city council because we needed a strong voice to advocate for our neighborhoods and local businesses. As City Councilmember and the first person to represent District 5, I have fought and delivered real results for North Seattle:

TRANSPORTATION – For too long, our community has been left behind in the transit-planning process. That's why I successfully fought for the 130th street light rail station, built dozens of new sidewalks, and finished funding the pedestrian-bike bridge that will connect North Seattle College to light rail at Northgate.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS – I've helped develop more than a thousand units of affordable housing in our district and voted to expand crucial programs that keep us safe, including the Navigation Team and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD). I have also secured millions of dollars for small, local non-profits caring for our homeless neighbors.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY – I've worked to improve infrastructure, attract new business to our district and develop a building and trades apprenticeship program at North Seattle College that will ensure our young people can secure good paying jobs in Seattle. I'm proud to have helped create thousands of new jobs in our city. I chaired the committee that secured a \$1.6 billion renovation to KeyArena, at no cost to the taxpayers, to bring NHL and NBA teams back to Seattle.

I'm proud of these accomplishments, but there is still more to do. We're facing real challenges and **we need strong leaders with experience to find solutions that work.** I'm a pragmatic, effective leader who will always put the needs and priorities of District 5 first. I am fiercely optimistic about what we can do next. I hope to earn your vote again to continue the work I have started and keep fighting for our community.

I'm proudly endorsed by MLK Labor; National Women's Political Caucus-WA; Laborers Local 242; Sierra Club; the 32nd, 36th and 46th District Democrats.

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I'm running for Seattle City Council to ensure that communities across District 5 have a true partner in their councilmember as they face issues of homelessness, community development, displacement from redevelopment, pedestrian safety, property crime, affordable housing, traffic, and many other pressures as Seattle's growth spreads northward. See the "Issues" page on my website above for my positions. I promise open, engaged, responsive leadership for District 5!

Community Leadership

I've been a community leader in District 5 for 17 years—with Thornton Creek Alliance, the North District Council and the D5 Community Network (the only association of community groups across a City Council district in Seattle). I was a volunteer for Imagine Lake City Together and continue to work with Build Lake City Together to follow through on its visionary plan. I was a leading member of the Northgate Stakeholders Group and helped start the group ReVisioning Northgate. I've worked closely with leaders from Aurora Licton Urban Village, Haller Lake Community Club, and the Broadview Bitter Lake, Greenwood, and Licton Springs Community Councils on key issues for their neighborhoods, from pedestrian safety to a new North Precinct Police Headquarters to the future of the Aurora Corridor.

Environmental Leadership

I would be an unusually knowledgeable advocate for the environment on the council. In addition to my years with Thornton Creek Alliance, my career has focused on environmental policy, working with local governments, tribes, and others throughout the region in both staff and consulting roles. I wrote the book *Saving Puget Sound*, which led the Northwest Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration to name me "Conservationist of the Year" in 2007.

Open, Engaged, Responsive Leadership—for a Change!

Constituents across District 5 who have tried to reach the incumbent's office frequently don't even get a response. I promise not just to respond to your messages, but to provide frequent opportunities for constituents to meet directly with me, at times and places that are convenient for you. I have been an open, accessible community leader, and I will be an open, accessible councilmember! If you want the community to be a true partner in the future of District 5, then I'm the best candidate in this race.

Endorsements

Honored to be endorsed by the 32nd District Democrats, State Rep Cindy Ryu, John Fox (leader of the Seattle Displacement Coalition), Daigoro Toyoma (President, Pinehurst Community Council), and many other community leaders.

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Alex Tsimerman



Elected Experience: None

Other Professional Experience: Business, Business consultant and Caregiver for my mother.

Education: Graduated from college, University, Master degree in Engineering and Management

Community Service: Won class action in 1997 for housing discrimination, which included HUD. Won a very unique class action in 2015 against DSHS for stealing \$100 million from 50,000 people. Speaking over 2000 times in many council chambers about local government corruption and restore our right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Alex Tsimerman speaks in council chambers every day.

Statement:

Are we better now than 4 years ago? Stop fascism with idiotic face!

I, Alex Tsimerman, speak to you Seattle emerald degenerate super smart freaking idiot, who bring Seattle to number **one** fascist city in America with Nazi-socialist-Gestapo principle. That always choose dirty garbage rats that drink from fat cat toilet and who make your life miserable and brought us to total collapse. Enough is enough it cannot go forever.

No Taxes for first \$100 spent on food, dress, everything. We pay \$100 billion for taxes. Enough is enough. Give ordinary people a little bit of air for breathing.

We are stuck in Seattle between Amazon and illegal immigration and there is only one way to bring the City back to normal life— move 100,000 Amazonian from downtown and 100,000 not legal immigrants from city.

We need to guarantee affordable housing for everybody and stop speculation and start taxing 25% for every foreign house buyer. We need to fix our crazy traffic problems, which has totally destroyed our lives and our cars.

To stop homeless, I will ask local billionaires to give 1% of their wealth so we can fix this problem once and forever.

We need to open Bertha Room in City Hall one time per week for open public conversation and honest candidate forums. This can stop the people from being controlled by Nazi-Socialist-Democrats-Mafia.

Elect me as City Council, I will work for free and all management will be only from Seattle and Salary will be no more than average income.

We need to elect business people like Alex Tsimerman who can operate a City which has \$6 billion, 12,000 employees and 700,000 citizens.

StandUP America, StandUP Seattle so we can bring us back to normal life. We have enough money in the system to make life better for everyone without a penny more from the people.

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I am running for Seattle City Council because residents of North Seattle are ready for a new vision for District 5 and accountability. I was born and raised in Seattle and I lived in the District 5 neighborhood of Lake City for 41 years. I've spent my life and career working on several local and global equity issues. My father was born in the US territory of Puerto Rico and my mother grew up in Lake City. My great-uncle, Joseph Mayer, created the beautiful and historic Seattle Street Clocks found in downtown Seattle. I have deep roots in Seattle and deeply care about the city and neighborhood I grew up in.

I have a record of 'getting things done' by bringing together and partnering with a diverse group of people and organizations to address the biggest challenges in Seattle and District 5. I have worked for several nonprofit, education, and public organizations; I was Co-Chair of the North District Council, on the boards of Lake City Neighborhood Alliance, Meadowbrook Community Care, and Solarize Puerto Rico. I want to bring the same model of success I have had working together with community groups and organizations and apply that model to the City Council.

Important Issues:

- 1. Affordable housing and people experiencing homelessness** (housing first policy, supportive housing, case management/ wraparound services, focus on preventing homelessness in the first place)
- 2. Equity** : (bringing more resources to our three undeserved urban villages; Lake City, Bitter Lake, and Aurora-Licton urban villages.)
- 3. Youth Leaders** (more leadership, civic participation, and career training programs).
- 4. Protecting our Environment** (solarize District 5 project, restore and protect Thornton Creek Watershed).
- 5. Transportation** (expand light rail and improve access and reliability of public transportation)

I have worked very closely with immigrant and refugee families in Lake City and across District 5. I have worked with a team of community organizers to empower underserved communities across cultures. I created and managed several youth leadership, civic participation, and career and education programs to empower the next generation of leaders in District 5. And I worked with community partners to create the Lake City Mural project to transform the neighborhood, empower youth, support local businesses, improve public safety, and build community. ***Together we can make District 5 the best place to live, work, learn, and play.***

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Attorney, mother and community champion, Ann Davison Sattler has lived in Seattle for 23 years. She began working with the Seattle SuperSonics team in 1996. Earning her JD from Willamette University, College of Law, she began working as an attorney while raising two children. Ann has long been an advocate for those in need; volunteering with individuals transitioning from incarceration, leading a hunger awareness campaign, organizing local environmental clean-ups, and working with the UN Border Relief Operation in a Cambodian refugee camp. These public-spirited causes drove Ann to take action in Seattle.

We need change on the Seattle City Council. Ann listens and is prepared to be the voice of forgotten neighborhoods and residents who have been facing unresponsive, neglectful leadership in District 5. We need clear vision from a responsive councilmember who addresses our urgent problems head-on. Ann is ready and passionate about making those changes together, for the city we know and love.

Through tutoring at the local Central Area Youth Association, serving as VP, Recreational Development for the Seattle Youth Soccer Association, and helping spearhead efforts raising \$200,000 for Seattle Public Schools, Ann has proven honest dedication to our kids' and Seattle's future. Ann takes our city's legacy seriously and will work to redirect city dollars, creating access to underfunded addiction treatment and prevention programs instead of funding drug injection sites.

Ann taught English to Thai students internationally and now teaches international business law at the University of Washington Continuum College. Having elementary-aged children in our schools, she understands the need for programming that emboldens kids to face challenges in healthy ways.

Experienced as an attorney and arbitrator, Ann is dedicated to the rectification of Seattle's criminal justice system. She's seen individuals with scores of charges repeatedly go through the system, while city leadership sits idle during public-outcry for improvements in public safety. Ann will fulfill city leadership's obligation to residents, ensuring that victims are heard, respected, and appropriate action is taken regarding safety.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Ann served as a caseworker to resolve constituents' problems. Through this, her skills in cohesive communication were reinforced, bringing people together to get things done. She will work with fellow councilmembers to craft policies around housing that materialize into practical changes instead of maintaining ineffective efforts towards the declared emergency on homelessness. Join Ann in revitalizing our innovative, compassionate, Emerald City!

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JD- Seattle University School of Law

I'm running because I know our city can do better. I was born and raised in Seattle, and I want to confront our city's most urgent needs with fact-based policies and fresh perspectives.

What we need:

A Council that listens to its electorate and responds with decisive action, **transparency**, and accountability. Every citizen who speaks out deserves a Council that will respectfully and *actively* listen. I would be honored to take on this task as your District 5 representative.

A police force that is empowered to protect our safety and property. We can reduce lawlessness and addiction in our city by increasing prosecution of property crimes and illegal drugs. In our well-intentioned efforts to show compassion we have gone to the point of leniency and enabling. Growing and retaining our police force to provide rapid response will only be possible when the city stands behind our law enforcement officials.

Housing that is affordable to average citizens, not more empty condos. One in ten Seattle apartments are vacant, with high-end units in particular exceeding demand. Housing programs like HALA/MHA put us on the right track, but allowing developers to pay to opt out only increases costs and perpetuates our affordable housing problem.

To shelter and treat our vulnerable populations with effective, evidence-based policies that decrease recidivism *while protecting tax payers*. Continuing to double down on programs that are not working is simply irresponsible. The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program has seen huge success and should be expanded. Inter-agency cooperation is critical; I will ensure an ongoing coalition between the Council, law enforcement, and social service providers to develop holistic strategies that combat the cycle of homelessness. Inter-agency cooperation will streamline services, and cut costs.

More and better public transit to keep our streets running smoothly. Subsidizing Orca cards or reestablish slashed bus routes will help alleviate our choking traffic problem. As your District 5 representative, I would prioritize improving our roads and sidewalks so they are safe and accessible to all.

Why I'm running:

To restore Seattle to its full potential. To fight for our District 5 community and beyond. To advocate for greater public safety, more affordable housing, effective responses to homelessness, and better transportation for all. In short, I'm running for more of what works and less of what doesn't.

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I'm often asked what "progressive" means to me. American Progressivism is rooted in the belief that government should function as a living body, adapting to the needs of it's people. I firmly believe that Seattle needs a new toolbox with robust, practical, and creative solutions to rebuild what is fundamentally broken around us.

I know my neighbors join me in my commitment to addressing our cities most critical issues, which are addressed in my platform:

A Focus on Public Health & Safety

I'll begin by establishing a baseline of shelter and facilities for our unhoused neighbors, in addition to providing access to basic human necessities such as restrooms and security, we will finally gauge the true scope of our homelessness crisis. We must simultaneously address our deficient rental market and reduce the barriers to affordable homeownership by adjusting regulations and increasing density in our urban centers. Lastly, I will look at the results of our new "Health One" pilot program and take the steps necessary to create a first responder division focused on providing medical assistance and support services to residents in distress.

A Fast Lane to Improved Transportation

I will work with regional partners to expand our vital network of varied and functional public transit systems. I want to grow transit options that work and are demonstrably cost-effective, add Ballard and Lake Washington routes to our water-taxi system, and explore ride-sharing incentives to reduce congestion. I will stop dysfunctional transportation projects in their tracks and reroute funding to more effective programs. I will follow through on our city's promise to complete our bicycle network, expand bus routes, and increase last-mile transit options.

A Progressive Plan for a 21st-Century City

I will work to protect personal privacy by advocating for facial recognition bans. In a city that maintains thousands of contract workers, I will work towards access to fair wages and benefits. While establishing a forward-looking plan to shore-up our city's infrastructure, my commitment to reducing Seattle's environmental impact will be paramount in every decision made - we have no room to regress.

I'm asking for your vote because together we will set our district and our city back on track towards a dignified future. Together we will stand up to corporate influence while protecting our economy. Together we will shelter the homeless while saving our environment. Together we will bring common sense to our government and save our city.

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Statement: Working as a police officer, I've seen firsthand the challenges we face in D6. I will not criminalize homelessness, however, the discarding of needles and human waste in our shared spaces is not okay. It must stop. We must demand accountability, not only among our elected officials and police officers, but also among those they serve. We need to ensure sure that parks, and green spaces are not being degraded because we are afraid to have tough conversations.

To address the homelessness crises, we need to acknowledge the actions we have taken thus far are not effective. We need a data-driven approach, and we must collaborate with our regional partners. In addition, with a 6-billion-dollar city budget, we need to do a better job with the revenue we have.

We'll work with developers and city leaders toward common sense solutions so that our neighbors and families can thrive in a Seattle we are proud to call home. This means working with local businesses, King County, non-profits and human service agencies to build affordable housing fast while providing more mental health and drug treatment services.

I'm a first-generation American. My parents immigrated from Honduras in pursuit of the American Dream. My wife immigrated from Brazil for the same reason.

The Seattle Police Department hired me, in part for my zeal to be part of this wonderful and thriving community. I love the city's charm, it's natural integration with the surrounding Puget Sound's beauty, and its progressive approach towards a better quality of life.

I love Seattle and chose this city because of cultural diversity, progressive values and proximity to nature. I was also attracted by the willingness of the voters here to adopt innovative new approaches to governance and civil society in order to create a better quality of life for everyone including immigrant, refugee and LGBTQ communities.

I am proud to be endorsed by over 25 District 6 businesses including: Tide & Pines, Mike's Sweets, The Sunset Tavern, Hattie's Hat, Bongo's, Market Street Shoes, Space Oddity, Roots, Ballard Consignment, Ballard Home Comforts, Magnum Storage, The Noble Fir, Phinney Ridge Painting, Savoir Faire Salon, Gracia, GenCare Seattle, Ballard Landmark, Stoneburner, Ballard Annex, Torasco, Anchored Ship, Little Tin Goods & Apothecary Cabinet, Bollyhoo, Studio RA, Kula Movement and Venue.

I'd be honored to have your vote.

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I'll be your advocate at City Hall. For residents and small businesses who want safe neighborhoods. For seniors who built Seattle and are being priced out of their homes. For children who deserve clean parks and open community centers. For our maritime industry that provides high-wage jobs.

I'm an experienced coalition builder who will listen to everyone and ensure that we have a strong voice in decisions affecting us.

My family has lived in the district for 16 years. As a working mom, small business owner, and longtime non-profit director specialized in youth development, **I'm running to create a more affordable, equitable, sustainable and business-friendly city.**

I'm the ONLY candidate who has done this job. On the council 20 years ago, I expanded rate assistance so more low-income people and seniors could qualify. I worked to expand transit and provide more affordable housing and human services. I led investments in renewables. I have a proven track record in problem-solving.

We need effective leadership now more than ever:

Addressing homelessness: The city can no longer condone people sleeping in tents in our parks and open spaces. It's unsafe and unhygienic and does nothing to move them toward self-sufficiency. Dirty syringes in our community are a public health concern. Seattle can't solve this crisis in a silo. We need to engage regional partners to address the root causes. We need immediate short-term solutions like modular homes and long-term solutions that include permanent supportive housing. To be successful and fiscally responsible, we must coordinate services.

Public safety: This must be a priority. Our police department is small compared with cities our size. We need to address vacancies stretching the department too thin, a lack of diversion programs, and prosecution of repeat offenders.

Focusing on the basics: We need transportation infrastructure improvements to ensure Seattle is safe to walk and bike while prioritizing public transportation and freight mobility. Seattle must lead in tackling climate change and reducing our carbon footprint.

Housing affordability: We need more housing of all shapes and sizes for people of all incomes so teachers, nurses and firefighters who contribute so much to our city can live close to where they work.

Endorsed by: Sierra Club, Seattle Restaurant Alliance, 46th District Democrats, Humane Voters of WA, Gov. Gary Locke, King County Executive Ron Sims, Mayor Greg Nickels, Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, Port Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, and many other community leaders.

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Hello, Neighbors. I am an aerospace engineer with a strong civic sense and desire to fix the problems that vex us and encourage every Seattle resident and visitor to enjoy the town and prosper.

Today's problems have upstream causes that can be mitigated. Actions taken to correct them have downstream consequences. The current city council representatives have not listened to us nor accepted responsibility for their lack of results on homelessness, drug addiction, mental health, public safety, and mobility problems. I will listen to you and take responsibility.

I volunteer in the community and participate in civic life. I help students with their homework at the library, ran several merit badge fairs, and recently helped pick up trash and used needles near a shack encampment.

Who isn't moved by the sight of the homeless suffering on our streets? Homelessness and its frequently overlapping factors – mental illness, drug addition, unexpected personal emergency, and unlawful behavior – need to be addressed head on. I will not look away and enable this situation. I will push for policies and legislative solutions that pick people up off the streets and put them on the return path to dignity, self-sufficiency, and contribution to society.

I Back The Blue. Thank you SPD for all you do. I will introduce legislation to untie the hands of our understaffed, hard-working police officers so they can properly handle illegal behavior. The North Precinct should be split in two and needs to be replaced with a modern, functional facility.

Business is booming. We all benefit if we set policies and legislation that do not overly restrict business and commerce. The time is now to prepare for a future rainy day while not hampering businesses, employees, or their customers.

Curb to curb, there is room for all. We will accommodate all road users without demonizing some. Car-hating has no home here. I support increased transit routes and busses. This will reduce traffic, a mutually beneficial result for transit riders and cars drivers. I will fight against congestion pricing and will fight to replace the Magnolia Bridge.

Our Seattle has a bright future of Dignity, Safety, Prosperity, and Mobility. You're invited. As your council representative, I will work with my colleagues, talented municipal employees, and the public to guide policy and lead on legislation to fix our current, and prevent future, civic problems all while honoring our American freedoms and liberties.

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Terry is the practical progressive choice in the district 6 council race. He is a Pacific Northwest Native and has lived in Seattle for the last 12 years.

The most important issue facing Seattle, and the rest of the globe, is climate change. Seattle must take bold action to reduce our emissions to zero by 2050. It is imperative that we have a climate champion on the Seattle City Council.

Terry got into this race because this is a moment when we need substantial and meaningful policy that will shape us into a more livable, equitable, and greener city in the coming decades.

We must reduce our city's emissions, reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness, increase funding and expedite permitting for mass-transit projects and add density to this beautiful city. We must do this now and we must do it by building a broad coalition that works with all stake-holders.

Terry began his career working on small passenger vessels based out of Fisherman's Terminal cruising to Alaska and back. Working on small ships taught him how to work with everyone at the table, not just the people who you want to work with. This was an early indicator that he is a leader with a knack for finding common ground. Terry quickly moved into management before leaving the small ship industry to work in tech.

Terry led a team for a startup for two years before joining Porch.com. At Porch Terry worked on app development and user experience. Terry plans to bring the same principles that made him successful in the tech industry to city government: improving user experience, finding efficiencies, and effectively leveraging data.

For the last four years Terry has been the Managing Director of Savor Seattle, an iconic tourism company with offices at Pike Place Market. As a small business leader, he has seen first hand the challenges and opportunities associated with Seattle's economic boom.

Terry currently speaks on the topic of data informed decision making, is a board member of the Global Food Tourism Association, and serves on the Washington State Senate's Environment, Energy & Technology Advisory Group.

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A City Councilmember Who Listens

I'm running for Seattle City Council to empower our neighborhoods, engage all voices, and bring accountability back to the Council. On the campaign trail, I've heard repeatedly that residents do not feel the current City Council hears their concerns or spends their tax dollars wisely. It's time to bring representation and responsiveness back to City Hall. I'll bring thoughtful, pragmatic solutions to tackle the growth-related issues facing Seattle today: housing affordability, homelessness, crime & safety and traffic congestion.

Smart Growth, Protecting Neighborhoods

Our city is expanding rapidly. Yet, the City Council isn't managing this growth in a balanced way. Our infrastructure, parks, and roads are not equipped to manage the booming population. We must mitigate the impact of growth by expanding Seattle's infrastructure. Growth must pay for growth, and developers must pay to offset the costs of infrastructure, parks, and roads. That's why I co-founded Seattle Fair Growth whose mission is to maintain Seattle's livability while accommodating its rapid growth. Seattle neighborhoods deserve a voice in shaping the changes to their communities.

Action Now on Homelessness

The City's response to homelessness hasn't worked. People shouldn't be living on the streets, especially when Seattle's economy is booming as never before. As an entrepreneur and former small business owner, I understand that investment now will save money later. We must invest money in the proven solutions for homelessness, like the Housing First model, and disrupting the cycle of homelessness before it starts through rental vouchers, transitional housing, job training, and domestic violence support programs.

My Experience

As a resident of Ballard for nearly two decades and successful small business owner, I've been deeply involved in our community - with the Ballard Little League Board and Salmon Bay School FOSB. Recently, I helped found SCALE, a grassroots coalition of 29 community groups to appeal the City's Mandatory Housing Affordability Environmental Impact Study, which will impact neighborhoods throughout Seattle.

It's Time For Change

As I campaign throughout District 6, I hear the similar frustrations over and over again from voters: we've lost trust with the Council and we want change. We can keep electing the same insiders promising the same solutions, or we can elect a leader who built coalitions and advocated for the residents of Seattle instead of special interests. If you want change, then I'd be honored to earn your vote and be the change you deserve.

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Having lived in Seattle 26 years, I see changes that concern me, and changes that delight me. To me and many others, it appears we do need to get back to some basic standards: fair taxation, a better environment, city services that work well for all, and what may simply encapsulate all our needs: clean air & water, a roof, food, Locke's Inalienable Rights (life, liberty, property, right to rebel against an unjust law or government). Seattle still beats many cities in many ways, and I want to help ensure that all citizens here are truly treated well and equally, a topic much discussed in recent months.

I've always appreciated those who speak their minds. But we must also have those who listen. A good leader needs to do both. These are traits I have practiced as a leader of several non-profits, the Wallingford Chamber of Commerce, chairing a state political party, co-owner/manager of Not A Number Cards & Gifts, and much more. More at my website: HeySeattle.vote

"When enough people make enough false promises, words stop meaning anything, and there are no answers, just better lies." - Jon Snow

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

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I'm Dan Strauss and I was born and raised in Ballard. I'm running for City Council to ensure all residents and small businesses of District 6 are heard. I understand the challenges we're facing, and I will be an advocate for everyone in this community, whether you've been here one year or forty.

I've dedicated my life to public service. I served with AmeriCorps in low-income communities across America, working on projects from disaster relief to after-school programs.

I helped craft the Extreme Risk Protection Order gun responsibility bill in Olympia, and when it failed to pass, I went to work on the successful initiative campaign. On council, I'll implement gun violence prevention by investing in community-based programs interrupting violence.

I have nearly a decade of legislative experience and I know how to make change happen. As a chief policy advisor, I bring governments, organizations, and communities together to solve problems. I have coordinated with the state, county, city, and local groups to fund transportation projects, develop green building codes, and improve our parks. I'm uniquely qualified to solve our city's issues.

Homelessness: I'll prioritize policies that get people experiencing homelessness into four walls and a door that locks, with the services needed to address chemical dependency and mental health. I'll use relationships I've built collaborating across governments to ensure our regional partners do their part.

Housing Affordability: I am a renter. My parents are homeowners in the district. I understand the housing pressures facing all residents. I'll ensure longtime residents aren't pushed out of our community while creating affordable homes for families and new residents.

Transportation: We can't wait for light rail - our community needs better transit now. I'll bring reliable transit to our district, create dedicated bus lanes that freight can use, and connect our protected bike lanes so everyone is safe and separated.

Affordable Childcare: It's wrong that childcare in Seattle costs more than UW tuition. I'll push for more access to high-quality childcare everyone can afford.

Representation: I will listen to you, follow through for you, help you navigate city bureaucracy, and open a district office so you don't have to come downtown to be heard.

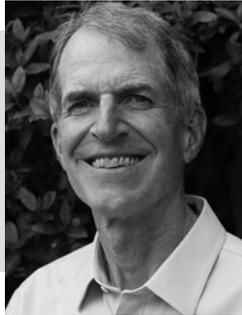
I have deep roots in our community and am endorsed by SEIU 1199NW, UFCW 21, Councilmember Bagshaw, King County Young Democrats, former State Rep. Jessyn Farrell, and many more community members. I ask for your support and your vote.

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People are hungry for new leadership on the Seattle City Council. We want a Councilmember who thinks boldly and broadly; who organizes individuals, the private and public sectors, and the community for the common good; and who leads strong local action on the urgent issues of affordable housing, homelessness, transportation, and climate change.

Developing local community partnerships is the most immediate and efficient means of addressing affordable housing and homelessness. Congestion pricing would allow expedited construction of light rail, bicycle networks, and other transit options. Incentives from Seattle City Light for on-site solar electrical generation and energy storage in buildings would reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For the past 30 years, it has been an honor to work for the City of Seattle in a variety of public service roles. Currently, at Seattle Parks and Recreation, I work with community stakeholders to build great parks and recreational facilities throughout our city. Previously, I worked for the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods for almost 20 years as a liaison and a Neighborhood Matching Fund grant funder. Prior to that, I worked at Seattle City Light to protect natural resources in the North Cascades National Park, host to City Light's hydroelectric projects. These roles have taught me that strong government-community partnerships can address a wide range of issues and opportunities, including public safety, ecodistricts, thriving communities and neighborhood business districts.

My volunteer work has included: the Phinney Neighborhood Association (past-President), the Washington Environmental Council's Political Action Committee (WENPAC), the Seattle Metrocenter YMCA, and Listen and Talk.

As someone committed to civic education, I have participated in Leadership Tomorrow and helped establish the People's Academy for Community Engagement, a program of the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods that teaches hands-on engagement and empowerment skills to emerging leaders in a multicultural environment.

While I have experienced significant hearing loss since birth, I have trained myself to understand people with the use of cochlear implants and through reading lips. Although surmounting this challenge is a lifelong pursuit, it has given me valuable perspective, including a firm grasp of and commitment to the fight for equity, and the ability to listen closely to people.

As the campaign progresses, I very much welcome your thoughts and ideas on how to address the challenges and opportunities ahead for District 6 and our city. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve you.

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**Dr. Jay Fathi — Lifelong Commitment to a Healthy Seattle**

Seattle can and must be a safe, welcoming and affordable home for all. Our City Council desperately needs new, experienced voices to address complex challenges with a focus on the needs of our neighborhoods and families.

I've lived here my entire life. As a family doctor caring for our community, I've learned to first listen when solving problems, and I'll bring that same approach to the Council. Seattle is a wonderful city, with a progressive commitment to equity and innovation, but too often our Council doesn't listen. That is not healthy and must change.

I was raised in North Seattle by a single mom who worked hard to find both affordable rent and family-wage employment. My dad was an immigrant from Iran when America welcomed those who sought freedom and opportunity. These are values my wife Joelle (a nurse practitioner and UW professor) and I are instilling in our two sons.

Homelessness: I'm the only candidate across the city who has provided care to low income, homeless and vulnerable populations—and expanded affordable health care to serve thousands across our state. My unique experience strengthening our social safety net is critical to tackling the public health crisis on our streets. There are no easy solutions, but inaction while unsheltered people—and our quality of life—suffer is inexcusable.

Affordability: Seattle's growth is both energizing and marginalizing, forcing working people, young families and seniors out of our neighborhoods—and too often out of Seattle. I'll target growth along new transit and urban centers, build affordable family-sized homes, and help seniors and fixed income households.

Public Safety: The disconnect between City Hall and the problems of neighborhood crime must end. Everyone deserves to feel safe in our city. I'll step up efforts to implement reforms while providing the resources to protect our communities.

Public Schools: I've volunteered and coached in our schools, and served as Medical Director at the Ballard High School clinic—helping teens make smart, safe decisions. As a proud SPS graduate with kids in public schools, I will advocate for our students, educators, and stronger school partnerships.

I believe in Seattle and its people, and I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Proudly endorsed by: SEIU Healthcare 1199 and 775, UFCW 21, former Mayor Tim Burgess, and neighbors across Seattle

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My name is Jeremy Cook, and I am running for Seattle City Council because the people deserve someone who is responsive to their needs. During council meetings, I promise to turn off my cell phone, take notes, and actually listen when someone is addressing the council.

We face many problems as a city, and here are some I would like to work towards improving.

Seattle has a drug addiction problem. We need our police to enforce the law and arrest people when they commit crimes. There needs to be a system that provides medically assisted treatment to those who need it, as well as halfway houses, job training, work release programs, and continued monitoring upon release. Rhode Island has been successful using this type of approach and it would probably work well here.

Seattle has an affordable housing shortage. The City should not approve building permits so developers can tear down affordable units and replace them with "market rate" housing. They are able to do this by paying a small fee. That option should be eliminated. They should fulfill their requirements to build affordable housing in addition to the "market rate" housing that they want to build. The city should also leverage its resources to build more affordable housing.

We need to increase density in areas where it makes the most sense, such as near mass transit. The current upzoning passed by the city paints with too broad a brush and doesn't allow people enough input about what happens in their neighborhood.

Seattle has a tax addiction problem. The city council has implemented regressive taxes that disproportionately harm those with lower incomes. These include the bag tax, sugar tax, and ammo tax. I would like to repeal all of them.

Our city government also has a transparency and accountability problem. Seattle has a 5.9 billion dollar annual budget. That should be enough money to run a city this size. For comparison, Denver has a similar population and its city budget is about 1.5 Billion. I would like a complete and independent audit of the cities expenditures and make their report public. As a city council member, I would like to work towards finding efficiencies and reducing waste rather than working to figure out ways to take more of your money.

I thank you very much for taking the time to cast your ballot and I respectfully ask for your vote.

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Statement:

Melissa Hall moved to Seattle with her wife in order to start a family in a place where they would be safe, and where her daughter would be free to write her own story. A Floridian by birth, Melissa is a Seattleite by choice who is proud of living in a district that overwhelmingly voted for marriage equality.

Land use -- the planning and law -- are why Melissa is running. Melissa believes that livable big cities are really just "collections of small towns that just happen to be right next to each other". As a councilmember, she'll focus on gentle densification for less disruptive development. Her goal is to increase regulatory incentives for commercial developers to build nearby housing, so that the number of car commuters into the city doesn't increase. Melissa is an advocate for environmentally-friendly modes of transportation with a focus on safety and quality of service.

Seattle has made a good start in accommodating rapid growth, but we have to do more. Change that brings us closer to each other will strengthen communities, bring amenities, improve transit, and lead to a way of life that is both more connected and better for the environment than the congested, car-dependent patterns we suffer with today.

She believes in community broadband, believing that reliable internet access should be available to all residents just like power and water.

Before moving, Melissa worked in emergency management, helping respond to the largest oil spill in America -- the Deepwater Horizon spill. Later, she worked to bring local government's land use and zoning codes into compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. She regularly donates time to the QLaw legal clinic, and helped secure space for women's athletics in city facilities.

In planning "with, not for" Seattle's diverse citizens she hopes to create housing security for all Seattleites, including those currently unhoused.

As a lawyer with experience in local governments, Melissa understands the limitations placed on the City of Seattle by state law -- like what revenue the city can collect -- and will work creatively within those restrictions to achieve our collective goals. Rather than making empty promises, she is seeking accountability partners to keep everyone on course to getting things done.

We need your ideas so we can build a stronger community together.

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The biggest challenges that Seattle faces are fixable.

Every day out on the campaign trail, people tell me they're more than ready for results from our public and private investments in the crisis of broke and broken people. We see with our own eyes that things are getting worse, not better. Denial and public relations smooth-overs by City Hall will not convince us otherwise.

More locals and transplants are becoming homeless, lawlessness and disorder rule, mental illness and addiction go untreated, affordable housing and business spaces become harder to find or hang onto and moving around our inadequate transportation system has become more difficult.

The basic services we should expect from our government are bungled, underbudgeted, or left undone.

I represent the change that's needed.

A "small d" democrat, conservative progressive, and professional planner and designer with decades of involvement in neighborhood, city wide and school district issues, I have a passion for great public policy and a deep understanding of the issues. My problem-solving skills allow me to bring forward practical, affordable, and creative solutions.

We must get at the sources of our problems, not just treat symptoms.

The systems feeding our crises must be addressed, or we won't make much progress. For instance, we can make strategic investments that better support the first 1000 days of children's lives, improve education so that it engages teenagers, and increase our support for foster children transitioning into adulthood at 18.

Owner-occupied Communities are the answer.

City Hall's plan for growth that displaces everyone already here is ridiculous and their efforts to set the table for Real Estate Investment Trusts to greedily gobble up the goodness of our neighborhoods are corrupt. Single-family zoning rebranded to Sustainable Families and Groups, with incentives for homeowners to tuck housing for others onto their lots, would bring us the affordable housing we need.

The cost of healthcare is killing the middle class and hurting businesses.

We could all have great coverage at an affordable price, if we opened the City of Seattle self-insured healthcare pool up to anyone who lives or works in Seattle. Access to that pool would benefit residents, workers, and businesses tremendously, while costing the city nothing.

Count on me to bring an unending stream of ideas that work to District 6 and beyond.

Your Democracy Vouchers and volunteer efforts will assure my victory.

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**Naveed Jamali**

Naveed Jamali is a U.S. Navy intelligence officer, computer programmer, former MSNBC intelligence analyst, and author of the memoir 'How to Catch a Russian Spy'. He is a first-generation American and the son of immigrants who put themselves through college, built a successful small business, and taught him the value of education, perseverance, and public service.

Naveed has dedicated his professional life to service. As a civilian, he received a commendation from former FBI Director Robert Mueller for his work with the FBI countering Russian intelligence. As a Navy officer, Naveed was awarded New York State's Humanitarian Medal for leading rescue and response missions in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Now, as a husband, father of two young children in Seattle Public Schools, and a Seattle resident concerned about the direction and future of our city, Naveed hopes to continue his service as the Seattle City Council representative for District 7.

New Leadership for a Better City

Seattle has a leadership crisis. To ensure that Seattle remains a city where people can find opportunity, afford a home, start a family, and put down roots, we must start doing things differently. To make real progress, we need real change.

Naveed is committed to policy solutions based on good evidence, collaboration, and open and transparent deliberation. He will fight for stable, secure funding to address issues like homelessness, affordable housing, public safety, and transportation. As a legislator, he will be accessible and accountable to his constituents, dedicated to his district, and put the public interest before his own.

Smart Solutions for Hard Problems

Homelessness: Naveed will expand and accelerate the development of permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless by removing current regulatory and barriers, leveraging our debt capacity to purchase land for housing, and increasing financial assistance to non-profit developers. He will increase our investments in diversion and rapid-rehousing for those on the brink of homelessness and the newly homeless. He will work to ensure that substance abuse and mental health treatment is available on demand to those who need it.

Public Safety: Naveed is committed to hiring more police officers and prosecutors so that Seattle residents get the protection they deserve, crimes are fully investigated, and criminals face justice.

Affordable Housing: Naveed supports increased density and will work to reform zoning and land-use restrictions that currently prevent the development of workforce and family housing in most Seattle neighborhoods.

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Statement:

With your vote, and your voice, I will work to right what is wrong with Seattle, to ease the pain of growth and unaffordability, to protect what we hold dear, to enhance and strengthen our neighborhoods, and to enact policies that produce better transit and transportation, more housing, improved environmental protections, safeguard our maritime and industrial zones, and support our businesses.

With my 20-year pro-basketball career, I've lived in six countries, learned five languages, built several small businesses. I gained much from many, including how to lead – to build bridges, not walls. Living in the same house I bought in 1980, I've seen Seattle grow, thrive, and falter. I want us to clean up, to heal, and prosper.

The advantage to being "72" is the ability to see things others miss. I don't look down; I *reach* down to lift others up. I see a path to guide others forward. My view is expansive, and it is filled with others who want to work as a team.

I'm worried about my beloved Seattle, where one bad decision after another; and inaction, inefficiency and, sometimes, incompetent implementation hurt our quality of life, and the lives of some of our most vulnerable.

We can do a much better job helping people who are unable – or unwilling – to help themselves. We can be much, much more responsive to the needs of our children, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. We can resolve ongoing public safety challenges, an understaffed and still-not-compliant police department. We can build bridges and tear down the walls that block us from our best city. We can, and must, do this together.

After a massive heart attack several years ago, I nearly lost everything – except hundreds of thousands in medical debt. I know the fear of nearly losing my home and my life – the same fear that affects so many people experiencing homelessness. I've been there, and I know the level of support it takes to not give up: it takes work, patience, and prodding. When you're sick, you cannot always make your own best decisions. We can turn the page on our policies. We must.

I am a leader you can look up to – literally and morally. Accessible and accountable, I humbly ask for your vote.

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I have lived in Seattle for over a decade and have watched with frustration as the city's leadership has asked us to accept as an unavoidable fact of life that our neighborhood is an illegal drug market; that we must live with violent crime outside our doors; and that our homes, our cars, our bicycles and our property are unworthy of protection. These are not facts of life. They are a choice by our city leadership. It's time for a change.

Seattle should have a reputation as the finest city in the country. Instead our reputation is increasingly one of addiction and crime. Visitors are shocked, and residents are resigned. It doesn't have to be this way.

I will bring "back to basics" governance to Seattle. I believe that help and compassion for the less fortunate among us and a safe, clean, and vibrant city for residents and visitors alike are not mutually exclusive concepts.

We must emphasize fiscal responsibility and accountability to return focus to the basic functions of a city government. I am currently a plaintiff opposing the undemocratic Waterfront Local Improvement District (LID). This is just one of many examples of irresponsible fiscal policy that must be remedied. Instead of costly, inefficient projects like the First Avenue street car, we need cost-effective transportation solutions that reflect the reality of people's lives and commutes.

We won't accept "low level" crime as a fact of life in Seattle. A smashed car window, a stolen wallet or cell phone, a stripped bicycle: these are anything but "low level" to a victim who has been robbed of their property and sense of safety. The City Council *must* listen to its constituents and take action to ensure that these crimes are prosecuted, deterred, and ultimately prevented.

We will take lessons from other cities to direct our spending on homelessness effectively and responsibly. For those that have no other choice, we will provide shelter options, but sleeping on streets and sidewalks will not be one of those options. For those suffering from drug addiction, we will provide treatment options, not injections sites.

I will bring the change Seattle needs to the City Council. I would be honored to have your vote.

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The Seattle City Council no longer cares for the families in our city. Our well being, safety and concerns have been relegated to politics and waste. The lack of attention to our neighbors, friends and family members can no longer continue to be the norm.

Managing my family business I began over 7 years ago as an advocate for change demanding attention to rampant drug usage outside our business at Fisherman's Terminal. After calling the authorities and being told there was nothing they could do, I took action by getting it on the evening news. Things changed, and then returned to more of the same. Seattle authorities need to be able to enforce our laws.

I am a UW graduate and lifelong Magnolia community member that is committed to civic action and community engagement. My mother taught Spanish at local Catholic schools and I currently reside with my husband and four young boys in Magnolia.

Homelessness: Our homeless population has increased dramatically and the current City Council's solutions haven't done enough to address this concern.

I will work for solutions that are effective and compassionate, enabling people towards their success and connecting them with the services needed. We need to ensure homeless individuals housing available and addicts have access to drug-treatment programs

Open and Transparent Government: Seattle has become a haven for backroom deals and a lack of transparency. The City Council is meant to work for you. I will work towards legislation that creates a culture of transparency, listening to you and maintaining accountability with my constituents. This includes bringing back neighborhood community groups to have a voice at City Hall.

Maintaining Family Neighborhoods: Seattle is one of the fastest growing cities and it's important that we do not forget our families in these neighborhoods. I am committed to helping improve factors that contribute to traffic issues resulting in loss of time at work and with your loved ones. I will work to maintain adequate parking and green space in local neighborhoods.

"We spent 230 million dollars on a trolley that does not fit. Meanwhile our law enforcement are under equipped and ill utilized. My first 30 days will be to have an independent audit of our City Council and address our homeless crisis."

Proudly endorsed by: Magnolia Voice Newspaper, Seattle landlords, Small Businesses of Seattle, local Hispanic community and others.

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At age 20, I graduated from American University in D.C. *cum laude* with a B.A. in political science and a minor in studio art. I worked on the Washington State Apprenticeship Program, the America Invents Act, and the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement while interning for Senator Maria Cantwell.

Seattle has a camping crisis and we need to address it now. From open drug use and dealing, human trafficking, immediate release of violent criminals back onto our streets, to property crimes that costs tax-paying residents and businesses thousands of dollars a year—this crisis has spiraled out of control. There has been no URGENCY to this EMERGENCY.

It was a homelessness crisis. The City built more housing. That didn't work. We can't continue ignoring the system failure that landed us in this position by constantly adding adjectives to the terminology. I am trusting my eyes on this issue. I am confident that the public and I are seeing the same things.

I've been attacked twice over two years by repeat offenders. I know I am not alone. This is Seattle's new normal. Rises in taxes, living costs, drug use and violent crimes have eroded the public's trust in our elected City officials.

So why run? While I have heard candidates and officials champion the "need to get serious about solutions," I have yet to see an actual plan that is better than what I've proposed. It is easy to be 'for' or 'against' a policy, but it is hard to be 'for' or 'against' an idea unless someone has a better one.

If elected, I will create temporary housing with all services on-site for up to 10,000 campers within my first 6 months in office. It will cost \$40 million dollars. I will need 23 plots of vacant city-owned land, 575 renovated cargo-shipping containers and cooperation from businesses of all sizes.

Using the Apprenticeship Program, I will partner with businesses in industries struggling to meet the increased demand for skilled workers. Campers will have the opportunity to live at the site for 3-8 months. Funds earned by campers will be deposited into a tax-free account. Once individuals exit the program, they will have enough funding for up-front rent deposits, as well as a job that will enable them to afford long term secured housing.

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City leadership does not listen. I want to change that.

As you, I love it here. I was born in Shoreline. I have lived in Seattle 49 years, the last 32 in Queen Anne where I've served for 21 years on the Community Council. And, after 30 years, I'm a *happily retired* owner of my own Electrical Contracting business.

So, this is not a career-ladder step for me. My deep concern for Seattle drives me to ask for your vote.

I will bring common sense and a strong work ethic to bear on a set of serious Council challenges that, if not courageously dealt with, threaten our neighborhood quality of life now, and for generations to come:

The tech sector is vital to our economy, but we all don't write code. For more of us to prosper, I'd work to promote the creation of all kinds of jobs. Example: *a deep-water Puget Sound port will create hundreds of new family-wage jobs in support of our legacy marine industry.*

More affordable housing is needed but eliminating single-family neighborhoods and MHA (Mandatory Housing Affordability) is just the wrong approach. Fact: *Developers are in business for profit.* We need to engage with non-profits – working within existing City code – to build a more inclusive housing stock.

More parks are needed as Seattle densifies. We must stop the Council from taking park property for anything other than green, open space use. I'll fight such reckless Council action as using the Local Improvement District [LID] to partially fund 'Waterfront Park' – a great tourist attraction, but a *drain* on neighborhood parklands.

We need a tough-love, regional, *results-based* approach to homelessness: stop ignoring illegal activity, clean up our public spaces and aggressively integrate out-reach efforts with King County to build Permanent Supportive Housing – housing with services. Note: *it's also really important to reach out to families on the edge of losing their homes and help them stay in their homes.*

Clean injection sites are well meaning, but not the answer. Curing addiction is difficult and complicated. Without intervention and counseling, people will not stop this lifestyle. We need to provide that help - not a clean place to be addicted. *It's more compassionate to help addicts end their addiction than it is to feed it.*

Again, I ask for your vote...and I will be listening!

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I live downtown with my wife Emily and my kids, Porter, 6 and Effie, 3. I don't want to be forced to move out of Seattle to find quality education for my kids, or have them grow up and be forced to leave Seattle to find affordable housing. I am worried about the direction Seattle is heading. We can't continue electing the same kind of candidates and expecting different results. I've knocked on thousands of doors and I know from speaking with many of you that we all want the same thing:

Change.

I will bring practical real-world experience to the Council. On the job, I've worked on complex affordable housing, transportation, and sustainability projects. In my public service, I co-founded Parents for a Better Downtown Seattle, a non-profit dedicated to making Downtown better for children, served on the Seattle Public Schools Capacity Task Force, the Facilities Master Plan Task Force, chaired the DSA's Family Friendly sub-committee and volunteered on countless projects to make Seattle work for people of all ages — from young families struggling to afford daycare to seniors on fixed incomes.

Homelessness: We must change our approach to homelessness and make sure our regional partners do their fair share. We must build more low-income housing, commit to proven cost-effective homeless prevention programs, treat the subset of homeless people with mental illness and substance-addiction, and bring those who prey on the homeless and the rest of us to justice.

Housing Affordability: We need housing that middle-income earners like teachers, police, and firefighters can afford. I've managed some of the most complex affordable housing projects in the region. I have real-world expertise that will allow me to cut through the rhetoric, find the inefficiencies, and use our limited resources to house more people for less.

Livability: I will lead the drive for affordable-daycare, a downtown elementary school, a new District 7 high school, and high-quality community centers in Magnolia, Belltown, and Queen Anne. I will focus on cleaning up our parks and making our streets safe.

Transportation: Through working on major light rail and bus rapid transit projects I know how to leverage Sound Transit's investment to best serve District 7 and how to secure funding for major projects like the Magnolia Bridge Replacement.

I will work tirelessly, hold regular office hours in each neighborhood, and make the changes we need. I ask for your support and your vote.

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I grew up in a **working-class family** in Federal Way, the son of a teacher and a butcher. Because of strong public schools, hard work, and my parents' sacrifices, I graduated from **Seattle Pacific University** and later **Yale University** with an MBA. I sharpened my experience on a career path touching **Microsoft, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**, and other world-class organizations.

My wife and I chose to return to Seattle and now raise our young daughter in this place we love.

Much is being said about the state of our city. Neighbors lament soaring housing costs. They swap stories about the Mercer Mess. They express concerns about walking home at night. They wonder what their tax dollars are buying.

These are deeply-felt concerns. Talking points won't do; we deserve action.

In conversations with neighbors, I also hear a desire to shift focus to the future. In this future, neighbors describe a Seattle celebrated for economic equity, natural beauty, and vibrant culture. They describe a hopeful future for their children and grandchildren.

I share this vision. As your councilmember, I will work tirelessly to make it a reality.

I will work to **maintain job growth** and do so by investing in infrastructure, including the Magnolia Bridge, increasing transit, and enabling small business success.

Our children should be the best source of talent for our future jobs. I will prioritize universal access to **affordable, high-quality childcare and early learning** because every child deserves a fair start in life. I will also make critical improvements to **workforce development**.

As our city grows, I will protect and enhance our **open spaces**—like Discovery Park and the Waterfront—that give Seattle its natural beauty and grant us a way to reconnect with nature. These spaces can inspire the next generation of climate scientists and conservationists.

I will also protect the **arts and culture** and the **diverse communities** that make our city vibrant.

This is possible if we **restore trust to local government**. I will listen, earn your trust, and maintain it through **honesty and transparency**. Accountability begins with your vote.

Help me create a more vibrant, just, and equitable Seattle.

I am proudly endorsed by **Marlena Sessions**, former CEO of the **Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County**; **Dennis Madsen**, former CEO of REI and Forterra board member; **Norm Langill**, Founder of Teatro ZinZanni; **Lem Howell**, Civil Rights Attorney; **Tim Hill**, former King County Executive.

Council District No. 7

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**Jim Pugel: Unmatched Service for Seattle Families**

I grew up in a Rainier Valley home, graduated from UW, and served our city for 35 years as a reform-driven police officer, captain and interim Chief; reducing non-violent incarceration and speaking out against racial bias and for constitutional policing. I'm excited to bring real hands-on expertise in public safety and human services, and a true understanding of unique neighborhood priorities to the City Council.

Affordability: In 1982 my wife and I purchased a Seattle home on a cop's salary. Today, too many people who protect our health and safety and teach in our schools cannot afford to live in the city they serve. *I will work to expand affordable housing, rental assistance, and fixed income property tax relief* so we are not pricing out young people, seniors, and working families.

Homelessness: Homelessness is a regional issue. We need a comprehensive plan that works across boundaries to offer overdue solutions—rapid and permanent supportive housing, mental health care, and addiction services—and *keep our communities safe*. Through my direct experience developing programs with local providers, I support a “four pillars” approach: prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement.

Transportation and Mobility: From the new downtown tunnel to light rail expansion and dedicated bus lanes, we need to continue improving our transportation systems. I support increased transparency to ensure every transportation project is wholly accountable to taxpayers. *I will make funding a one-for-one replacement of the Magnolia Bridge a top priority—we cannot keep procrastinating on vital projects.*

Inclusivity and Accountability: I am committed to restoring legitimacy, accountability and trust in our local government. We can do this by setting aside rigid beliefs and listening to *all* voices, prioritizing inclusivity and equity for people of color, LGBTQ+, small businesses, and immigrant communities.

Safety: Public safety is the foundation of healthy neighborhoods. Throughout my career I have worked in partnership with communities across Seattle to address unacceptable property crime, increase gun responsibility to reduce tragic violence, and develop award-winning diversion programs to reduce crime and incarceration. We will work with our firefighters, police officers, and human service providers to keep all in our communities safe and healthy.

Proudly endorsed by: SEIU 1199NW, King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht, King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg, King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, ACLU of Washington State Drug Policy Director Alison Holcomb. More at JimPugel.com

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It's time for a more responsive and accountable city government.

This accountability starts with results on affordable housing and homelessness. As your Councilmember, I'll fight to build 5,000 units of affordable housing in three years by working with State, County, and non-profit partners through the “Home and Hope” plan. This plan to create public, tax-exempt multifamily housing, along with other initiatives, will allow us to rapidly increase affordable housing and reduce homelessness. I'll also advocate for increased mental health and substance abuse treatment to address the significant barriers to helping our neighbors transition out of homelessness.

Public safety: I'm proud of my work as a prosecutor obtaining justice for victims and the public. We need more police officers walking our neighborhoods and more prosecutors reviewing cases. We also need to increase successful criminal diversion programs like Choose 180, where only 8 of 245 participants have re-offended.

Performance auditing: I've proposed an annual performance auditing plan similar to King County, which saved \$127 million in the last three years. This plan will free up significant resources for essential services that benefit Seattle residents and businesses.

Public transportation: I will partner with Sound Transit to expand light rail through Interbay, including a rail tunnel underneath the ship canal to ensure reliable service and prevent displacing our maritime community. I will also work with State, Port, and Federal stakeholders to secure a one-for-one Magnolia Bridge replacement.

Public education: I'll partner with the School District to build the estimated 12 new schools needed to accommodate projected enrollment. I'll ensure every neighborhood in District 7, including Downtown and South Lake Union, has access to public K-12 schools.

My experience as a City and County Prosecutor, a Seattle Human Rights Commissioner, and a Rental Housing Inspection Stakeholder Committee member ensure I will hit the ground running at City Hall. I'm a fifth-generation Washingtonian, and a graduate of the Center School and UW. After college, I attended the London School of Economics and UC Berkeley School of Law, where I served as a teaching assistant to Labor Secretary Robert Reich.

Endorsements: MLK County Labor Council, 36th District Democrats, 37th District Democrats, King County Young Democrats, fmr. U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich, Rep. Gael Tarleton, fmr. County Councilmember Larry Phillips, fmr. City Councilmembers Martha Choe, Nick Licata, and Peter Steinbrueck, School Board Director Eden Mack, and many more...

Council Position No. 4

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Occupation: General Counsel and CCO, CRISTA Ministries

Statement: As a lifelong resident, Shorecrest graduate, and father of three in Echo Lake, I intimately know Shoreline's greatest assets and challenges. As board president of Vision House, a large local nonprofit that helps hundreds of homeless families secure permanent housing, I know how to address the crisis of homelessness and housing affordability.

I will prioritize bringing more diverse businesses to Shoreline. Growing up in my family's restaurant, I know how to attract small businesses with increased access to early education and improved parks, lighting, sidewalks, parking, community gathering spaces, and transit options.

It's time for new, working solutions to issues that continue to go unsolved in Shoreline. I will work for a more sustainable, affordable, and equitable future. I hope I can earn your vote. Select Endorsements: Shoreline Mayors Will Hall, Shari Winstead, Keith McGlashan; our Democratic state legislators Senator Jesse Salomon, Representatives Lauren Davis, Cindy Ryu, and Ruth Kagi.

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Education: Bachelor of Science Psychology, WSU, Post Grad in Psychology at UW and WWU

Occupation: Shoreline City Councilmember, former Boeing employee and SPEEA union member

Statement: Legacy: I have served Shoreline for decades: I received *two Golden Acorns* for my work: the Syre playground and the Council's Teen Gift Drive.

Experience matters! In 2008 I won my City Council seat by removing an incumbent. Since then, I have built hundreds of professional relationships throughout King County and beyond. To serve is one of the greatest experiences of my life.

As *Deputy Mayor*, I have put in hours to protect our neighborhoods, parks, and public facilities. From my business experience, I know what creates success. As President and Treasurer for numerous PTA organizations, I learned of the importance of budgets and the process of creating new programs. *Experience and trusted leadership* is critical to ensure Shoreline feels like the Shoreline you fell in love with as we look towards the future. You have put your faith in me three times; I believe I have earned a fourth.

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Education: BA in History and Elementary Education (Principia College)

Occupation: Retired; formerly sales for ValPak and our family-owned business

Statement: Our family moved to Shoreline in 1981 because of the great schools and involved community. I have volunteered in my neighborhood for many years - from Syre PTA President, coaching Hillwood soccer, Richmond Little League softball and now serving on the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center Board. I am running for City Council to protect and preserve this wonderful city we all enjoy. Here's how I plan to do that.

Listen, Discuss, Research, Act and Report on constituent priorities: individual, family, business, and community issues; Help to solve the petty crime issues and improve the city's customer service, transparency and fiscal responsibility; Strengthen local neighborhoods in order to grow our evolving city. I will listen to what each and every neighborhood needs and champion community-driven development. Shoreline's future should be determined by planning today.

I'd appreciate being your voice on Shoreline's City Council.

Director District No. 1

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Education: Bachelor's in Political Science/Social Studies, Western Washington University. Evergreen High school, White Center, WA.

Occupation: Community Inclusion Manager, White Center Community Development Association (WCCDA)

Statement: I want to first respectfully acknowledge the Puget Sound Salish People, who have been for many generations and will continue to be the rightful stewards of this land.

The voice of Highline Public Schools' students and families should always be at the forefront of every decision. We need to make a long term commitment towards student health and artistic creativity. Resources and facilities should meet the needs of every student and our commitment to this should be unwavering. I will continue to work in order to make these things happen and ensure Highline's students and families are always the center of the decision making process.

I have the honor of serving the Highline community where I grew up. I work at the WCCDA, our goals are to eradicate poverty and racism by investing in our vibrant and diverse community. Prior to the CDA, I partnered with Highline Public Schools for six years and mentored over 1,000 students helping them to reach their career and higher education goals. Through this experiment I know firsthand the issues facing Highline community.

I have a vision for Highline that better serves the diverse young people of our community. Let's make that vision a reality

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Education: Masters in Teaching and Doctorate of Philosophy in Education

Occupation: Seattle Public Schools Ethnic Studies Program Manager

Statement: My name is Tracy Castro-Gill and I'm running for the District 1 position on the Highline School Board. I have been a middle school educator for six years, and I currently serve as Seattle Public Schools Ethnic Studies Program Manager. In 2018 I was recognized by the King County NAACP for my work on ethnic studies and racial justice and received the NAACP Golden Apple Award. In 2019 I was recognized for my work in Seattle Public Schools and named the 2019 Puget Sound Educational Service District's Teacher of the Year.

I teach an anti-racist pedagogy course in Seattle University's masters in teaching program and am currently working on a doctorate of philosophy in education. I have recently been appointed to the Teaching Tolerance advisory board where I will work on a national level to advocate for racial justice in education.

I have a deep understanding of education systems and anti-racist policies, practices, and curriculum. Highline School District is 77% students of color and these students deserve a champion of racial justice. I am that person. I will bring my expertise and passion for racial justice along with my personal experiences as a Chicana to the board and district.

Director District No. 1

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Education: Bachelor's--University of Nebraska at Kearney; Master's--Lesley University; Master's--University of Denver

Occupation: Elementary Music Specialist

Statement: My name is Michael T. Lewis, and I ask for your vote for the District 1 Board Director position. Our students deserve a board director who will listen to all stakeholders while making critical decisions. Our students deserve a director who, as an experienced educator of 19 years, understands the needs of the classroom. Our students deserve a leader who builds relationships with local businesses, our community, and our families—a leader who has the knowledge to set the district on a successful course toward that trajectory. I am that leader.

A current teacher in Kent, I have also been a financial aid counselor, a mentor, and a champion for public education. I love working toward student-centered solutions and celebrating their successes. I look forward to representing you and our students. Thank you for your vote.

Director District No. 5

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Education: Master's in Educational Leadership, Washington State University Bachelor's in Business Management, Northwest University

Occupation: Educational Leadership

Statement: Highline Public Schools is a dynamic institution that has continuous needs and faces ongoing challenges that require the ability to solve complex issues. As an educational leader and parent, I understand these challenges and have experienced their impact. My continued service and contribution help our district to build upon what is working and seek opportunities to question and challenge our practices to ensure equity and educational excellence for *All*.

Our Pre/K-12 public education system has the tremendous privilege and responsibility to equip students to reach their fullest potential and prepare them to successfully lead ours and their future. In service to this effort, I approach my governance from a systems level that informs and influences policy, safeguards effective implementation and execution, holds the system accountable through observation and evaluation, as well as demands transparency.

My experiences have prepared and familiarized me with the strengths and needs of our families navigating the education system. These voices must be elevated and incorporated in the decision-making process. My experiences also inform me of the critical need to support educators and staff, and maintain leadership that is highly qualified, culturally relevant and responsive, and intentional to create and hold high expectations for every student.

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Education: AA & AAS Quality control technology. South Seattle college.

Occupation: Owner, manager of a landscape management company for 36 years.

Statement: One and a half years ago a friend of mine had a new grandson, the cutest little boy I've ever seen.

It started me thinking about small children and their angelic faces looking so happy. I also started thinking about how many kids in the world, in this country, this state, this county, the city, and in this district that are suffering. Some of them from lack of food, lack of good clothing, lack of a stable environment and even worse how many are suffering from abuse. No child should have to endure any of these situations. Identifying these situations sometimes comes from a child's attendance at school. I started thinking about where I can make the greatest contribution. I want to strengthen and expand the programs in this district that can help these children

My daughter and a son in law are teachers in a different school district. I'm always amazed at how much of their own money they have to spend for their supplies in their classrooms. I would like to explore programs that would help teachers with these expenses. It is especially difficult for new teachers.

Director District No. 5

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Education: Bachelor's Degree-Business Administration, major Accounting and J.D., University of Washington

Occupation: Retired - Volunteer Treasurer, North Hill Community Club

Statement: The Highline School District is succeeding in many ways, but in some aspects we are coming up short and negatively affecting our children. The fact is, we need to do better with our budget. Too few dollars are currently allocated towards a fundamental aspect of child safety- transportation to and from school. Our drivers are stressed out and spread too thin.

While academic achievement and developing good citizens is our top priority, we need to re-evaluate the current student conduct policy of no suspensions. Stopping bullying needs to be a top priority along with counseling the disruptive students.

As a former school bus driver & substitute teacher, Burrage is familiar with the current challenges faced by district bus drivers. Too few are applying, too many positions remain open. With union negotiated driver wages being low across multiple school districts, this is a problem with no simple solution. It's a challenge that will require personal dedication to resolve.

Jeanette Burrage has the budget and management experience to overcome this challenge. Her experience in leadership, such as on the Des Moines City Council working on a municipal budget, makes her a great choice to restore balance within the District. Please vote Burrage.

Director District No. 3

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Education: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), University of Washington Tacoma; Masters of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Seattle University

Occupation: Director of Applied Baccalaureate Programs (B.A.S.) at Renton Technical College

Statement: Dr. Stefanie McIrvine brings over a decade of experience working in education where she has developed and implemented new programs and policies, managed budgets, and provided teacher support and supervision.

While working at Renton Technical College, Stefanie created new partnerships with the Renton School District to increase dual credit and Running Start pathways for high school students. Prior to working in higher education, she was an organizer for the successful Simple Majority for Schools statewide initiative allowing local districts to pass school levies with a simple majority rather than a 60% super majority.

Stefanie has also volunteered for several community organizations. She has served as Vice-President of the New Horizon School Board, which provides a personalized learning environment for students with learning differences, as well as President of the Renton Historical Society. Stefanie owns a home in the Cascade neighborhood with her husband, Ryan, and two young daughters Molly and Lena. Molly will begin kindergarten at Cascade Elementary this fall. Endorsed by: Renton School Board Directors Avanti Bergquist and Alisa Louie; Renton Mayor Denis Law; Renton Councilmembers Don Persson, Ed Prince, Armondo Pavone, Carol Ann Witschi, Randy Corman, and Ryan McIrvine; State Representatives Steve Bergquist and Zack Hudgins; and more!

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Education: DMin, Evangel; MATC, Northwest U; MBA, University of Washington; Bachelor in Organizational Mgmt, Northwest U.

Occupation: Professor of Marketing and Finance; Pastor; Small Business Owner

Statement: Our District needs long-term community members who appreciate the need for every student to have options when they graduate able to build a good life. I have been serving the Renton community where we have lived for the last 22 years and my wife, Mona. Together, we feel this is my next step in helping make Renton a better place, and I have waited to run for School Board since I appreciate all the work others have done.

Over the past many years, I have served on PTA at Renton Park Elementary as well as Lindbergh Boosters where we have raised significant monies to support the vision of LHS administration by rebuilding the program from scratch. I have served on the Renton Municipal Arts Commission working on both the placement of fine art as well as performance art at the Carco Theater. And, I have been the committee chairperson starting Renton Young Life in 2014 reaching "the furthest out kid" helping to build healthy Renton families. Never before have we been in a stronger place to influence our multi-cultural community and represent our friends and neighbors.

I promise that I will work tirelessly for the success of all our children.

Director District No. 3

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education, Emphasis in Leadership. Master's coursework in Organizational Behavior

Occupation: Early Learning Program Manager, 15 years experience working in Education

Statement: Serving families, advocating for teachers, and fighting for high quality education for all is my passion. I have dedicated my professional career to empowering children, challenging the status quo, and demanding educators receive the respect they have earned.

The youngest members of our community deserve to be valued and celebrated, learning in a community which is safe, nurturing, and honors the whole child. My mission is to ensure all children have equal access to education, starting right here in our own community. Joining the Renton School Board will help me in achieving this goal.

Through my 15 years experience working directly with children/families in an educational setting, I truly understand the needs we are failing to meet. While our lowest-income families may be supported by various state and federally funded programs, our middle-income families are left without affordable options for care. The cost of quality early childhood education and after school care is a detrimental burden and understandably cannot be prioritized over basic household needs.

Scientific evidence suggests long-term education outcomes are determined by early childhood success. Unfortunately, birth-to-five programs are undervalued and under-funded. Through strong advocacy and teamwork I know we can do better. Vote Deskin for change!

Director District No. 1

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Education: Bachelor of Arts in Theater, Whitman College; Masters of Fine Arts Theater Design Brandeis University

Occupation: Mom, Community organizer, nonprofit Boardmember, former scenic designer, adjunct lecturer

Statement: Every child deserves a welcoming and safe school that values and honors them. I'm running for Seattle School Board to ensure that our students have what they need to learn and thrive.

As a Seattle Council PTSA board member and Chair of the public schools advocacy group, Soup for Teachers, I have spent the last several years engaging with and working alongside families and educators all over Seattle. From facilitating cross-district collaboration, to advocating for students receiving special education services, to speaking at Board meetings and with state legislators, I've worked at every level to improve our public schools. I will bring broad and deep knowledge of SPS along with collaborative problem-solving skills to serve you on the Seattle School Board.

Our district faces many challenges. To create solutions for Seattle students and families, the school district must center equity and inclusion in everything. As a School Board Director, I'll prioritize accountability to the district's new Strategic Plan and meaningful family and community engagement.

Every family wants the best for their student. We must make sure that the district welcomes all families with opportunity and resources to engage fully with their student's education. School administrators and educators must have the support they need to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction with support for differentiation to meet our diverse students' academic needs, interests, and abilities. I'm committed to making Seattle Public Schools the best it can be for families, students, and teachers.

Early endorsements include current School Board Directors Jill Geary and Zachary DeWolf; Wayne Au, Professor and editor of *Rethinking Schools*; Dr. Ilene Schwartz, educator and national authority on inclusion and early childhood education. Together we can create a school system that works for all Seattle students. I'm asking for your support.

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Occupation: Naval Architect, Hockema Whalen Myers Associates

Statement: I have been a Seattle Public Schools (SPS) parent for 16 years, worked on PTA/PTO boards for 10 years, and have been honored with a Golden Acorn award. I served on the SPS Facilities and Capacity Management Advisory Committee and the High School Boundaries Task Force. As an engineer, I understand the need for precision in data and analysis. I know the district's strengths and weaknesses. *We can do better for our 53,000 students.* With your support, I will advocate for every student and parent across Seattle.

Fiscally and Academically Responsible Investments: Cutting teachers is devastating for schools. We need budgets based on real numbers, not artificially low projections. Otherwise, we cut teachers in the spring only to scramble to hire replacements in the fall. *We must invest in classroom teachers, Special Education staff, counselors, and librarians.*

Equity: Many students of color face opportunity gaps and disproportionate discipline. While SPS is making progress in some areas, more must be done. *I will fight to fund solutions*, including restorative justice programs, equitably delivered opportunities, and meaningful investments in Ethnic Studies and Since Time Immemorial curricula.

Accountability and Choice: SPS has a moral and legal obligation to provide appropriate services for every student. *I will hold the Board and staff accountable for following policy and the law.* Every student needs a top-notch education from SPS. Let's highlight model programs that could be adapted to help students districtwide. SPS must provide options for students who aren't served well by their neighborhood school. *I support public school choice and I will fight for SPS option schools, not charter schools.*

Endorsed by: Seattle School Board President Leslie Harris; School Board Director Eden Mack; former School Board Presidents Sue Peters, Sharon Peaslee, Kay Smith-Blum; King County Young Democrats; 32nd, 36th, and 46th District Democrats.

Director District No. 1

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Occupation: technical consultant to the software industry

Statement: I'm a father of three Seattle Public Schools students and I am a Seattle Public School graduate. I believe that a quality education is fundamental and if elected I will hold myself, the board and the superintendent accountable for all student's outcomes.

Each election there seems to be a district crisis that threatens the stability of our district and its' ability to provide a quality education for all of its students. This year's crisis is probably the worst I've seen in my 14 years as a SPS parent.

We need to insure the district can hire and retain the best teachers plus maintain our schools without taxing people out of their homes or taking on massive debt. Cutting teachers and librarians or forgoing building maintenance is not the answer to a financial crisis.

If elected I would conduct a review of all possible cost savings including elimination of central administrative positions and any unnecessary expenditures. I would like to see an expansion of the Running Start program and more online learning options, especially for credit recovery.

I'm ready to work for all our students and promote a cost effective path forward for Seattle public schools and I need your vote to do it. Please vote for me.

—Michael Christophersen

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Occupation: Student

Statement: There is an inner gift hidden inside each and every student. Those gifts can be uncovered only by diverse curriculum, essential guidance, continuous encouragement and effective policies. No student, teacher or parent deserves to struggle or be stressed out during this learning process. I believe in collaboration instead of competition. Our students deserve to go through the education process with peace of mind, a positive self image, confidence and success in preparation for their future life, career and the fast growing technology base world we live in.

I am an immigrant, an elected Precinct Committee Officer in 46th Legislative District, officer at large in Executive Board of Democrats and chair of Inclusion and Affirmative action, I have had the honor of connecting with my community through canvassing, democratic meetings and volunteering. As a scientist and an advocate for STEM with years of medical and dental research background and a member of American Association for the Advancement of Science I believe we need to create a scientific and innovative approach to our school system specially that we are inside a fast growing science and technology base city. Education and opportunities must be available to all students with no exceptions. I will focus on our teachers, students and parents by fighting for improvements, petition for budgets and better policies as I have previously done through advocating for bills effecting graduate students and department of health science of University of Washington in Olympia.

I will combine my diverse, scientific background with my pledge to fight hard for our public schools to make sure every single member of our school system is covered under policies and budgets that will benefit them now and in future. I humbly ask for your vote to fight for you and be your voice.

Director District No. 1

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Occupation: Ghost writer, Graphic Design

Statement: I am a parent of three students in Seattle Public Schools and I attended grade school and middle school in Seattle Public Schools.

I have worked as an advocate for students with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) for nearly 15 years at the school, district, state and Federal level. I worked with parents and guardians consulting on issues around special education.

The Seattle School District has around a billion dollar budget with 113 schools. It has been consistently difficult if not impossible to track the Special Education funding let alone the rest of the funds. As taxpayers we need the school district finances to be transparent.

Further, it is concerning how far the district has gotten from teaching the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic and developing critical thinking skills. Instead the focus is placed on socializing the student subverting the parental role.

If elected I would first ask to review the finances and focus on reducing the administrative cost. I would seek to direct funding to the schools giving them more autonomy and the ability to more specifically represent its local families. I would be honored and accountable if given the opportunity to serve the citizens of Seattle. Please consider voting for me.

Director District No. 3

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Occupation: Consulting Systems Software Engineer Dell/EMC

Statement: Seattle Public Schools face large budget, equity, capacity and instructional challenges. As a parent of two children with different needs and eight years of direct experience with SPS, I am running to help build a better system for all our students, families and teachers.

My Focus: *Consistency:* Too much varies between school buildings. Families need stronger guarantees each child's core experience. Everything from whether there is a full-time librarian, to how much time for lunch, to access to instrumental music and advanced learning depends on a student's address.

Openness: Central staff have made strides in engaging with the community but significant district decisions still happen quickly, without adequate explanation or fully examining possible alternatives. I will demand greater authentic engagement.

Family Services: From smaller tasks like registering for schools to major challenges like finding how to get services for a struggling student, our district needs to remove barriers. As a parent within the Special Education system, I know personally how hard it is to navigate SPS.

Excellence & Equity: We should meet students where they are and provide opportunities for continual growth. We need to build a strong differentiated curriculum and ensure opportunities at every building to participate in activities that kindle students' passions in arts, sports, clubs and academics. The district is rich in diversity; 53 percent are students of color. If we address gaps in opportunity we will help solve gaps in outcomes. I am committed to both.

School Experience: 5 years running elementary and middle school math clubs, served 2 years on JAMS PTSA Board as Parent Representative for Building Leadership Team responsible for budget, school improvement plans and professional development. Early Endorsements: Seattle School Board VP Rick Burke, former Board President Sue Peters, JAMS PTSA President Kathy Gerke, Public Education Advocate Kellie LaRue.

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Occupation: President, Seattle Council PTSA; community and economic development consultant.

Statement: Seattle students deserve more than a good education – they deserve a *transformative* education. As a mother of public school students, I've seen the best of what Seattle schools have to offer. I've also seen the frustrations. From special education to lesser-known issues, like lack of state funding for school nurses, it's time for Seattle Public Schools to address some real challenges.

I bring the experience needed to do just that. As President of the Seattle Council PTSA, I've led groups of parents, community stakeholders, and elected officials, delivering results for Seattle students. As chairperson of "Kids Not Cuts", I worked hand-in-hand with legislators to prevent significant cuts to local school budgets. I also bring a wealth of experience in finance and budgeting. As we navigate Seattle Schools' financial future, I will prioritize accountability and transparency.

I am also deeply passionate about equity in education. As a Native American parent, I've worked with the School District on engaging indigenous and other marginalized students. I support expanding the District's cultural and linguistic programs, to prepare our children for success in an expanding world. I also support culturally-tailored pilot programs to address racial and economic disparities within our District.

Real effectiveness isn't shown by mere résumé entries. It's shown by the trust you earn. That's why I'm proud to have the support of Rep. Gerry Pollet, former Rep. Jessyn Farrell, the 46th LD Democrats, Councilmember Debora Juarez, School Board members Jill Geary and Zachary DeWolf, and countless education advocates, parents, and neighborhood leaders citywide.

Nothing is more important to me than being a champion for our kids. I would be honored to serve as your champion, too. I ask for your vote. *Pinagigi* ("thank you" in HoChunk language)!

Director District No. 3

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Education: M.Ed. in Education Policy and Leadership - University of Washington, Research in Race and Equity

Occupation: Former Program Coordinator University of Washington - Psychiatry, Behavioral Sciences

Statement: All of our children deserve to learn with dignity, peace and freedom.

As a daughter of Mexican immigrants, I grew up watching my mother struggle to find work and resources for our family. I lived with instability while moving from school to school and did so with classmates that didn't look like me or share my experiences. These experiences strengthened my resolve, and led me towards wanting to improve education policy and a graduate degree from the UW. Now I am committed to being a leader for our youth, and serving those who are struggling.

I'm running to serve on the Seattle School Board because every single child deserves the opportunity to receive an education as a pathway to a stable, prosperous life, no matter their barriers outside the classroom. Helping our most vulnerable students helps all of our students. I will fight for continued implementation of the District's racial equity policies throughout all levels of the Board's decision making process by including racial equity components in staff evaluations and implementing ethnic studies programs in all schools.

We also must expand wraparound services for our students and their families experiencing instability in their home. They can only continue to pursue an education with proper community support. Through my experiences, I have seen how the lack of mental health services affects student safety.

Lastly, I will help implement statewide academic acceleration laws that enroll students into advanced coursework by default.

Let's continue building on the progress that we have made together. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve Seattle's students and families as your School Board Director. Endorsed by: Seattle School Board Directors Eden Mack and Scott Pinkham, Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez, 46th Democrats, UAW 4121, State Senators Joe Nguyen and Bob Hasegawa, and King County Young Democrats

Director District No. 6

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Education: Bachelors of Arts in Government & International Relations, Clark University; Masters in Education, Antioch University

Occupation: Director of Student Support Programs at Seattle Central College

Statement: I'm running for the Seattle School Board to ensure that every student has a pathway to success. Our schools can do more to serve the needs of diverse students and families in our city. In my 20-year career in education the core of my work has been centering equity and social justice. I will continue to advocate for marginalized groups and work to center student achievement. Evidence of my commitment to equity is in receiving the WA statewide "Equity Award" for Community and Technical Colleges.

As the Director of Student Support Programs at Seattle Central College, I am focused on serving students with the highest barriers to completion and students furthest from justice throughout their entire education, including their lived experiences outside the classroom. I also organize to expand educational opportunities inside WA state prisons as a way to reduce recidivism.

We have a responsibility to ensure that Seattle Public Schools meet the needs of every student to address the opportunity gap. We must ensure that we are encouraging and challenging students at all levels of achievement.

For all students to succeed, we must create learning environments that are safe, welcoming, and inclusive for all. When every student is included and engaged in their learning environment, all students benefit.

As a mom and a community organizer, I believe solutions are most effective when they engage all stakeholders and are accountable to the community. The School Board must better collaborate with families, community organizations, and local agencies to generate policies that support every students' educational success. I pledge to represent your voice and to work for high-quality education for all Seattle's students.

Leslie S. Harris

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Education: Attended Western Washington University & University of Washington

Occupation: Litigation Paralegal for victims and workers and SPS Board Director

Statement: *After being elected to the Seattle School Board in 2015, I remain committed to Transparency, Trust, and Equity. It has been an honor and privilege to serve. I ask for your vote for re-election.*

I serve as President, second term, and 4 years on the Executive Committee. This Board and staff worked collaboratively to make dollars go farther with more impact. The *McCleary* decision did not fully fund our public schools – we must fully fund programs, especially Special Education. The 2019 Levies emphasized equity and backlogged maintenance. I led the hiring of a new Superintendent and for SPS and the City signing an MOU in 2017 to work together for our children. Both difficult processes demonstrate leadership. Our new Strategic Plan focuses on high needs students and improving operations. Education should *not* depend on zip code or PTSA/PTO generosity. We increased family and community engagement, transparency, and emphasis and training on race and equity, ethnic studies and student voice.

I hold regular community meetings and seek input from all. Prior service on local, state, and national boards and 35 years working as a litigation paralegal demonstrates my collaborative abilities for policymaking and upholding fiduciary duty.

Endorsed by The King County Young Democrats, State Senator Joe Nguyen, King County Council members Larry Gossett & Joe McDermott, SPS Directors Rick Burke, Eden Mack, Scott Pinkham, & Zachary DeWolf, Former Board Presidents Sue Peters, Betty Patu, Kay Smith Blum & Michael DeBell, Summer Stinson, WA Paramount Duty Board member, Titles for ID purposes only. See website for additional endorsements.

Director District No. 6

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Education: Bachelor of Arts and Science, University of Washington

Occupation: Seattle School District Parent, Professional Volunteer

Statement: As of the 2018-2019 school year I have volunteered in twenty of our one hundred and thirteen schools and will continue until I have volunteered in all of them. I do not believe this has ever been done before and I feel that by making the time/effort I am modeling what community can look like. It is important to me to step into and contribute to our schools as I question how a board member can govern a body of people they know nothing about.

As a volunteer I have witnessed a disconnection between schools, parents, the administration and the Seattle community as a whole. I will lead a paradigm shift where schools communicate with each other. Where schools/communities in the north participate with schools/communities in the south. I believe it is entirely possible, with a shift in awareness, for Seattleites to see not just their own children as mattering but all of Seattle's children/students as mattering.

It is also important to me, as a parent in our district, to support our students, faculty and staff by supplying schools with social workers. Our schools currently lack professional support for students experiencing trauma and a faculty who needs support from their administration

As a School Board Member, I will continue my devotion to volunteering in all schools and communicating to the Seattle Community as a whole what I am learning, where your tax dollars are going (our values are in our budget), what each individual schools needs are and how you can contribute.

Director District No. 5

Joe Cunningham

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Society & Justice, University of Portland; Studied for Master's Degree, Seattle University.

Occupation: Capital Campaign Director, Imagine Children's Museum (Everett)

Statement: Education's always been an important part of Joe's life. His father was a school superintendent; his mom taught music. Joe was raised on Native American reservations and in Central America: he's dedicated his life to understanding today's education.

Joe will make sure Shoreline Schools get their fair share of state school funding, ensuring we get the funds to recruit and maintain quality teachers (including more diverse teachers). His Kindering experience will help us reduce costs in our schools by making early intervention our priority. His County Council staffing experience will help us with practical aspects of reviewing policy and implementation -- much needed on our School Board. His first-hand experience comes from raising two kids through Shorecrest Schools.

Joe is your best choice for the School Board. A longtime leader with the Children's Campaign Fund, Joe was also appointed to the Governor's Committee on Employment & Disabilities.

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Education: MFA in Theatre Education from Boston University, Bachelor of Arts from UW, Project Management Professional

Occupation: Principal of Reveal Communications; Educator; PTA Council Legislative Chair

Statement: As the *mother* of two elementary age children, I know that being involved with their education is one of the most important ways to *help them become their best selves*. As an *educator*, I know no two students are identical. Ensuring that every student's diversity of needs is recognized and supported is how we *fulfill our commitment to every student's success*. As an *advocate*, I know having all the voices in the room is our best way to have decisions *truly reflect the community*.

As a *board member*, I will seek to improve transparency of decisions; engage students, families, educators, and community; ensure our district is equitable and inclusive in all areas; and responsibly care for our community's financial and environmental resources so *our students and community thrive and succeed together*.

I would be grateful for your vote. Endorsements include: 46th District Democrats, LFP Councilmembers Phillipa Kassover and Semra Riddle.

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No photo
submitted

No statement submitted.

Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: Bachelor of Science, Walla Walla University; MD Loma Linda University; Post-graduate OB/GYN St Louis U.

Occupation: Retired from the OB/GYN staff at Valley Medical Center (VMC).

Statement: For many years Valley Medical Center (VMC) has provided care for all comers in the Public Hospital District #1 regardless of their financial status. As the economy changed, VMC affiliated with, but did not merge, with the UW in a cooperative effort to maintain its mission. As a member of the hospital staff, I became involved with the future of the hospital and was elected to serve on the Board of Commissioners six years ago.

During my almost 30 years on the medical staff, I met and married my husband. Together we raised 2 sons here in Renton. We have watched the community grow with the hospital filling in the gaps in medical care offered to our constituents. We have increased the footprint of our campus and the number of outpatient clinics. The board has established a "rainy day" fund, paid off older bonds that carried a high interest rate, and issued new, lower rate bonds in their place. This has resulted in considerable savings and an improved credit rating to better serve you, the public.

As your commissioner I will continue to advocate for sound business practices while providing contemporary and compassionate care. I appreciate your vote.

Carol Barber

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Education: Renton High School; BA Central Washington; Masters, in Counseling Psychology Central Washington.

Occupation: Licensed marriage/family therapist and licensed mental health counselor in Kent.

Statement: I graduated from Renton High and have lived in Kent since 1981. My son graduated from Kentwood High School. I am running because Sleeter deceived and betrayed the voters who put their trust in her and elected her six years ago. Unlike Sleeter, I want to return control of Valley to the Commissioners *You* elect instead of Trustees appointed by UW Medicine.

When Sleeter ran she said she "Supports returning control of Valley Medical Center to the commissioners you elect". She betrayed this promise many times. Sleeter cast the deciding Commission vote opposing a bill in the legislature to return control of Valley to the voters. She even voted to remove Doctor Paul Joos as Commission president because he supported the bill. Had Sleeter voted yes, the Commission would have supported the legislation. With the Commission's support, it would have likely passed because of strong bipartisan support. Because Sleeter voted *No*, control of Valley was *Not* returned to *You* the voters.

When two Commissioners resigned, instead of replacing them with commissioners with similar views about returning control of Valley to the voters, Sleeter supported replacements who wanted control of Valley to remain with Trustees appointed by UW Medicine. During her campaign, Sleeter said she opposed \$1 million plus salary for Valley's CEO Rich Roodman. Roodman is still the CEO and is still paid over \$1.1 million per year – twice as much as the head of the UW Hospital.

Sleeter voted to increase Valley's debt by \$50 million. *You* the voters now owe \$50 million plus millions more in interest to be paid by more taxes!

As your commissioner I promise to fight to return control of Valley to the elected commissioners and *Will Not Betray Your Trust* as Sleeter did. I hope I can count on your vote! Thanks!

Commissioner Position No. 5

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Education: Bachelor's of Science, Western Washington University

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Evergreen Valuations, LLC

Statement: My objective is for everyone who lives and works in our communities to have access to the best care available. I believe in preventative care as a way to reduce collective medical costs while improving overall quality of life.

As a local business owner, I know that listening to customers, being responsive to feedback and producing excellent work is critical to success. I will approach the position of Hospital District 1 Commissioner in the same way I run my business: by listening to constituents and working hard for residents of the hospital district.

As a Renton resident, I understand concerns that quality healthcare is expensive, especially at a time when many people are struggling with the rising local cost of living. I want to keep costs as reasonable as possible. A specific concern to communities is increases in property taxes, and I will make it my priority to keep property taxes for Hospital District 1 as low as possible

As a husband and father, I know the importance of thriving families. I am especially concerned about the toll that senior care and care for other marginalized people exact on families. No one who has medical needs should suffer needlessly or be denied care. I believe in actions that keep people healthy and vitalize our communities.

As Hospital District 1 Commissioner, I will work hard to represent and advocate for the residents of Hospital District 1. As a member of the community, I believe in the teamwork it takes to make communities healthy and prosperous, just as quality healthcare requires vital cooperation between doctors, nurses, care providers and administration to care for and support patients. I ask for your vote.

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

The King County Council passed Ordinance No. 18890 concerning replacement of an expiring parks levy. If approved, this proposition would provide funding for county, town, city and park district parks, and for open space, trails, recreation, public pools, zoo operations and an aquarium capital project. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax beginning in 2020 at \$0.1832 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation with the 2020 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases in 2021 – 2025 by the King County inflation plus population index or the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 81.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Kevin Allison, Tony To, Sandy Stelling
www.YESonKCprop1.com

Your vote to renew and replace the County Parks levy will protect thousands of acres of forests and open spaces, invest in parks large and small, improve trails, pools and playfields, and expand recreation and learning for underserved communities. The typical homeowner will pay \$2.28/month over the current levy, with strong public oversight.

For Our Health: Preserving forests and open spaces will help combat climate change, protect air and water quality, and provide places and trails to get outside and enjoy nature, critical in our growing region.

For Our Kids: Funding maintenance and upgrades of playground equipment, sports fields, and public pools will expand opportunities for exercise and recreation. All King County kids deserve fun and safe places to play close to home.

For Our Communities: Dedicating funds to enhance education and access at the Zoo and expanding the Aquarium reflect our regional commitment to hands-on learning. The levy also provides resources for cities to improve parks and playgrounds in every community. *Endorsed by:* The Nature Conservancy, Forterra, The Trust for Public Land, WA Trails Association, Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, Executive Dow Constantine, bi-partisan Council majority. *Signers represent youth soccer, affordable housing, and animal conservation organizations.*

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 would authorize an additional regular property tax levy to replace an expiring levy and would fund King County's open space system of parks, natural areas, resource and ecological lands, regional trails, and urban green spaces. Levy proceeds would also be used for the county's equity and community partnership and grants programs and for operations and capital improvement projects at town, city and park district parks. The levy would further provide funding for environmental education programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; the Seattle Aquarium Ocean Pavilion Project; capital and major maintenance projects at public pools; and habitat restoration, open space acquisition and recreational opportunities, integrated with measures to reduce the risk of flooding.

The levy would have a duration of six years beginning in 2020. The rate in the first year would be limited at just over 18 cents (\$0.1832) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the prior year's assessed valuation. For a property with an assessed valuation of \$500,000, the maximum rate would be approximately \$92 in the first year. The dollar amount of the levy collected in the first year would be the base for computing annual increases for years 2021 – 2025 which would be limited by the greater of: (1) the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County office of economic and financial analysis; or (2) the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation. The levy includes an exemption for qualifying seniors, veterans and others under RCW 84.36.381 and provision for a levy oversight board.

For questions about this measure, contact:
Christie True, Director, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, 206-477-4550, christie.true@kingcounty.gov

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Proposition No. 1 Property Tax Levy Renewal for The Seattle Public Library

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 concerns renewing a levy to maintain and improve core Library services.

If approved, this proposition would sustain investments and increase spending for Library operating hours, materials, technology, children's programming, and building maintenance, including earthquake retrofits, as provided in Ordinance 125809. Consistent with chapter 84.55 RCW, it would increase regular property taxes for seven years. The 2020 tax increase, up to \$0.122/\$1,000 of assessed value, would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies, with up to 1% annual increases. Seniors, veterans, and others who qualify under RCW 84.36.381 would be exempt.

Should this Levy be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 84.

Explanatory statement

Seattle Proposition 1 proposes a property tax levy that would raise approximately \$219,100,000 over seven years (2020-2026) to renew and enhance community investments in Library operating hours, materials, technology, building maintenance, and programming for children. It would replace an expiring levy that raised \$122,630,099 over seven years. The 2020 tax increase would not exceed \$0.122 per thousand dollars of assessed value. An owner of a Seattle home with a median assessed value of \$722,000 would pay \$84 in taxes in 2020 to support the levy. Under RCW 84.36.381, qualifying seniors and others can receive an exemption that allows a reduction in overall property taxes.

Taxes raised would provide funding in six categories of Library Services. The following program elements are illustrative examples:

1. **Hours and Access**, which would include: supporting Library operating hours in neighborhood branches and the Central Library; providing access to Library programs and services in the community; and outreach and engagement services.
2. **Collections**, which would include: increasing the variety, depth, delivery, and availability of materials, with new titles and additional copies in physical and digital formats, including e-books, e-audiobooks, streaming services and others; continuing to curate and digitize the local history collection; and providing fine-free access to materials.
3. **Technology**, which would include: upgrading the Library's business applications; updating high speed internet and Wi-Fi systems; and supporting digital equity efforts, such as mobile hotspots and digital literacy classes.
4. **Maintenance**, which would include: routine, preventive, and major maintenance for Library buildings, including earthquake retrofits for the Columbia, Green Lake, and University branches.
5. **Children's Programming**, which would include: additional support for Library early learning programs for children ages 0 through 5.

6. **Administration**, which would include: implementation and accountability measures for the Library Levy, with regular reporting to the public on outcomes.

The levy funds will be spent in accordance with the annual City budget process for each year of the levy. The Chief Librarian and Library Board will submit to the Mayor and City Council an annual Levy expenditure plan that will support and improve the Library services identified in the categories above. Each year, the Library Board will adopt an annual operations plan and capital budget.

Proposition 1 would authorize the collection of more property taxes than would otherwise be allowed by the limits imposed under the RCW chapter 84.55. State law generally limits the increase in property taxes to 1% above the highest amount that the City could have received in the prior year. Proposition 1 would allow the City to exceed this limit for taxes collected in 2020. Taxes for the remaining six years of the levy would be based on the amount collected in 2020 but could not increase more than 1% per year without a further vote of the people. The City's total regular property-tax rate would not exceed the state law rate limit of \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Taxes levied in 2026 for collection in 2027, and later tax levies, would be calculated as if Proposition 1 had not been passed.

For questions about this measure, contact:
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Statement in favor**Let's Renew our Commitment to Seattle's Libraries!**

Submitted by: Sue Donaldson, Ross Baker, Rona Zevin
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In our rapidly-changing Seattle, our public library system is at the heart of a healthy, equitable, and livable city. Libraries give all people, regardless of background or income, the opportunity to learn and excel through educational resources and classes.

In addition to books, materials, and online resources for ALL Seattle residents, our libraries offer essential programs and support for Seattle's kids, families, and most vulnerable residents—from after-school homework help to online access to job listings and housing assistance. These important programs, along with the people and places that make our libraries safe and welcoming, are all supported by our library levy.

Critical Investments We Cannot Afford to Lose

Seattle voters understand the importance of our libraries and stepped up during the last recession to restore hours and services. Now, in the face of growth and change, we must renew these investments. By passing this levy, we can maintain and even increase neighborhood branch hours, staffing, and service levels.

The Library Levy represents 25% of our public library budget. If this levy fails it will mean reduced library hours, fewer literacy classes and homework assistance programs, as well as reduced access to materials, technology, and digital literacy classes. If the levy is not renewed, it also means deferred maintenance on aging and seismically-unstable buildings.

Keeping Up with Changing Technology and Use

With your vote, this replacement levy will continue maintaining and upgrading computers, technology, and internet access at libraries in neighborhoods across the city. This levy will make sure we also continue modernizing, growing, and enhancing the library's popular physical and digital book and media collections.

Critically, this levy also provides nearly 100% of major maintenance costs and will help ensure library buildings and facilities are well-maintained and receive needed accessibility and earthquake improvements.

Please Renew the Seattle Library Levy!

This levy is not a new tax; it replaces an expiring levy. For \$3.00 more per month for the average homeowner, we can protect the critical investments we've made over the years and renew our commitment to a great neighborhood library system.

Endorsed by: Seattle Library Foundation, Friends of the Seattle Library, Mayor Jenny Durkan and Councilmembers, 37th and 46th District Democrats, and many more!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

In the last recession Seattle voters protected our libraries from unsustainable cuts. Now, in the face of incredible growth—and demand for library services—we must continue investing in libraries that are open and accessible to all.

When Washington voters approved Tim Eyman's 1% annual cap on important City and County taxes, it required Seattle to ask for levies to keep pace with inflation, cost of living increases, population growth and one-time investments. That is why the City's budget alone cannot pay for a library system that provides needed after school programs, early learning, meeting spaces, and a growing print and online catalog. It's also why failure of this modest levy will force unacceptable cuts in our libraries.

This levy protects hours and staffing—but also makes key investments in seismic upgrades, computer and technology improvements, and expands "virtual library" services and materials available to all people.

Please Vote Yes!

Statement in opposition**DON'T LET POLITICIANS STARVE OUR LIBRARIES TO FORCE AN UNAFFORDABLE TAX HIKE**

Submitted by: Bruce Chapman, Lloyd Hara, Chris Leman
SavetheLibrary.wordpress.com

A core and treasured public service, our public libraries should be fully funded from taxes already available to the Mayor and City Council. But they have withheld this funding, creating an artificial emergency to scare voters into a property tax increase of \$219,100,000 that will make Seattle less affordable for renters, homeowners, and businesses.

Ballot measures should be used for infrequent capital projects or unavoidable emergencies. Ongoing operations should be funded from the regular budget, the City's statement of its true priorities. This levy proposal is temporary and moves our Library away from the stable funding it had for a century.

And it's the least accountable levy in memory. The Mayor and City Council offer nothing to restore libraries' regular funding—not to make up for inflation, not from the \$5 million/year they took away when the previous levy passed, not to make up for the millions more lost by ending overdue book fines if this levy is passed.

And there is no citizen oversight committee to ensure fiscal responsibility and protect neighborhood branch funding from diversion to the downtown library. A 1998 library construction measure that had a strong citizen oversight committee received overwhelming voter support. But the lesson was forgotten.

Voting NO on this levy will force officials to financially empower the Library. Otherwise they will continue to raid its regular funds, for diversion to purposes with less voter appeal.

Property taxes are at historic highs, with billions in other levies on the ballot soon. Can you afford it?

To save the Library, please join us in insisting on real financial security, not holding it hostage to force higher property taxes.

Stop the Mayor and City Council from playing games with a cherished institution. Reject this temporary levy. Let's work together to ensure full Library funding in the regular budget, and keep Seattle affordable.

Bruce Chapman (formerly Seattle City Council member and Washington Secretary of State)

Lloyd Hara (formerly King County Auditor and elected positions of Seattle Treasurer and King County Assessor)

Chris Leman (formerly University of Washington faculty member; family of lifetime library users)

Background: <http://SavetheLibrary.wordpress.com>. Positions listed for identification purposes only.

Rebuttal of statement in favor**No to this tax increase. Yes to restoring regular funds.**

To force higher taxes despite record revenues, the Mayor and City Council are withholding Library funding. Join us in rejecting the scare tactics. Through most of the library's history, it was fully funded without levies.

Seattle should return its libraries to regular funding. This temporary levy moves them further from financial stability. And it frees the politicians to divert the libraries' regular funds to other, less popular uses.

There is no accountability in this proposal. The Library Board has failed to provide independent oversight of the current levy. Its committees on budget, facilities, and operations no longer even meet.

Stop the game-playing. Stand up against this manufactured crisis. Your Library is too important not to fund it fully from the taxes already charged. To vote yes is to increase property taxes unaffordably on homes and businesses. Therefore, vote NO.

Proposition No. 1 Bonds for the EvergreenHealth Hospital and Medical Campus

The Board of Commissioners of King County Public Hospital District No. 2, EvergreenHealth, adopted Resolution No. 898-19 concerning a proposition to finance improvements to its health care facilities. The improvements include Seismic and Infrastructure upgrades; a new Critical Care Unit; updating the Family Maternity Center; new Medical Office Buildings for Outpatient Care; and additional technology and infrastructure improvements. Approval of the ballot proposition would authorize issuance of up to \$345,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within thirty years to pay for such improvements and the levy of annual excess property taxes to pay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 898-19. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Shirley Ferguson,
Barbara Jensen, Karlyn Huddy
ApproveEvergreenHealth.com

EvergreenHealth is our not-for-profit public hospital founded by the community to serve you and your family as your primary healthcare provider, in the event of a personal medical emergency, or when a natural disaster strikes. Prop 1 is critical to our hospital's ability to serve us, which is why the publicly-elected Board of Commissioners listened to voters and made sure approving Prop *will not increase your tax rate for EvergreenHealth*.

Prop 1 is primarily a safety measure, with over 60% used to seismically retrofit our oldest buildings and replace aging 1970's-era infrastructure at the core of the hospital. This is critical to EvergreenHealth continuing to function and serve the community after a major natural disaster.

Remaining funds will be used for relocating and upgrading the existing 1985 Critical Care Unit so patient rooms are able to accommodate vital modern equipment; constructing a medical building for programs like outpatient mental health; upgrading the outdated Maternity Center; and providing life-saving medical equipment.

EvergreenHealth has been designated a Top 100 hospital in the United States since 2017 by Healthgrades, a national quality ranking system. Please support your public hospital by approving Prop 1. For more information visit ApproveEvergreenHealth.com.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

EvergreenHealth is a public hospital with elected Commissioners who answer to you. That's why Prop 1 was written to make critical earthquake improvements to aging buildings and equipment, without raising your tax rates. Prop 1 opponents say our community should not have a public hospital, because not everyone in the district uses it. We disagree – quality healthcare needs to be available in emergencies. Approve Prop 1: Our community needs EvergreenHealth to be here for us.

Explanatory statement

King County Public Hospital District No. 2 (EvergreenHealth) provides health care services to the residents of northeast King County. The Board of

EvergreenHealth has determined that the oldest buildings on the hospital's main campus, which were built in the 1970s, require seismic and other improvements to safely serve the health needs of the community if a major natural disaster were to occur. The Board has also determined that additional improvements to EvergreenHealth's facilities are necessary to serve the health care needs of the residents including relocating and upgrading the hospital's critical care unit to treat the most critically ill patients; constructing an outpatient medical services building to accommodate community growth and programs such as outpatient mental health; and upgrading and modernizing the hospital's maternity center.

If approved, this proposition would authorize up to \$345,000,000 of general obligation bonds to pay for the improvements described above. The bonds will be repaid from an annual excess property tax levy and will replace bonds authorized by the district voters in 2004. Based on current market conditions, the combination of the proposed excess levy and EvergreenHealth's regular levy is not expected to exceed Evergreen's current levy rate. Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners 61 or older, veterans, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information on the exemptions, call the King County Department of Assessments at 206-296-3920. Further information on the ballot measure is available at www.evergreenhealth.com.

For questions about this measure, contact:
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Statement in opposition

Submitted by: David Maehren, Paul Hess
www.EvergreenNo.com

A community hospital was not financially viable in 1967. The area was a lightly populated, mid to lower income suburban-rural community. Taxpayers stepped up to start Evergreen Hospital District. Over the year's taxpayers contributed almost half a billion dollars to build the campus and support operations.

Your 2019 hospital levy is \$18,000,000 plus bond payments on \$40,000,000 for the hospital tower. District residents receive no special services and pay the same rates for care at Evergreen as other hospitals and out-of-area patients. Less than half of district residents use Evergreen. What do you get for your tax dollars?

Today our community is one of the richest in the state. Why isn't Evergreen paying its own way like other hospitals? The board uses your tax dollars to compete with other area hospitals that don't levy taxes. Board operations are not transparent, meetings are not recorded, meeting materials are incomplete, minutes are brief and uninformative, citizen comment is restricted.

The board is asking for the largest bond ever, \$345,000,000. With interest this would cost approximately \$505,000,000. Proposition 1 will double your hospital district bond tax and extend payments through 2040. Tell the board it is time for a new direction. Vote No.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The claim that your taxes will not increase is untrue. The Assessors 'Landscape' program clearly shows your capital bond debt retirement will double <https://localscape.property/#kingcountyassessor/> and the bond repayment term is extended 15 years.

Critical infrastructure can be moved to the new hospital tower. The failed April Proposition 1 election campaign was entirely funded with \$310,000 from the EvergreenHealth Foundation. Hardly what donors expected. We want Evergreen to succeed but taxpayers are not a bottomless piggybank.

Full text of Ordinance No. 18890

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 6, 2019, of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than \$0.1832 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County office of economic and financial analysis, or the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access and mobility in the King County open space system by acquiring lands and continuing to develop regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding capital construction at the Seattle Aquarium; and funding for capital improvements at publicly owned pools, for all King County residents.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County owns and operates a system of regional and local parks and trails that consists of twenty-eight thousand acres of parklands and more than one hundred seventy-five miles of regional trails. The county provides regional trails, regional recreational facilities, regional natural areas, regional parks and local parks in unincorporated areas. Examples of regional county parks and trails include Marymoor park, Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland park, the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center and the Sammamish River trail.

2. Parks, natural areas and trails contribute to a high quality of life. A robust system of parks and trails provides physical, social and mental health benefits to individuals; economic opportunity through recreation and tourism; economic growth for private businesses that must attract and retain skilled workers; and environmental benefits and cultural resource protection through open space conservation. King County's open space system provides all these benefits to King County residents and businesses.

3. The 2002 Parks Business Transition Plan, adopted by the King County council and enacted by Ordinance 14509, became the blueprint for establishing the regional open space system we have today. Building on that blueprint, the county has adopted open space plans, which have provided the framework guiding King County in the acquisition, planning, development, stewardship, maintenance and management of its complex system of parks, regional trails and acres of open space. The latest open space plan was updated in 2016 and adopted by Ordinance 18309.

4. In implementing the open space plan, the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks has successfully focused its lines of business on regional parks and trails, backcountry trails, natural lands and local parks in unincorporated King County and has implemented business practices that generate revenue from park system assets by implementing or increasing user fees and establishing corporate and community partnerships that enhance park amenities and leverage public and private dollars to improve parks and increase access to parks.

5. Consistent with the recommendations of past parks-related task forces, the county has sought voter-approved levies on three prior occasions: in 2003, enacted by Ordinance 14586, to provide maintenance and operating funding for the parks and recreation division for 2004 through 2007; in 2007, enacted by Ordinance 15759, to provide funding for maintenance and operations as well as funding for open space acquisition, regional trail development, the Woodland Park Zoo and for King County towns and cities for use in their open space acquisition and trail projects for 2008 through 2013; and in 2013,

enacted by Ordinance 17568, to provide funding for maintenance and operations as well as for open space acquisition, asset maintenance and improvement, parks and trails projects, the Woodland Park Zoo and for King County towns and cities to use for their parks and recreation for 2014 through 2019. Voters approved the funding measures on all three occasions that they were on the ballot. The voter-approved levies have helped keep the open space system clean, safe and open.

6. The 2014 through 2019 voter-approved parks, trails and open space replacement levy provides approximately eighty percent of the operating budget of the parks and recreation division, with approximately thirteen percent generated through business activities and entrepreneurial efforts. King County general fund support to the parks and recreation division was eliminated as of 2011.

7. The community partnerships and grants program enacted by Ordinance 14509 enhances parks amenities by partnering with parks and recreation organizations. Since the inception of the community partnership and grant program in 2003, more than sixty projects representing more than sixty million dollars' worth of new, enhanced, or preserved public recreation facilities have been completed, with only eighteen million dollars of King County capital investment.

8. The Woodland Park Zoo received distributions from the past two voter-approved levies to supplement zoo operating revenue for education and conservation programs, horticulture and maintenance and capital improvements. Levy proceeds distributed to the zoo provided environmental education, programming and transportation focusing on accessibility for underserved areas, supported thousands of students annually and benefitted residents throughout King County. Levy proceeds also provided conservation and animal care for threatened Pacific Northwest species.

9. King County towns and cities received funding from the past two voter-approved levies. In 2008 through 2013, towns and cities could use levy proceeds for open space and natural lands acquisition and development of town or city trail projects that supported connections to the regional trail system with distributions being contingent upon an equal or greater contribution of matching moneys from the recipient town or city for the same project. In the 2014 through 2019 levy, types of uses for the distribution to King County towns and cities were broadened to provide flexibility and better meet the parks and recreation needs of cities.

10. Parks levy oversight committees were established to monitor the expenditures of the proceeds from the 2004 through 2007, 2008 through 2013 and 2014 through 2019 levies. Annual committee review has concluded that the county has complied with all levy requirements.

11. King County is growing rapidly as a region. In 2017, King County's population increased by close to fifty thousand people; and over the next ten years, the region is expected to grow by another one hundred eighty thousand people. Recent surveys have indicated that since 2008, the number of people who hike in natural area parks has doubled. More and more people are using the King County parks and trails, which puts greater pressure on an aging system. As development increases to accommodate population growth, the risk of losing natural lands and green spaces throughout the county grows. Those valuable lands contribute to King County residents' high quality of life. The cost of land to accommodate this growth and preserve open spaces is also increasing. Today is the opportune time to address future needs of residents by investing in our parks and trails and accelerating conservation of open space.

12. In King County, many communities have experienced a history of inequitable and limited regional investments in parks, recreation and open space, limiting the ability of residents to lead healthy lives. Five hundred thousand King County residents live without ready access to, parks, recreation and open spaces. There is a need to

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address disparities in access to parks, recreation and open space for underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities. This proposal provides an opportunity to address parks and recreation needs of these underserved areas and communities.

13. Recognizing growth in population, increased use of parks and trails and the need to address disparities in preparation for the 2020 through 2025 levy, the parks and recreation division conducted outreach to obtain feedback on the current park system and future parks and recreation needs for all King County residents. From August through November 2018, parks and recreation division staff conducted fifty-four in-person engagement meetings with groups representing all geographic areas of the county including towns and cities, business, recreation, community and environmental interests. An online survey was also conducted from November to December 2018, and received one thousand nine hundred thirty-four responses from the public, representing all geographic areas of the county.

14. The feedback from the engagement meetings and online survey showed support for the King County open space system. Engagement findings showed support for maintenance and operations of the open space system, as well as critical infrastructure repair and replacement, and the acquisition, conservation and stewardship of open space, as such lands can provide for passive or active recreation opportunities and protection of habitat and water quality, and the development of and improvements on regional trail corridors. Feedback supported funding for King County towns' and cities' parks and recreation programs; the Woodland Park Zoological Society education and conservation programs and horticulture, maintenance and capital improvements; and recognized the Seattle Aquarium as a regional asset.

15. The King County executive took into consideration information obtained from this outreach, the region's growing population, increased use of parks and trails across King County, and the lack of parks, recreation and open space in some communities, and has put forth this proposal which acknowledges the changing landscape and the need to grow the open space system to keep up with demand from the region. This proposal is also consistent with the goals and priorities of past levy task forces.

16. This proposal would exempt low-income senior citizens, disabled veterans and other people with disabilities from the regular property tax increase on their residences resulting from a levy authorized by this ordinance, if they have been approved for an exemption under RCW 84.36.381.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "Community partnerships and grants program" means the program through which King County provides moneys to recreation-oriented groups, sports associations and community-based organizations to undertake any combination of developing, operating or maintaining a recreation facility or public park in unincorporated King County and King County towns and cities for public benefit.

B. "Integrated floodplain management" means habitat restoration, open space acquisition or recreational opportunities that are integrated with preventive and corrective measures to reduce the risk of flooding.

C. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes, for the specific purposes and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the electorate in accordance with state law.

D. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of moneys raised by the levy, any interest earnings on the moneys and the

proceeds of any interim financing following authorization of the levy.

E. "Limit factor" means the most recent published King County office of economic and financial analysis King County inflation plus population index, or the limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, whichever is greater.

F. "Open space system" means the system that includes parks, trails, natural areas, resource lands and structures or buildings owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and parks. For the purposes of this ordinance, with reference to King County, the term "open space lands" shall collectively refer to natural areas and resource lands.

G. "Targeted equity grant program" means the program through which King County provides moneys in order to achieve equitable opportunities and access to parks and recreation for underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities, located in unincorporated King County and King County towns and cities.

H. "Town or city parks system" means any building or other structure related to parks or recreation, parks, trails, open space such as natural areas and resource or ecological lands and other parks or recreation property owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction of a town or city within King County.

SECTION 2. Levy submittal to voters. To provide necessary moneys for the purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance, the King County council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for six consecutive years, with collection commencing in 2020, at a rate not to exceed \$0.1832 per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year of the levy period. The dollar amount of the levy in the first year shall be the base upon which the levy amounts in year two through six shall be calculated. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, this levy shall be a regular property tax levy subject to the limit factor.

SECTION 3. Deposit of levy proceeds. The levy proceeds shall be deposited into a dedicated subfund of the parks and recreation fund, or its successor.

SECTION 4. Eligible expenditures. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, levy proceeds shall be used for the following purposes:

A. Costs incurred by the county that are attributable to the special election called for in section 5 of this ordinance.

B. Up to eight million dollars to the Seattle Aquarium from the first four years of the levy. Levy proceeds for the Seattle Aquarium shall solely be for capital costs for the Ocean Pavilion project, except as provided in subsection E.5. of this section.

C. Up to forty-four million dollars to publicly owned pools for: capital improvement projects, including planning, feasibility studies, preconstruction and design, construction; and major maintenance repair or replacement projects.

D. Up to twenty-two million dollars to habitat restoration, open space acquisition or recreational opportunities, or any combination thereof, associated with integrated floodplain management capital improvement projects and to outreach and education related to the benefits of integrated floodplain management projects.

E. The remainder of levy proceeds shall be used for the following purposes:

1. Forty percent of levy proceeds for maintenance and operations of King County's open space system and the targeted equity grant program, but no more than ten million dollars may be used for

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the targeted equity grant program;

2. Forty-seven percent of levy proceeds for:

a. acquisition, conservation and stewardship of additional open space lands, natural areas, resource or ecological lands, rights of way for regional trails and urban green spaces;

b. acquisition of rights of way for and development of regional and other public trails;

c. capital improvement projects and major maintenance repair or replacement of open space system infrastructure;

d. community partnerships and grants program; and

e. capital improvement projects and major maintenance repair or replacement of parks or recreation infrastructure in metropolitan park districts, towns or cities;

3. Eight percent of levy proceeds for distribution to towns and cities in King County for their town or city parks system operations and capital improvement projects, of which amount:

a. twenty-five thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to each town and city;

b. an additional seventy-five thousand dollars shall be distributed annually to cities with a population greater than four thousand;

c. of the remainder, fifty percent shall be distributed in proportion to each town or city's population and fifty percent shall be distributed in proportion to the assessed value of parcels within each town or city;

4. Five percent of levy proceeds for distribution to the Woodland Park Zoological Society shall be used solely for: environmental education with an emphasis on accessibility to traditionally underserved populations throughout the county; horticulture and maintenance of buildings and grounds; conservation of threatened species; and development of conservation and education strategies to mitigate impacts to animals and habitats from climate change; and

5. Of the levy proceeds in subsections B., C., D., E.2.e., E.3. and E.4. of this section, a portion shall be retained by the county to be used for expenditures related to administration of the distribution of levy proceeds. Eligible administrative expenditures shall include all costs and charges to the parks and recreation division or the county associated with or attributable to the purposes listed in subsections B., C., D., E.2.e., E.3. and E.4. of this section as well as sections 6 and 7 of this ordinance. Consistent with RCW 84.55.050, as it may be amended, levy proceeds may not supplant existing funding.

SECTION 5. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with the primary election on August 6, 2019, to consider a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy for the purposes described in this ordinance. The King County director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the King County director of elections in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required for the proposition listed below by the prosecuting attorney:

The King County council passed Ordinance ___ concerning replacement of an expiring parks levy. If approved, this proposition would provide funding for county, town, city and park district parks, and for open

space, trails, recreation, public pools, zoo operations and an aquarium capital project. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax beginning in 2020 at \$0.1832 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation with the 2020 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases in 2021 - 2025 by the King County inflation plus population index or the 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater. Should this proposition be:

Approved? __

Rejected? __

SECTION 6. Distributions. Each distribution of levy proceeds to a King County town or city, the Woodland Park Zoological Society or its successor, or the Seattle Aquarium or its successor, for the eligible purposes identified in section 4 of this ordinance shall be subject to the execution of a contract between the county and each entity for the same purposes. Distribution of levy proceeds shall be subject to the execution of a contract for: the targeted equity grant program; publicly owned pool capital improvement projects and major maintenance repair or replacement projects; integrated floodplain management capital improvement projects and outreach and education; capital improvement projects and major maintenance repair or replacement projects to parks or recreation infrastructure in metropolitan park districts, towns or cities; and acquisition, conservation and stewardship of additional natural areas, resource or ecological lands, rights of way for regional trails and urban green spaces.

SECTION 7. Parks levy oversight board established.

A. If the proposition in section 5 of this ordinance is approved by the qualified electors of King County, a parks levy oversight board shall be appointed by the executive. The board shall consist of nine members. Each councilmember shall nominate a candidate for the board who resides in the councilmember's district no later than March 31, 2020. If the executive does not appoint by May 31, 2020, the person nominated by a councilmember, the executive must request that the councilmember should by June 30, 2020, nominate another candidate for appointment. Members shall be confirmed by the council. Members may not be elected or appointed officials of any unit of government, except that individuals serving in a civic capacity on a local board or commission would be eligible to serve on the parks levy oversight board.

B. The board shall review the allocation of levy proceeds and progress on achieving the purposes of this proposition. On or before December 31, 2021, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee on the expenditure of levy proceeds for 2020. Thereafter, the board shall review and report to the King County executive, the King County council and the regional policy committee annually. Any report to the King County council under this section shall be made in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers. The board expires December 31, 2026.

SECTION 8. Exemption. The additional regular property taxes authorized by this ordinance shall be included in any real property tax exemption authorized by RCW 84.36.381.

SECTION 9. Ratification. Certification of the proposition by the clerk of the King County council to the director of elections in accordance with law before the election on August 6, 2019, and any other acts consistent with the authority and before the effective date of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 10. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on August 6, 2019, a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under chapter 84.55 RCW and authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to seven years for the purpose of sustaining investments in Library operating hours, collections, technology, and maintenance while expanding access to opportunity through additional hours, Library materials, and technology and undertaking seismic retrofits of three Library facilities; authorizing creation of a new fund; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, The Seattle Public Library (Library) was established in 1890 and since that time has served as a free source of information and a community gathering place for residents of Seattle and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Library has relied, in part, on voter-approved funding to maintain and expand its facilities and services for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 Seattle voters overwhelmingly supported the Libraries for All bond measure, which made Library services more accessible throughout the City by adding four branch libraries in communities without Library service, replacing and renovating 22 existing branches, and developing the new downtown Central Library; and

WHEREAS, during the Great Recession, the Library sustained significant cuts in Library operating hours, collection budgets and other Library services while still serving as a safety net for the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Mayor and the City Council, in conjunction with the Library Board of Trustees, identified a property tax levy lid lift as the revenue source that could most feasibly be used in combination with the City's General Fund and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) to restore and sustain Library operations at desired service levels; and

WHEREAS, in April 2012, the City Council passed Ordinance 123851 to place a \$123 million, seven-year property tax levy to support Library core services on the primary ballot and this measure was decisively approved by voters in August 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Library Levy identified four levy components: Open Hours and Access; Collections; Technology and Online Services; and Maintenance for levy investments; and

WHEREAS, through Open Hours and Access, the Library seeks to provide Library services to Seattle residents when they need them through operating hours and outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, through Collections, the Library seeks to provide a robust collection of physical and digital materials to Seattle residents in the formats they prefer and languages that they speak; and

WHEREAS, through Technology and Online Services, the Library seeks to make its offerings available to all Seattle residents through its website and online catalogue and bridge the digital divide by providing internet access and technology equipment for the public at its physical locations and by supporting the circulation of mobile devices that allow Seattle residents to access the internet outside of Library facilities; and

WHEREAS, through Maintenance, the Library seeks to ensure its facilities are safe, welcoming, and in good repair and makes major maintenance investments to preserve facilities for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, the Library currently provides equal and free access to over 2.3 million books and materials, over 2,000 desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and Wi-Fi hotspots, and over 10,000 educational and cultural programs annually, and Library staff provide assistance to residents in finding, evaluating, and using information; and

WHEREAS, the Library is heavily used by the community, with over

five million visits to its 27 physical locations in 2018, nearly 12 million visits to its website and catalogue, 2.5 million internet sessions through Library public computer equipment or patrons' devices, circulation of nearly 12 million physical and digital items, and attendance of over 300,000 at Library programs and events held both at the Library and in the community; and

WHEREAS, Library access and assistance is particularly important to job seekers, families with small children, students, immigrants, seniors, people with disabilities, and those who are economically disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, through the 2012 Library Levy, the Library has been able to fulfill its promises to voters to keep libraries open, to provide a robust collection of books and materials, improve its technology and online services and maintain its buildings for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Library Levy, which expires on December 31, 2019, now provides almost 25 percent of the total Library budget, and the loss of this funding source would have a major impact on core Library services and programs and the Library's ability to maintain its investment in its facilities; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2016 the Library Board of Trustees passed a resolution that authorized the City Librarian to begin an initial planning process in preparation for a Library levy renewal proposal in 2019 and committed to a collaborative process with the Mayor and City Council to identify the level of funding and renewal package at the appropriate time; and

WHEREAS, in April 2018, the Library undertook a Programs and Services Assessment survey, which was available in eight languages, to help understand residents' priorities for their Library system and received more than 26,000 responses, including a statistically significant subset of responses from over 700 Library users and non-users who matched the City's demographic profile as reflected in the 2016 American Community Survey; and

WHEREAS, according to the statistically significant subset, respondents expressed strong support for the Library, with two out of three respondents indicating they had used Library services over the last six months; and

WHEREAS, Library survey respondents re-affirmed that the Library should continue focusing its investments on Access, Collections, Technology, and Facilities as well as identified service enhancements that would lead to more Library usage; and

WHEREAS, Seattle residents identified additional Library hours as the highest priority service enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the Levy sustains hours added through the 2012 Library Levy and proposes adding Sunday hours system-wide and additional Friday hours at four branches and extended morning/evening hours at three additional branches; and

WHEREAS, Seattle residents identified providing a robust collection as the primary role of the Library and the next highest priority service enhancement after additional Library hours; and

WHEREAS, the Levy sustains collections funding added through the 2012 Library Levy, including buying more copies of popular materials; expanding collection breadth, depth, and access; incorporating more underrepresented voices; and preserving local history; while proposing additional funding to support patrons' shift to use of higher-cost digital materials; and

WHEREAS, Seattle residents identified serving high-needs communities as a critical role for the Library; and

WHEREAS, recent research shows overdue fines have little impact on borrowers' timeliness in returning materials and have a

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disproportionate impact on low-income families, discouraging library use; and

WHEREAS, many library systems that have eliminated fines experience higher usage; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board adopted a Race and Social Justice policy in January 2018, and since the Library wants to ensure equitable access to Library resources for all Seattle residents by removing barriers that disproportionately impact low-income residents, the proposed Levy includes fine-free access to Library materials so that more Seattle residents will be able to access Library resources and benefit from Library services; and

WHEREAS, Seattle residents identified providing computer and internet access as a critical role for the Library; and

WHEREAS, Library data from the 2018 Library Programs and Services Assessment show that residents in historically underserved neighborhoods were more likely to say they visited the Library to access computers and Wi-Fi; and

WHEREAS, the Levy sustains technology and online services funding added through the 2012 Library – including replacing and upgrading technology equipment and internet access within Library buildings as well as maintaining the SPL.org website and Library catalogue – while proposing additional funding to upgrade aging technology infrastructure for high-speed public internet access at all Library locations; replace or upgrade the Library's main business platform for procuring, processing and tracking Library materials; and sustain the Library's investments in technology and digital equity, including Wi-Fi hotspots available for checkout, currently funded by cable franchise fee revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Levy sustains Maintenance funding added through the 2012 Library, including enhanced daily maintenance, preventive maintenance, and major maintenance; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) did a survey of unreinforced masonry buildings in Seattle and identified three Carnegie era Library branches – Columbia, Green Lake, and University – as high-risk during an earthquake. To reduce the risk of injury and loss of life, as well as preserve cherished community assets, the Levy proposes seismic retrofits of these three branches during the next seven years; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2019, the Library Board of Trustees, in collaboration with Mayor Jenny Durkan, passed a resolution recommending the Seattle City Council approve a \$213.3 million Levy renewal and enhancement for the August 2019 primary election ballot; and

WHEREAS, Council intends that by increasing the amount of the levy by \$2,120,760 over the \$213.3 million as transmitted, funding will be allocated to support a new levy category for supporting children, including: (1) expanding Play and Learn programming for children; and

WHEREAS, Council intends that by increasing the amount of the levy by \$2,512,000 over the \$213.3 million as transmitted, funding will be allocated to support open hours and access by: (1) opening the 26 Library branches for one additional hour Monday through Thursday with appropriate custodial staffing; and

WHEREAS, Council intends that by increasing the amount of the levy by \$1,149,992 over the \$213.3 million as transmitted, funding will be allocated to support open hours and access by: (1) expanding the Community Resource Specialist program with support for youth; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington grants exclusive control of the finances of the Library to the Board of Trustees and authorize the Library Board to oversee the Library's annual operating and capital

budgets; and

WHEREAS, library investment is a reflection of a community's values; and

WHEREAS, by renewing the Library Levy, Seattle expands access to education and opportunity, promotes equity, lifts up the places where communities come together, and invests in libraries of the future; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. The following terms, when used and capitalized in this ordinance, shall have definitions stated below:

A. "City" means The City of Seattle.

B. "Library Board" means the board of trustees of the Library, a five-member body appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, with exclusive control of the finances of the Library under RCW 27.12.210 and sole authority to expend the Library Fund under Article XII of the Seattle City Charter, consistent with the annual appropriation of funds by the City Council.

C. "Library Services" means the programs, services, capital improvements, and administration referred to in Section 4 of this ordinance, with such modifications as the City Council may from time to time authorize by ordinance.

D. "Proceeds" means that portion of regular property taxes levied and collected as authorized by voter approval pursuant to this ordinance that are above the limits on levies provided for in RCW 84.55.010, and all interest and other earnings derived from that portion of the levy.

Section 2. Levy of Regular Property Taxes – Submittal. The City submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the levy limitation ("lid") on regular property taxes contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, for property taxes levied in 2019 through 2025 for collection in 2020 through 2026. The proposition shall be limited so that in the first year the City shall not levy an additional tax rate of more than \$0.122 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, in addition to the maximum amount of regular property taxes allowed by RCW 84.55.010 in the absence of voter approval under this ordinance, plus other authorized lid lifts. Subsequent years of the Levy will use the amount of dollars raised by this increased rate to calculate the appropriate limit under chapter 84.55 RCW for the remainder of the Levy. To this new limit there will be added no more than a one percent increase in dollars levied for the purposes of this Levy each year.

Proceeds shall be used to provide Library Services identified in Section 4 of this ordinance. In accordance with RCW 84.36.381 and RCW 84.55.050, the City exempts the proposed increased regular property taxes for qualifying seniors, disabled retirees, disabled veterans, or other qualifying persons. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2026 for collection in 2027 and in later years shall be computed as if the levy lid in RCW 84.55.010 had not been lifted under this ordinance.

Section 3. Application of Levy Proceeds. There is created in the City Treasury the 2019 Library Levy Fund. Unless otherwise directed by ordinance, Levy Proceeds shall be deposited in the 2019 Library Levy Fund. The Director of Finance and Administrative Services, or the Director's designee, is authorized to create accounts within the 2019 Library Levy Fund as may be needed or appropriate to implement the purposes of this ordinance. Proceeds may be temporarily deposited or invested in such manner as may be lawful for the investment of City money, and interest and other earnings shall be used for the same purposes as the Proceeds. The Fund shall receive earnings on its positive balances and pay interest on its negative balances.

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Section 4. Library Services. Levy investments will be made in six categories of Library Services. Program elements, in subsections 4.A through 4.F of this ordinance, are illustrative examples. In accordance with the annual City budget process, each year the Library Board shall adopt an annual operations plan and capital budget. The Chief Librarian and the Library Board shall submit to the Mayor and the City Council an annual levy expenditure plan that will support, maintain, and improve the core Library Services identified in this section. Levy Proceeds will be used, in combination with the annual budget appropriation of City General Fund, Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), and other City funds as available to the Library, for Library Services.

A. Hours and Access. Major program elements include: supporting Library operating hours in neighborhood branches and the Central Library; providing access to Library programs and services in the community; and outreach and engagement services throughout the city.

B. Collections. Major program elements include: increasing the variety, depth, and accessibility of collections with new titles and additional copies in various physical and digital formats; providing additional online resources as new platforms and services emerge; curating a local history collection and making those resources more widely available through digitization; providing fine-free access to the Library's collections; and continuing innovative approaches to collection distribution and to fulfilling patron material requests.

C. Technology. Major program elements include: replacing and upgrading the Library's technology infrastructure, including its Integrated Library System, the Library's main business platform for procuring, processing, and tracking Library materials; its enterprise network that provides high-speed internet and Wi-Fi access to the Central Library and all 26 branches; and its technology equipment such as switches, routers, servers, cabling, computers, tablets, printers, copiers, scanners and widescreen monitors, and other audiovisual equipment for newly emerging technologies such as virtual and augmented reality. Further, this category maintains and enhances the SPL.org website and catalog, with a focus on language accessibility as well as device compatibility and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The technology program also supports the Library's digital equity efforts, including digital literacy instruction and provision and support of internet access devices for use within Library buildings and for check-out.

D. Maintenance. Major program elements include enhanced resources to provide routine, preventive, and major maintenance for the Library's heavily-used buildings as they age, to prolong their useful life. Maintenance also includes funding to seismically retrofit three landmarked branches identified as high-vulnerability in the City's Unreinforced Masonry Building Study.

E. Administration. Administration program elements include supporting implementation and accountability measures for Levy programs and annual reporting to the public on Levy outcomes.

F. Supporting children. Program elements include support for programming targeted towards children ages zero through 5.

Section 5. Reporting. The Chief Librarian and the Library Board will submit to the City Council, the Mayor, and the residents of Seattle annual progress reports on the implementation of the Levy and how Levy Proceeds were used to restore, maintain, and improve the Library Services identified in Section 4 of this ordinance. The report shall be due to the City Council and the Mayor by no later than April 15 of 2021 through 2027.

Section 6. Election – Ballot Title. The City Council directs the City Clerk to file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting the

Director of Elections to call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on August 6, 2019, 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. The following ballot title is submitted to the City Attorney for consideration.

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1

Property Tax Levy Renewal for The Seattle Public Library

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 concerns supporting, maintaining and improving core Library Services.

If approved, this proposition would sustain investments and increase spending on Library operating hours, collections, technology, and maintenance, including seismic retrofits, as provided in Ordinance XXXXXX. Consistent with chapter 84.55 RCW, it would increase regular property taxes for seven years. The 2020 tax increase, up to \$0.122/\$1,000 of assessed value, would be used to compute limitations for subsequent levies, with up to 1% annual increases. Seniors, veterans, and others who qualify under RCW 84.36.381 would be exempt.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

Those in favor shall vote "Yes"; those opposed shall mark their ballots "No".

Section 7. Ratification. Certification of such proposition by the City Clerk to the King County Director of Elections for placement on the ballot for the August 6, 2019 election, and any other act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance, are ratified and confirmed.

Section 8. Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance or the levy of the taxes authorized herein, but this ordinance and the authority to levy those taxes shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provisions had not been contained herein; and any provision which shall for any reason be held invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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